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CONNECTICUT FARMER GROWS TO FEED HER COMMUNITY

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USDA celebrates farmers, like Baylee Drown, who supply fresh fruits and vegetables to their communities through farmers markets. Farmers markets give consumers access to locally-grown and farm-fresh products, while giving farmers the platform to grow and connect with their customer base.

Baylee grew up on a conventional dairy farm in Michigan and is now owner and operator of Upper Pond Farm in Old Lyme, Connecticut. Like many farm kids, she participated in 4-H and FFA. In college, she followed her passion for agriculture by pursuing an animal science degree. A college class changed her perspective on agriculture and piqued her interest in growing vegetables.

Her first job out of college was working on a diversified or-

ganic farm in Vermont. The operation produced livestock and vegetables. This is where Baylee was exposed to small-scale organic and sustainable practices and fell in love with direct marketing and growing vegetables.

Baylee has been in business on her own for five years in southeast Connecticut. She started her own agriculture operation, Upper Pond Farm, growing a variety of vegetables and fruits including ginger, tomatoes, salad mixes, head lettuce, microgreens, dry beans, strawberries, raspberries, melons, herbs and a few edible flowers.

Baylee believes in marketing her crops locally. Customers can purchase her produce from farmers markets, her Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program and can even find her produce at the supermarket and at local restaurants.

"Farmers markets are a great way to get to know your community, and make life-long customers and friends," said Baylee. "Also, they are flexible, so they are a great way to get your feet wet when you first start farming. We also get our best price at market."

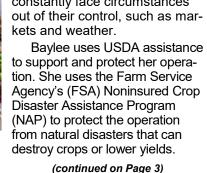
Her crops are sold at several farmers markets and she sets up shop in front of a customer's business one day a week. This winter, she will also participate in the Greenwich Winter Farmers Market. Her most popular year-round item is baby salad mix, and the seasonal favorites are strawberries, cherry tomatoes, peas, ginger, carrots, beets and winter spinach.

"We really believe in feeding our neighbors," said Baylee. "Everyone should have access to wholesome, healthy food."

The rest of Baylee's harvest is sold through her CSA. Baylee supplies 100 families with fresh fruits and vegetables 36 weeks out of the year.

Farmers and ranchers, like Baylee, who work hard each year to bring a crop to market constantly face circumstances out of their control, such as markets and weather

Baylee Drown of Upper Pond Farm in Old Lyme, CT believes in marketing her crops locally through farmers markets and her CSA.
Photo courtesy of Upper Pond Farm.



NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers) XTRA LARGE 1.26 99 LARGE .93 1.07 **MEDIUM** .69 56 **NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS** Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range) XTRA LARGE 1.89 1.71 **LARGE** 1.58 1.69 **MEDIUM** 1.14 1.24 **SMALL** .82 .92 LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted SLAUGHTER STEERS Hi Ch/Prime 3-4 109.00 113.50 104.50 108.50 Choice 2-3 Select 1-2 100.00 105.50 SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing breakers 75-80% lean 53.00 57.50 boners 80-85% lean 52.00 57.50 lean 88-90% lean 44.00 48.50 CALVES - Graded bull No 1 90-118 lbs 40.00 55.00 No 1 80-88 lbs 30.00 30.00 SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Wooled & Shorn Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3 167.00 185.00 90-110 lbs 110-130 lbs 170.00 180.00 130-150 lbs 140.00 162.00 150-200 lbs 140.00 150.00 SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3 120-160 lbs 60.00 90.00 160-200 lbs 85.00 50.00 80.00 200-300 lbs 60.00 SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1 40-60 lbs 145.00 165.00 175.00 195.00 60-80 lbs 215.00 220.00 80-100 lbs SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1 80-130 lbs 170.00 195.00 130-180 lbs 200.00 225.00 SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1 100-150 lbs 240.00 275.00 150-250 lbs 305.00 320.00 **NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION** Per cwt. SLAUGHTER HOGS 52-56 200-300 lbs 52.00 60.00 300-350 lbs 38.00 44.00 200-300 lbs 48-52 43.00 53.00 Sows, US 1-3 300-500 lbs 20.00 28.00 500-700 lbs 22.00 27.00 **Boars** 300-400 lbs 22.00 22.00 500-800 lbs 2.00 5.00 **DAIRY CATTLE** New Holland, PA. Price per animal. FRESH COWS **SUPREME** 1600.00 1700.00 **APPROVED** 900.00 1350.00 **MEDIUM** 500.00 875.00 SPRINGING COWS (7-9 MONTHS): **APPROVED** 950.00 1175.00 825.00 825.00 **MEDIUM** BRED COWS (4-6 MONTHS):

