

Agricultural Report

Connecticut Department of Agriculture
Dannel P. Malloy, Governor
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NATIONAL AGRICULTURE LEADERS TO GATHER IN CONNECTICUT

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) is excited to be hosting this year's annual meeting of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) in Hartford during the second week of September.

NASDA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association which represents the elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries and directors of the departments of agriculture in all fifty states and four United States territories.

NASDA grows and enhances agriculture by forging partnerships and creating consensus to achieve sound policy outcomes between state departments of agriculture, the federal government and stakeholders. NASDA is an organization that carries considerable weight on Capitol Hill due to its unified membership and strong stakeholder support. For more information about NASDA visit <https://www.nasda.org>.

This year's annual meeting is the first time in NASDA's 102-year history that the meeting will be held in Connecticut, which is due to DoAg Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky having been elected to lead this national policy organization.

Commissioner Reviczky's leadership of NASDA coincides with consideration of the 2018 federal Farm Bill, which will outline priorities for programming through the United States Department of Agriculture. This unique leadership opportunity has allowed the commissioner to emphasize the importance of diversified agriculture as that legislation is being considered.

"Hosting the NASDA annual meeting gives us an opportunity to showcase Connecticut, our diverse agricultural production, and highly regarded urban initiatives," said Commissioner Reviczky.

During the annual meeting, attendees will engage in conversation around a wide range of topics. Bill Davenport, former Connecticut Teacher of the Year and

current State Board of Education member, will participate in a panel discussion led by Commissioner Reviczky discussing ways of modernizing STEM education to meet 21st century needs and the changing world of agriculture.

Different discussions throughout the first day of the conference will focus on timely issues such as innovations in retail markets and the impact of the Food Safety Modernization Act, as well as emerging technologies and the role of science in public policy.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy is scheduled to address the conference and welcome agriculture leaders from across the country to Connecticut. During his tenure, Governor Malloy has consistently been dedicated to advancing farming and agriculture in Connecticut, and has often been referred to as the greatest governor for agriculture in Connecticut in a generation.

United States Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue will also address the conference. During his tenure, Secretary Perdue has shown a sincere commitment to addressing challenges facing agriculture across the country, most specifically focusing on providing 21st century tools such as broadband access to rural America.

Secretary Perdue's motto at USDA has been "do good, and feed everyone." Food and Drug Administration Deputy Commissioner Dr. Stephen Ostroff will address NASDA later in the week to discuss priorities for the implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act and its impact on states and producers.

NASDA has developed a program called NASDA Next Generation that will be front and center throughout the conference. This program aims at engaging emerging leaders into agriculture policy discussions and including them in the annual meeting.

This year, some of the best and brightest from the University of Connecticut (UConn) will be



Connecticut Commissioner of Agriculture, Steven K. Reviczky in discussion with United States Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue during a 2018 NASDA policy conference.

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.16	1.45
LARGE	1.10	1.24
MEDIUM	.77	.90

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.72	1.89
LARGE	1.59	1.70
MEDIUM	1.14	1.24
SMALL	.82	.92

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	105.00	111.50
Choice 2-3	104.00	108.50
Select 1-2	101.00	104.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Choice 1-2	80.00	84.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	105.00	106.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	54.00	58.50
boners 80-85% lean	51.00	57.50
lean 88-90% lean	43.00	48.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 90-130 lbs	72.00	80.00
FEEDER STEERS: Med and Large 1		
350-400 lbs	147.00	167.00
400-450 lbs	152.00	152.00
500-550 lbs	130.00	150.00
FEEDER HEIFERS: Med and Large 1		
250-350 lbs	125.00	142.00
350-400 lbs	137.00	147.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	180.00	192.00
110-130 lbs	157.00	175.00
130-150 lbs	145.00	165.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	70.00	95.00
160-200 lbs	50.00	82.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	150.00	175.00
60-80 lbs	200.00	235.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	200.00	225.00
130-180 lbs	230.00	245.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	260.00	300.00
150-250 lbs	290.00	345.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
52-56	200-300 lbs	20.00 40.00
	300-350 lbs	36.00 40.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	26.00 34.00
	300-350 lbs	22.00 34.00
Sows, US 1-3		
	300-500 lbs	18.00 24.00
	500-650 lbs	18.50 25.00
Boars		
	500-600 lbs	2.00 5.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. Aug. 24, 2018.

