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# CONNECTICUT WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT

The latest news and updates in Connecticut agriculture

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The [Connecticut Milk Promotion Board](#) funded the implementation of a yogurt parfait/salad bar, which debuted at Geraldine Johnson School in Bridgeport, CT, on February 3. Bridgeport Public Schools was granted \$20,000 through Fuel Up to Play 60 to place the program in five schools across the district.

## 2020 Legislative Session Preview

*Kayleigh Royston, Legislative Liaison, Department of Agriculture*


The 2020 regular legislative session kicks off on Wednesday, February 5 and will continue through midnight on Wednesday, May 6. At noon, Governor Lamont presented his 'State of the State' outlining budget priorities, legislative goals and any proposed changes to the biennial budget passed last year. His address is available on the [CT General Assembly \(CGA\) website](#).

During the proceedings, each chamber came to order, and acknowledged the three new members of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House and President Pro-Tempore of the Senate addressed their respective chambers.

This session, the Department of Agriculture has submitted four legislative

Connecticut's agricultural community and will be commenting as appropriate.

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[Seeking Industry Input for Connecticut Grown Marketing Campaign](#)

**We want to hear from you.**

[Take our Connecticut Grown Producer Survey.](#)

### **Connecticut Hemp Conference and Trade Show**

UConn Extension, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, CT RC&D, and NRCS are hosting the first annual Connecticut Hemp Conference and Trade Show on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at Maneeley's Conference Center, 65 Rye St., South Windsor, CT.

For additional information and registration call 860-345-3977 or [click here for more information.](#)



### **Farm Transition Grant Applications Due February 17, 2020**

Grant guidelines and applications for the Dept. of Agriculture's Farm Transition Grant program are available online and must be submitted by February 17. The program provides grants to up to \$49,999. Applicants must provide a one to one match. The purpose of the program is to strengthen the economic viability of Connecticut farmers and agricultural cooperatives. [Click here to learn more.](#)

### **Register for Ag Day at the Capitol**

Ag Day at the Capitol will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. [Click here to register.](#) Registration and payment is due by March 2, 2020. [Click here](#) for additional details about Ag Day, Outstanding Young Farmer and Ag Journalism awards.

### **Tomato Workshop: For Production in Soilless Media in Greenhouses**

One-day educational program co-sponsored by UConn Extension, USDA Risk Management Agency and the CT Agricultural Experiment Station. Funding is provided by a grant from UConn Extension and a cooperative effort of UConn Extension and the USDA Risk Management Agency.

- March 18, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Jones Auditorium at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, CT

Five pesticide recertification credits have been approved for this event for attendees from all New England states. For more information and to register

## Ag Market Pricing

Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT

New Holland Dairy Auction - New Holland, PA

Northeast Regional Eggs

New Holland, PA Hay Report

New England Shell Eggs

Wholesale Fruits & Vegetables - Boston

Pennsylvania Weekly Cattle Auction Summary

Wholesale Ornamental Flowers - Boston

Pennsylvania Livestock Auction - Waynesburg, PA

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## Advertisements

### **For Sale**

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or [www.bludon.com](http://www.bludon.com)

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2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or [www.bludon.com](http://www.bludon.com)

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3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290

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4-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci Zyskowski today at 203-444-6553

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5-R. Pollination services for small scale farms. Call Hilltop Apiaries for information at 860-408-9039

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6-R. Kiln dried sawdust shavings mix delivered in 100 yard loads or picked up at the farm. Call 860-749-0297

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7-R. Black angus heifers, 23 months old. 3 available. Each to calf in or around May. Asking \$1,400 each. Call 860-212-5463

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8. Antique two bob horse drawn sleigh. Good condition. Original paint, garaged, both tractor ball hitch and horse drop heel buggy shaft for single horse included. \$2,300. [thefarmer@evergreenberryfarm.com](mailto:thefarmer@evergreenberryfarm.com) 860-274-0825

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11-R. Classic B&W farmer photos from This Life Calls to Me collection by Jack McConnell. Call 860-563-6154 or email [Jack@JackMcConnellPhotography.com](mailto:Jack@JackMcConnellPhotography.com)

12-R. Unrooted succulents \$0.55 each, unrooted variegated ivy \$0.75 per 18 inch piece, 11 inch hanging basket pot with hanger \$0.75 each, slim jim flats \$0.55 each, 14 inch plastic clay wall planter \$3 each, 12 inch plastic clay oval \$2 each. Call Bill 203-430-8229