550.00 625.00

800.00 1000.00

MEDIUM

APPROVED

SHORT BRED COWS (1-3 MONTHS):

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, CRTLND, BU, LOOSE, NG | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| APPLE, GALA, LOOSE, NO GRADE | 34.00 | 34.00 |
| APPLE, HONYCRISP, LOOSE, NG | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| APPLE, MAC, 80, LOOSE, XFCY | 32.00 | 32.00 |
| APPLE, MAC 400 LOOSE, APC 1 | | |
| APPLE, MAC,100, LOOSE, XFCY | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| APPLE, MAC, BU, NO GRADE | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| APPLE, ZESTAR, LOOSE, NG | 22.00 | 24.00 |
| BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS | 6.00 | 7.00 |
| DEAN CODOLITE 40 40 O7 | | |
| BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ | 12.00 | 15.00 |
| BEET, CHIOGGA, 25LB, M-L, LOOSE | 20.00 | 22.00 |
| BEETS, RED, 12 BNCH/CARTON | 13.00 | 18.00 |
| BLUEBERRIES, 12-1 PT, FILM, L | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| BROCC, CRN CUT, 20 LB LOOSE | 16.00 | 18.00 |
| | | |
| CIDER, 4–1 GALLON | 19.00 | 19.00 |
| CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| CORN, INDIAN, BUNCHED 3, 20 | 40.00 | 50.00 |
| CORN, STRAWB, BNCH 3, 16 | 25.00 | 28.00 |
| | 11.00 | |
| CORN, SWEET, BAG, 5 DOZEN | | 16.00 |
| CORNSTALKS, /BUNDLE, 5 | 7.00 | 8.00 |
| CUKES, 1-1/9, M | 24.00 | 28.00 |
| CUKES, PICKLERS, 1-1/9, M-L | 35.00 | 42.00 |
| CUKES, PICKLERS, 1-1/9, S | 45.00 | 50.00 |
| CORLO, FICKLERO, 1-1/9, O | | |
| EGGPLANT, WRPPD, 1-1/9, M | 16.00 | 20.00 |
| EGGPLANT, WRPPD, 1-1/9, L | 12.00 | 16.00 |
| PARSNIPS, 20 LB LOOSE, MED | 20.00 | 24.00 |
| PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB, MEDIUM | 20.00 | 23.00 |
| | 24.00 | 24.00 |
| PEACH, 1/2BU, 25 LB, NG, LOOSE | | |
| PEPPER, GRN, 1 -1/9,JMBO | 18.00 | 24.00 |
| PEPPER, GRN, 1 -1/9, XLARGE | 16.00 | 21.00 |
| PEPPER, CUBANELLE, 1-1/9, M-L | 16.00 | 20.00 |
| PEPPER, JALAPENO, 1-1/9, M-L | 20.00 | 24.00 |
| | | |
| PEPPER,LONG HOT,1-1/9,GREEN | | 20.00 |
| PEPPER, POBLANO, 1-1/9 | 18.00 | 20.00 |
| PMPKN,CNDERL,OR,24"BIN,L 2 | 285.00 | 300.00 |
| | 285.00 | 300.00 |
| | | 225.00 |
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| | 75.00 | 225.00 |
| PMPKN,HOWDN,WH,24"BIN,JBO 4 | 00.00 | 400.00 |
| PMPKN,PIE,OR, 1/2 BU, M | 20.00 | 25.00 |
| | 270.00 | 300.00 |
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| PMPKN,BGMACK,OR,36"BIN, L 1 | 75.00 | 200.00 |
| PMPKN,BGMACK,OR,36"BIN,M 1 | 75.00 | 200.00 |
| PMPKN, BGMACK, OR, 36"BIN, S 17 | 75.00 | 200.00 |
| | 75.00 | 200.00 |
| | | |
| | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| SQUASH, ACORN, 1-1/9, M-L | 16.00 | 22.00 |
| SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1-1/9,M-L | 16.00 | 22.00 |
| SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, M-L | 16.00 | 20.00 |
| | 18.00 | |
| SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, L | | 20.00 |
| SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, XL | 15.00 | 18.00 |
| SQUASH, KABOCHA, 1-1/9, M-L | 16.00 | 20.00 |
| SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9, M-L | 18.00 | 20.00 |
| SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9, L | 16.00 | 18.00 |
| SOLIASH VIMISTONICE 4/2 DILLA | | |
| SQUASH, YLWSTRNCK, 1/2 BU,M | 18.00 | 22.00 |
| SQUASH, YLWSTRNCK,1/2 BU,S | 20.00 | 24.00 |
| SQUASH, ZUCH, 1/2 BU, M | 18.00 | 22.00 |
| SQUASH, ZUCH, 1/2 BU, S | 20.00 | 26.00 |
| STRAWBERRIES, 8-1QUART, M | 36.00 | 36.00 |
| | | |
| TOMS, GHS, 10 LBS, HEIRLOOM | 16.00 | 20.00 |
| TOMS, GHS, ONVINE,11LBS,S-M | 13.00 | 13.00 |
| TOMS, GHS, VINERIPE, 15 LBS | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| TOMS, GHS, LOOSE, 25 LBS,S-M | 18.00 | 19.00 |
| TOM,GHS,CHRRY,5 LB FLAT,S-M | 13.00 | |
| TOM CHE CURRY 9 40 07 C M | | |
| TOM,GHS,CHRRY,8-10 OZ, S-M | 20.00 | 24.00 |
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MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION Middlefield, CT - September 17, 2018