Alfalfa/Grass-Supreme	340.00	400.00
Grass Hays-Good	190.00	270.00
Grass Hays-Fair	120.00	170.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, GNGER GLD, LOOSE,NG	22.00	22.00
APPLE, PAULA RED, LOOSE,NG	22.00	22.00
BEANS, RND GRN, MACH PK, BU	18.00	22.00
BEANS, POLE, BU	28.00	30.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	24.00	24.00
BEAN SPROUTS,10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEET,CHIOGGA,25LB,M-L,LOOSE	22.00	25.00
BEETS, RED, 12 BN/CARTON	13.00	18.00
BLUEBERRIES, 8 QT, SMALL	60.00	60.00
BLUBRRY, WILD, 12-1 PT, SM	40.00	40.00
BROCC, CRN CUT, 20 LB LOOSE	14.00	15.00
CAULIFLWR,WHT,12 CT,FLMWRP	14.00	16.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	22.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	26.00	26.00
CORN-SWEET, BAG, 5 DOZEN	9.00	20.00
COLLARDS, 12 BNCH/CTN	13.00	14.00
CUKES, 1-1/9, M	18.00	24.00
EGGPLANT, WRPPD, 1-1/9, M	13.00	18.00
EGGPLANT, WRPPD, 1-1/9, L	10.00	14.00
KALE, GRN, 12 BNCH/CTN	13.00	14.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB LOOSE, MED	23.00	25.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB, MEDIUM	20.00	25.00
PEACH,1/2BU, 25 LB,NG, LOOSE	20.00	24.00
PEPPER, GRN, 1 -1/9,JMBO	12.00	14.00
PEPPER, GRN, 1 -1/9, XLARGE	12.00	14.00
PEPPER,CUBANELLE, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	22.00
PEPPER, JALEPEN0, 1-1/9, M-L	22.00	26.00
PEPPER, LONG HOT, 1-1/9, GREEN	16.00	20.00
PEPPER, POBLANO, 1-1/9	18.00	22.00
RHUBARB, FIELD, 20 LBS	35.00	38.00
SQUASH, ACORN, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	22.00
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1-1/9,M-L	18.00	22.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	22.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, YLWSTRNCK, 1/2 BU, M	18.00	22.00
SQUASH, YLWSTRNCK, 1/2 BU, S	20.00	22.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, 1/2 BU, M	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, 1/2 BU, S	20.00	22.00
TOMS, GHS, 10 LBS,HEIRLOOM	14.00	16.00
TOMS, GHS, ONVINE,11LBS,S-M	15.00	15.00
TOMS, GHS, HEIRLOOM, 15 LBS	30.00	30.00
TOMS,VINERIFE,LT RED, 8QT, L	18.00	20.00
TOMS,VINERIFE,LT RED, 8QT, M	15.00	16.00
TOMS,VINERIFE,LT RED, 8QT, S	13.00	14.00