14-R. Honeybees: 5-frame NUCS, DEEPS only available first week of May. Jones' Apiaries LLC 860-677-9391

**Wanted**

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

**Ag Job Connection**

10-R. UConn Extension's Sustainable Food Systems program is actively seeking to fill a newly created position of Communication Coordinator. Applications are due February 12, 2020. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Upcoming Events**

**GREATER NEW HAVEN AGRICULTURE FORUM**

**Feb. 13, 2020 | 3 - 5 PM**

Jones Auditorium  
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station  
123 Huntington St. New Haven, CT

Join us for an educational and networking opportunity as we discuss the results of the Greater New Haven Regional Collaborative project and seek to develop next steps toward supporting regional agriculture and aquaculture businesses. We invite area agriculture producers, municipal leaders, economic development professionals, as well as local nonprofit and government stakeholders.

For more information, please call 860.345.3977

*Free!*

**FARM ENERGY WORKSHOP**

**FEB. 20, 2020 | 3 PM**

KELLOGG ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER  
500 HAWTHORNE AVE. DERBY, CT  
\*SNOW DATE: MARCH 12TH @ 3PM

HOSTED BY SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION DISTRICT & CT FARM ENERGY PROGRAM

**Are you a farm or rural small business who would like to reduce your energy consumption and costs?**

Guest speakers will cover energy efficiency and renewable energy options along with State & Federal incentives including Energize CT, USDA REAP, ZREC, Metering, Tax Incentives, and C-PACE. Followed by one-on-one time to speak directly with presenters about your specific operation.

Advance registration requested. For questions and to RSVP, call 860.345.3977 or email [amanda@ctfarmenergy.org](mailto:amanda@ctfarmenergy.org)



**Garden Show®**  
 February 20-23, 2020  
 Connecticut Convention Center  
 HARTFORD  
 www.ctflowershow.com • 860-844-8461  
 Connecticut Springs into Earth Day - Commemorate 50 Years!

**SEMINAR SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**

 Craig LaRouiller	 Petra Page-Mann	 Nancy DuBrule-Clements	 Tom Christopher
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Spectacular Landscaped Gardens, Design & Horticulture Competition by the Federated Garden Clubs of CT. SEMINAR TOPICS: Organics, Floral Arranging, Natives, Pollinators, Containers, Design, Vegetables and so much more!

Ticket prices include State of CT 5% Amusement Tax —

Adults \$18	Thurs. 10 am – 7 pm
Children 5-12 \$5	Fri. 10 am – 8 pm
Under 5 Free	Sat. 10 am – 8 pm
Seniors \$16 <small>Thurs. &amp; Friday only</small>	Sun. 10 am – 5 pm

# COMPOST CONFERENCE

MARCH 23, 2020 | 8:30AM - 5PM  
Hosted by Central Connecticut State University

This informative day will feature keynote speakers, breakout sessions, panel discussion, networking, exhibitors, and a Q&A. This critical event will provide information and resources for farmers and municipalities to expand their leaf and/or manure composting operation to include food scraps. Focus of workshops will include the benefits to soil health, conservation, food waste management, and climate adaptation. Compost manufacturing and utilization are vital to producing healthy soils, clean air and water, and a sustainable society.

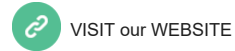
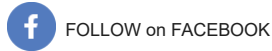


Visit [ctrcd.org](http://ctrcd.org) for more information.

REGISTER AT [HTTP://CTNOFA.ORG/EVENT/CONNECTICUT-COMPOST-CONFERENCE](http://CTNOFA.ORG/EVENT/CONNECTICUT-COMPOST-CONFERENCE)

Co-sponsors: Sustainable CT, Farm Credit Northeast AgEnhancement, Recycle CT, UConn Master Composter Program, American Landsteward Trust, CT Regenerative Cultures Herb & Worm Composting, and Council on Soil and Water Conservation

Planning Partners: CT NOFA, CT-SCB, CT DEER, CCSU, USDA NRCS, UConn Master Composter Program, CT DDMC, American Landsteward Trust, CT River COG, RW Conservation Districts, Center for Ecotechnology, and Composting Association of VT



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