| | LOW | HIGH |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Bob Calves: | | |
| 45-60 lbs. | 20.00 | 24.00 |
| 61-75 lbs. | 60.00 | 75.00 |
| 76-90 lbs. | 42.00 | 45.00 |
| 91-105 lbs. | 50.00 | 60.00 |
| 106 lbs. & up | 67.50 | 75.00 |
| Farm Calves | 150.00 | 170.00 |
| Starter Calves | 15.00 | 18.00 |
| Veal Calves | 95.00 | 105.00 |
| Feeder Heifers | 110.00 | 122.50 |
| Beef Heifers | 53.00 | 65.00 |
| Feeder Steers | 110.00 | 160.00 |
| Beef Steers | 61.00 | 87.50 |
| Feeder Bulls | 85.00 | 150.00 |
| Beef Bulls | 64.00 | 66.00 |
| Replacement Cows | n/a | n/a |
| Replacement Heifers | n/a | n/a |
| Boars | n/a | n/a |
| Sows | n/a | n/a |
| Butcher Hogs | n/a | n/a |
| Feeder Pigs each | n/a | n/a |
| Sheep each | 45.00 | 115.00 |
| Lambs each | 60.00 | 245.00 |
| Goats each | 85.00 | 410.00 |
| Kid Goats each | 50.00 | 215.00 |
| Canners | up to | 45.00 |
| Cutters | 46.00 | 48.00 |
| Utility Grade Cows | 49.00 | 50.50 |
| Rabbits each | 5.00 | 25.00 |
| Chickens each | 4.00 | 20.00 |
| Ducks each | 6.00 | 21.00 |
| Turkeys each | 2@ | 47.50 |

BOSTON MARKET CUT FLOWERS

| | -113 |
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| Wholesale. \$/unit listed. | |
| Long stem unless noted. September | 18. |
| AMRNTHS,UPRT,PA,/BN 8.50 | 8.50 |
| ASCLEPIAS, PA, 10/BN 8.50 | 10.00 |
| ASTER,MATSA,CA,/BN 7.50 | 8.50 |
| BURPLEUM, CA, BN 8.50 | 9.50 |
| CELOSIA,CKCMB,PA,/BN 8.50 | 8.50 |
| CELOSIA,PLMSA,PA,/BN 8.50 | 8.50 |
| CELOSIA,CKCM,PA,5/BN 8.50 | 8.50 |
| CRASPEDIA, CA,10/BN 8.50 | 10.00 |
| DAHLIA, NENG, /BN 15.00 | 16.50 |
| DAHLIA, NENG, 5/BN 12.50 | 12.50 |
| DELPH,HYB,NENG,10/BN16.00 | 16.00 |
| FEVERFEW, CA, /BN 7.50 | 8.75 |
| GLADS, CA, 10/BN, 12.00 | 15.00 |
| GLADS, MINI, CA, 10/BN 12.50 | 12.50 |
| GOMPHRENA, NL, /BN 13.50 | 13.50 |
| HYDRNGA,PG,NENG,/BN 12.00 | 12.50 |
| HYPRCM,PKYFLR,NL,/BN 8.50 | 12.50 |
| IRIS,DK COLORS,CA,/BN 6.50 | 7.50 |
| LARKSPUR,CA,10/BN, 10.00 | 12.00 |
| LAVENDER, EC, /BN 10.00 | 12.50 |
| LISIANTHS,CD/NL,10/BN 12.50 | 18.50 |
| LISIANTHS,NL,10/BN,XL 24.00 | 24.00 |
| NIGELLA, CA, /BN 7.50 | 8.50 |
| PNCUSHN, NL, /STEM 2.50 | 2.75 |
| PNCUSHN, NL, 5/BN 2.50 | 2.75 |
| QU AN LACE, EC, /BN 9.50 | 10.00 |
| SCABIOSA, EC, 10/BN 8.50 | 10.00 |
| SEDUM, NENG/PA /BN 7.50 | 10.00 |
| SNPDRGN,NENG,10/,XL 12.50 | 13.50 |
| STOCK, DBL, CA, 10/BN 8.50 | 10.00 |
| SUNFLWR, NENG, 5/BN 7.50 | 8.75 |
| SUNFLWR, NENG, EA 1.00 | 1.00 |
| SNFLWR,MINI,10/ 8.50 | 9.50 |
| YARROW, PE, /BN 7.50 ZINNIA.NENG. /BN 8.00 | 8.50 8.50 |
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| ZINNIA,NENG, /BN,XL 12.00 | 12.00 |