BOSTON SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

BEAN, CRANBRRY,NY, BUSHEL	45.00	45.00
BEETS, GOLD, NJ, 12 BN/CRATE	18.00	24.00
BLCKBERRY, CA, 12-6OZ, LARGE	24.00	25.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, NJ, 50 LB, M	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, NY,50 LB, L	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE, RED, DE/NJ, 50 LB, M/L	16.00	18.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, NJ, 40 LB, M/L	16.00	17.00
CHINESE CABBAGE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 12	23.00	25.00
DAIKON, TPPD, NJ, 12 BN/CRATE	22.00	24.00
DANDELION GRN, NJ, 12 BN/CRT	16.00	18.00
FIGS, BLCK MSSN, CA, 12-8OZ, M	30.00	30.00
FIGS, CALIMYRNA, CA, 12-1PT, M	36.00	38.00
LEEKs, NJ, 12 BN/CRATE	22.00	26.00
RASPBRRY, CA, 12-6 OZ, LARGE	39.00	39.00
SWT POTATO, JAPN, NC, JBO, 40LB	28.00	28.00
SWEET POTATO, ORNG, MS, 40#	14.00	15.00
SWEET POTATO, WHT, MS, 40 LB	34.00	36.00
SWISS CHARD, WHT, RED, CA, 12	16.00	18.00
TOMATILLOS, MX, 10 LBS	12.00	14.00
TURNIP, PRPL TOP, CA, 25 LBS	14.00	14.00
WATERMLN, DE, 14-16LB, EA	3.00	3.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - August 27, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	25.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	40.00
76-90 lbs.	45.00	50.00
91-105 lbs.	52.50	55.00
106 lbs. & up	60.00	65.00
Farm Calves	up to	175.00
Starter Calves	22.50	27.50
Veal Calves	70.00	140.00
Feeder Heifers	55.00	125.00
Beef Heifers	57.00	80.00
Feeder Steers	n/a	n/a
Beef Steers	80.00	99.00
Feeder Bulls	n/a	n/a
Beef Bulls	85.00	93.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs each	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	80.00	95.00
Lambs each	60.00	170.00
Goats each	105.00	355.00
Kid Goats each	95.00	160.00
Canners	up to	52.00
Cutters	53.00	56.50
Utility Grade Cows	57.00	60.00
Rabbits each	5.00	14.00
Chickens each	5.00	21.00
Ducks each	3.00	11.00

Auction is open Labor Day, September 3

BOSTON MARKET CUT FLOWERS

Wholesale. \$/unit listed. Long stem unless noted. August 28.

AMRNTHS,UPRT,PA,/BN	8.50	8.50
ASCLEPIAS, PA, 10/BN	8.50	10.00
ASTER,MATSA,CA,/BN	7.50	8.50
BELLOF IRELAND,CA,BN	8.50	8.50
BURPLEUM, CA, BN	9.50	10.00
CELOSIA,CKCMB,CA,/BN	10.50	12.50
CELOSIA,PLMSA,PA,/BN	8.50	8.50
CELOSIA,CKCM,PA,5/BN	8.50	8.50
CRASPEDIA, CA,10/BN	8.50	10.50
DAHLIA, NENG,5/BN	12.50	15.00
DELPH,HYB,NENG,10/BN	15.00	16.00
EUPHORBIA, CA, /BN	8.50	8.50
FEVRFWF,NENG, /BN	7.50	8.75
GLADS, CA, 10/BN, L	13.50	15.00
GOMPHRENA, PA, /BN	9.50	9.50
IRIS,DK COLORS,CA,/BN	6.50	7.50
LARKSPUR,CA,10/BN,L	9.50	12.00
LAVENDER, CA, /BN,	9.50	9.50
MARIGOLD, CA, /BN	7.50	7.50
NIGELLA, CA, /BN	8.50	8.50
QU AN LACE, EC, /BN	8.50	10.00
ROSE,SWHRT, CD, EA	1.25	1.25
RUDBECKIA, NENG, /BN	10.00	10.00
SALVIA, PA, /BN	7.50	7.50
SCABIOSA, NL, /BN	8.50	8.50
SNAPDRGN,CD, /BN	12.50	13.50
STOCK, DBL, CA, 10,	8.50	10.00
SUNFLWR,NENG, 5/BN	7.50	8.75
SUNFLWR, NENG, EA	1.00	1.00
SNFLWR,MINI,NL, /BN	8.50	9.50
YARROW, NENG, /BN	7.50	7.50
ZINNIA,NENG, /BN	6.50	8.00

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attending the meeting, engaging in policy dialogue, and getting an opportunity to see agriculture from the perspective of a national audience. Connecticut is proud of the commitment of students in the UConn College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, and this is an opportunity to introduce them to stakeholders from across the country.

2018 NASDA ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

To register for the upcoming 2018 NASDA Annual Meeting, September 9-12, in Hartford, Connecticut [click here](#) or visit <https://www.nasda.org>.

