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Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt addressing attendees at the National Outstanding Young Farmer Awards Congress in Westbrook, CT.

Outstanding Young Farmer Congress

Honors National Finalists in Connecticut

Connecticut welcomed more than 200 members of the Outstanding Farmers of America (OFA) to the National Outstanding Young Farmers (NOYF) Congress from February 6-9 in Westbrook. Attendees included former NOYF alumni, sponsors and other agricultural professionals, as well as 10 finalists from across the nation. The organization gathered to honor the outstanding achievements of America's young agriculturalists.

"It is an honor to have the National Outstanding Young Farmers Congress join us in Connecticut," said Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt. "We are proud to showcase the diversity and breadth of agriculture here and celebrate the accomplishments of our producers who are alumni of this great organization."

During Commissioner Hurlburt's address on Thursday, February 6, he also presented a proclamation from Governor Lamont recognizing the OFA's efforts

Farmer Day in the State of Connecticut.

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**Celebrate with
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**What are the essential
components of a Valentine's
Day celebration?**

**Food
Flowers
Wine
Chocolate**

**Choose Connecticut Grown for
a memorable meal with your
sweetheart.**

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CT Outstanding Young Farmer Nominations Due

Do you know an outstanding young farmer in Connecticut? Nominations are being accepted until February 15, 2020 to recognize outstanding achievements in agriculture as well as community involvement. Nominees must be between the ages of 21 and 40 and derive a minimum of two-thirds of their income from farming. Winners are determined based on personal contributions in the following categories: progress in agricultural career, soil and water conservation practices, and contributions to the well-being of the community, state and nation. [Click here](#) for additional details and the official nomination form.

Farm Transition Grant Application Deadline Extended

The application deadline for the 2020 Farm Transition Grant has been extended to February 25, 2020.

All questions regarding the application and content must be submitted via email no later than Thursday, February 13, 2020 to Jaime Smith at Jaime.Smith@ct.gov.

The purpose of the program is to strengthen the economic viability of Connecticut farmers and agricultural cooperatives. The program provides grants to up to \$49,999. Applicants must provide a one to one match. Grant guidelines and forms can be found at www.CTGrown.gov/grants.

New Survey to Shed Light on Trade-offs Between Food Safety and Conservation Practices on Produce Farms in the Eastern United States

trade-offs between food safety and conservation practices used on fresh produce farms. The aim of the project is to help farmers develop management plans that minimize costs and optimize food safety and conservation outcomes. To ensure their models accurately reflect grower practices, costs, and needs, they are conducting a survey among fruit and vegetable growers in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, and Southeast. If you are a grower in those areas, and are willing to spend 20 to 30 minutes to take their survey, they would really appreciate your insights.

The survey is 100% anonymous and the first 300 participants will receive a \$15 e-gift card. If you are interested in participating please go to <https://bit.ly/2t6EQsO>.

For further information, please contact the project directors, Dr. Daniel Weller (Daniel_Weller@urmc.rochester.edu), Aaron Adalja (aaron.adalja@cornell.edu), or Patrick Baur (pbaur@berkeley.edu).

Northern Connecticut Agricultural Summit

Joan Nichols, Executive Director of the CT Farm Bureau Association will be the Keynote Speaker at The Northern Connecticut Agriculture Summit, "Farming for Your Future" scheduled for Saturday, February 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Asnuntuck Community College, 170 Elm Street, Enfield, CT.

The event is geared toward current and prospective farmers to raise awareness and provide educational seminars to those interested in farming. The schedule includes seminars on Hemp; Beekeeping Basics, Climate Change Impacts and Adaption Strategies, Social Media and Hydroponics. Other seminars scheduled are Pollinating, Farm Regulations & Permits, Raising Backyard Poultry, Farmland Access and Insurance, as well as improving soil health and information on available CT agriculture grants.

The agricultural summit is free of charge and includes a continental breakfast and vendor exhibits. Pre-registration is requested. Registration forms are available by calling Chris Casey, Event Coordinator at 860.698.6267 or email cwsncasey@gmail.com, or on <http://www.enfield-ct.gov/1205/Agricultural-Commission>

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 re-certification credits have been approved for this event for attendees from all New England states. For more information and to register online go to: <https://greenhouse.uconn.edu/workshop/>



We want to hear from you.

Take our Connecticut Grown Producer Survey.

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

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

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

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

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

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

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

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

included. \$2,300. thefarmer@evergreenberryfarm.com 860-274-0825

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 for Best Buy prices on sale now. See photos at www.JackMcConnellPhotography.com and click on Collections - CT Farms P1-23

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

15-R. Need Honey Bee Pollination? Call Heritage Apiaries, Canton, CT. 860-805-7191

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 or 860-655-0958. If no answer, leave message. All calls returned

Ag Job Connection

13-R. A part-time Office Secretary position is available at the New Haven County Farm Bureau. The applicant should be able to maintain a small office in the home. The job averages 8-10 hours per week. A background or interest in agriculture will be viewed positively. The candidate will be responsible to the organization's board of directors. The candidate should be well organized with excellent interpersonal skills, fundamental computer skills, and the ability to work independently. Duties include: Overall management of the functions of the office, maintaining financial records and organizing meetings. For a complete job description, please call the office at 203-269-0151. Compensation will be based on experience. Please send resume and cover letter explaining why you are interested in the position to New Haven County Farm Bureau Inc., 870 Garden Rd., Orange, CT 06477 by February 26, 2020.

Upcoming Events

FREE WEBINAR

Defend your Flock from Poultry Disease: Know the Signs & How to Respond

Learn about preventing poultry disease with USDA/APHIS vets and state poultry experts.



Thursday, February 27, 2:30pm ET



Register at: bit.ly/APHISWebinar

ctnofa 38th Winter Conference
OrganiConn 2020:
 "Onward Together for a Resilient Future"



March 7 | Wesleyan University | Middletown

Keynote Speaker: **Niaz Dorry**
 of the National Family Farm Coalition
 & Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance

30+ Food, Farm & Garden Workshops



CONNECTICUT 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 ctcd.org for more information.

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

Supporting Sponsors: Sustainable CT, Farm Credit Northeast, AgEnhancement, Recycle CT, UConn Master Composter Program, American Recycle CT, UConn Center for Food & Waste Composting and Council on Soil and Water Conservation



Hosting Partners: CT NOFA, CT SC&S, CT DEER, CCMA, USDA NRCS, UConn Master Composter Program, CT DDMC, Avonites Farmstead Trust, CT River COG, NW Conservation District, Center for Ecotechnology, and Composting Association of VT

Flower & Garden Show[®]

February 20-23, 2020
Connecticut Convention Center
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Connecticut Springs into Earth Day – Commemorate 50 Years!

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SEMINAR SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



Craig LeHoullier



Petra Page-Mann



Nancy DuBrule-Clemente



Tom Christopher

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 10% Amusement Tax —

Adults \$18

Children 5-12 \$5

Under 5 Free

Seniors \$16 Thurs. & Friday only

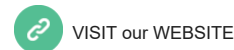
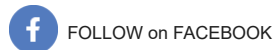


Thurs. 10 am – 7 pm

Fri. 10 am – 8 pm

Sat. 10 am – 8 pm

Sun. 10 am – 5 pm



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