7.50

7.50

ZINNIA, PA, /BN

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Baylee also serves as a voice for local farmers in her community by serving on the New London FSA County Committee. She is serving in an appointed position and brings a unique perspective as the only vegetable farmer on the committee.



Baylee believes in marketing her crops locally.
Photo courtesy of Upper Pond Farm.

She is a firm believer in conserving the soil and uses the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). EQIP provides agricultural producers with financial resources and one-on-one help to plan and implement improvements using conservation practices.

Baylee monitors soil compaction, grows cover crops and takes measures to prevent soil erosion.



College changed Baylee's perspective on agriculture and piqued her interest in growing vegetables. Photo courtesy of Upper Pond Farm.

Support your community and local farmers and ranchers. Use the National Farmers Market Directory to find a market near you: https://www.ams.usda.gov/local-food-directories/farmersmarkets. To date, there are more than 8,700 markets in the USDA Farmers Market Directory.

For more information about USDA programs and services, contact your local USDA service center. To find your local service center, visit www.farmers.gov.

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- 77-R. Nursery hoops for sale in Suffield, CT. 100's available in 3 sizes, 14'W x 6'H, 17' x 9', 20' x 9'. Call Paul for more details 860-668-7371.
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WANTED

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2018 AQUAPONICS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The 2018 Aquaponics Association Conference will be held September 21-23, 2018 at the Hilton Hotel in Hartford, CT.

The conference will feature the top aquaponics experts from around the world, tours of commercial aquaponics operations, a vendor showroom, interactive discussions, and social events for aquaponics growers. For more information visit https://aquaponicsassociation.org/2018-conference.

ENHANCING FARM PROFITABILITY WORKSHOP

UConn Extension is hosting a farm business management workshop on Wednesday, September 26, 2018; 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Tolland County Extension Center, 24 Hyde Avenue, Vernon, CT.

The free Enhancing Profitability for Connecticut Farms: The Farm Business Management Toolbox workshop is geared to both established and beginning farmers and includes lunch.

Subjects covered will be using financial reports to make strategic decisions, benchmarking for success, risk management, and how to assess the profitability of adding something new to your business. To register contact MacKenzie White at 860-875-3331 or mackenzie.white@uconn.edu.

FARM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

DoAg is collaborating with UConn Extension to support Connecticut produce growers covered by the FDA's Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule. In order to do that DoAg and UConn have developed a survey questionnaire to gather information that will help accurately characterize Connecticut's produce industry.

The questionnaire should take only 5-10 minutes to complete. Every farmer that fills out the survey will be entered into a drawing to win one of two Connecticut Grown pop-up tents. In order to participate in the drawing the survey must be completed/returned by October 1, 2018. To complete the farm survey online click here or contact Diane Hirsch at 203-407-3163 or diane.hirsch@uconn.edu to request a survey.

ON FARM READINESS REVIEWS

DoAg and UConn Extension staff continue to perform On Farm Readiness Review (OFRR)'s for fruit and vegetable growers in Connecticut. The program assists 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. 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 OFRR is free and voluntary for Connecticut farms following the completion of the Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training course.

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.



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