On the second day of the conference, attendees will have an opportunity to escape the convention setting and explore different aspects of Connecticut agriculture in the field.

Tours will showcase innovations in farm-raised fish, as well as a behind-the-scenes look at one of Connecticut's world-renowned oyster operations. A tour of UConn will offer a look at cutting edge research, as well as achievements in extending growing seasons in Connecticut's four-season climate.



Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky at the NASDA 2018 Winter Policy Conference viewing the signing of a coordination agreement between USDA's Secretary Sonny Perdue and FDA's Commissioner Scott Gottlieb.

Others will look at achievements in urban agriculture, as well as the challenges and successes of farm-to-school programs, from the perspectives of both producers and school districts. Everyone will have an opportunity to learn about Connecticut's climate and the emergence of Connecticut's farm wineries.

Having first been elected to a leadership position within NASDA four years ago, Commissioner Reviczky has served as secretary-treasurer, second vice president, vice president, and since September of 2017 as president of the organization. This meeting represents the culmination of more than two years' work on the part of the Commissioner and staff within DoAg.

"It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve as president of NASDA and to work alongside my colleagues to advance American agriculture," said Commissioner Reviczky. "As NASDA's president, I have had the opportunity to influence public policy in ways that shine a light on Connecticut and northeast farm families."

Connecticut has a long agricultural history, and we are cutting edge in terms of diversification techniques. The opportunity to showcase our accomplishments to the entire country is a tremendous opportunity, and the department is incredibly proud to be hosting leaders in this sector from across the United States.

For more information about the 2018 NASDA Annual Meeting visit <https://www.nasda.org/event/2018-nasda-annual-meeting>.

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WANTED

7-R. Livestock wanted: Dairy cattle, heifers of any age, beef cows, bulls, steers, feeder cattle, veal, groups of sheep and goats. RyanM01@comcast.net or 860-655-0958. If no answer, leave message. All calls returned.

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6-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tetreault Realty (860) 644-5667.

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**ON FARM READINESS REVIEWS
OFFERED FOR CONNECTICUT FARMS**

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) and the University of Connecticut (UConn) Extension continues to conduct On Farm Readiness Review (OFRR)s for Connecticut farms.

DoAg and UConn Extension staff have had a busy summer performing OFRR's at fruit and vegetable growers and assisting them in preparing for the implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule (PSR). An OFRR consists of a non-regulatory review of a farm's produce growing and handling activities by DoAg inspectors and UConn educators.

The OFRR is free and voluntary for Connecticut farms. Its goal is to help farmers implement or enhance on-farm produce safety practices, and provide an opportunity for a one-on-one personalized discussion and guidance about farm operations. The intent of the OFRR is to help farmers align what they are doing with what is required in the PSR.

The only requirement for Connecticut farmers to participate in an OFRR is that the farmers must first go through the Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training course offered by UConn or another states extension educators.

Additional opportunities to take the Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training course will be offered in the fall of 2018 through UConn Extension. To be placed on an email list for course notification contact Diane Hirsch at 203-407-3163 or

diane.hirsch@uconn.edu.

Connecticut fruit and vegetable growers interested in participating in an OFRR or with questions can contact Resha Jacquier at 860-713-2529 or Resha.Jacquier@ct.gov.

HIRING AND LABOR ISSUES WORKSHOP

Join the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 for a workshop to discuss hiring and labor issues at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington St., New Haven, CT, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Heather Callahan from the U.S. Department of Labor will give a presentation on the H2A Program, a temporary agricultural employee program, discussing H-2A standards related to recruitment, wages, housing, transportation, and recordkeeping for employers of temporary non-immigrant agricultural workers admitted to the country under Section 218 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Mark Cutler, Regional Vice President of SCORE and Dawn Pindell, USDA Farm Service Agency will present an overview of SCORE and their strategic partnership with USDA. Success stories of connecting mentors with farmers will be shared. A panel of Connecticut producers will share their experience with the program and answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

This is a free program funded by a grant from UConn Extension and is a cooperative effort of DoAg, UConn Extension, and the Risk Management Agency/ USDA. To register for this event email Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov by Friday, August 31, 2018.



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