

Agricultural Report

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POULTRY HEALTH – POULTRY IMPORTATION REQUIREMENTS

Bureau of Regulatory Services

The poultry sector of Connecticut's agriculture industry contributes significantly to the state's economy, to food security for the state's citizens, and to animal and human health through the production of specialized products. The Connecticut poultry industry is diverse in the types of birds, their uses, and the products that are produced.

Connecticut is home to the largest producer of table eggs in New England, producing approximately 1.5 million dozen weekly—about the equivalent of the total statewide consumption of eggs. Connecticut also has a number of small-scale commercial egg producers with less than 3,000 birds contributing to the total number of eggs produced in the state.

Connecticut is home to a company that is the largest supplier of Specific Pathogen Free (SPF) poultry eggs in the world. The SPF poultry eggs are produced from hens specially selected, bred, and maintained free from certain pathogens using filtered air, positive pressure poultry housing, and by following strict biosecurity measures to maintain disease freedom and to prevent disease introduction.

SPF poultry eggs are used worldwide in research and in vaccine production for animals and humans. As a result, the company plays a key role in both animal and human health, and in disease prevention and control.

Other segments of Connecticut's poultry industry include turkey production, fancy poultry (such as show birds bred and exhibited by hobbyists), poultry raised and exhibited as 4-H and FFA projects, upland game bird farms, and "backyard" poultry kept predominantly for personal egg consumption—a segment of the industry that has experienced a dramatic increase in popularity in recent years.

The introduction of a highly infectious, contagious, or foreign poultry disease such as avian influenza or virulent newcastle disease, would be a major threat to all segments of the state's poultry industry. These dis-

eases would severely lower egg and meat production and/or cause high rates of death resulting in both interstate and worldwide trade restrictions.

A main focus of the Department of Agriculture (DoAg)'s Bureau of Regulatory Services is to protect and improve the health, quality, and marketability of our state's poultry by preventing, controlling, or eliminating poultry diseases and monitoring and promoting poultry health and productivity.

Enforcement of laws and regulations for the importation of live poultry and hatching eggs into the state is one of DoAg's most important and effective means of preventing and controlling poultry diseases.

The importation of poultry, zoological and pet-type birds, and their hatching eggs into Connecticut is regulated by DoAg pursuant to Connecticut General Statute, Section 22-325. The importer of birds or hatching eggs must obtain an import permit issued by DoAg prior to importing the birds or hatching eggs. The Poultry and Live Bird Importation Permit is valid for 15 days from the date the permit number is issued.

For more information regarding poultry importation requirements go to [https://www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=1367&q=317238&doagPNavCtr=\[44678\]#45414](https://www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=1367&q=317238&doagPNavCtr=[44678]#45414).

Poultry and hatching eggs from out-of-state must enter this state with either a health certificate written by a Category II federally-accredited veterinarian stating that the birds have tested negative for *Salmonella pullorum*-typhoid, or a NPIP VS 9-3 form stating that the flock of origin has a classification of *Salmonella pullorum*-typhoid clean.

Other diagnostic testing information such as avian influenza status should be included on the forms. Zoological and pet-type birds are required to have a health certificate written by a Category II federally-accredited veterinarian.

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.78	.94
LARGE	.72	.86
MEDIUM	.51	.64

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.61	1.79
LARGE	1.53	1.69
MEDIUM	1.09	1.17
SMALL	.81	.89

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
PRIME 3-4	121.00	126.00
Choice 2-3	115.00	121.00
Select 2-3	109.00	116.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Choice 2-3	79.00	81.50
Select 1-2	74.00	78.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	53.50	59.50
boners 80-85% lean	51.00	57.50
lean 88-90% lean	39.00	46.50
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 98-130 lbs	105.00	125.00
No 2 84-128 lbs	105.00	125.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
80-90 lbs	245.00	265.00
110-130 lbs	220.00	240.00
130-150 lbs	195.00	230.00
150-200 lbs	175.00	190.00
Choice 1-2		
40-50 lbs	235.00	260.00
60-70 lbs	225.00	245.00
70-80 lbs	215.00	242.00
80-90 lbs	210.00	240.00
Choice 2-3		
90-100 lbs	190.00	237.00
100-130 lbs	175.00	210.00
130-150 lbs	165.00	205.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	82.00	105.00
160-200 lbs	70.00	85.00
200-300 lbs	70.00	80.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	175.00	200.00
60-80 lbs	225.00	265.00
80-100 lbs	230.00	260.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	195.00	235.00
130-200 lbs	240.00	285.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	255.00	285.00
150-250 lbs	310.00	390.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
52-56	200-300 lbs	51.00 59.00
	300-350 lbs	48.50 53.00
	350-400 lbs	47.00 52.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	41.00 54.00
	300-350 lbs	40.00 48.00
Sows, US 1-3		
	300-500 lbs	34.00 48.00
	500-800 lbs	38.00 49.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, GHS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 80	20.00	20.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88	31.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 100	22.00	22.00
APPLE, MAC, 125, #1	17.00	17.00
APPLE, MAC, 138, #1	16.00	16.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 100	22.00	22.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 125	18.00	19.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 138	18.00	19.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	19.00	19.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	21.00	21.00
POTATOES, RED, 50 LB, #1, SZ A	14.00	14.00
POTATOES, WHITE CHEF, 50 LB	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
TOMS, GHS, 25 LB, S-M	28.00	28.00
TOMS, GHS, ONVINE, 15 LB, S-M	24.00	24.00
TOMS, GHS, CHERRY, 10 LB	28.00	28.00

SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 88	32.00	32.00
APPLE, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 100	28.00	28.00
APPLE, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 125	26.00	26.00
APPLE, FUJI, PA, XFCY, 80	36.00	36.00
APPLE, FUJI, PA, XFCY, 88	36.00	36.00
APPLE, GALA, XFCY, 88	31.00	31.00
BROCCOLI, CTN, AZ/CA, 14'S	18.00	22.00
CABBAGE, GRN, FL, 50 LB	15.00	18.00
CABBAGE, RED, 50 LB, M/L	25.00	28.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	23.00	24.00
CAULIFLOWER, AZ/ CA, 12's	17.00	24.00
CUKE, LNG SDLS, CD, GHS, CTN	7.00	9.00
KALE, GA, CTN, BNCH, 12	14.00	16.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, AZ/CA, 24	20.00	22.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, AZ/CA, 24	16.00	20.00
LETTUCE, GRNLF, AZ, 24'S	17.00	18.00
MESCLUN MIX, AZ/CA, 3 LBS	6.50	8.00
MUSHROOM, SHITAKE, 3 LB CTN	14.00	16.00
ONION, GREEN LEEK, BNCH 12	24.00	26.00
ONION, YELLOW, 24-2 LB	18.00	20.00
ONION, RED GLOBE, NY, 24- 2 LB	22.00	24.00
POTATOES, RUSSETT, 50 LB, 70'S	22.00	24.50
SPINACH, FLAT, CA, BNCH, 24	24.00	26.00
SWEET POTATOE, NC, 40 LB CRT	20.00	20.00
SWISS CHARD, RED, CA, 24's	18.00	18.00

BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC

Price Range. Per unit.

CABBAGE, GRN, 45 LB CRT	30.00	30.00
CABBAGE, RED, 45 LB CRT	34.00	34.00
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	33.00	33.00
MESCLUN MIX, 3 LB, CRT	9.50	9.50
ONION, YELLOW, 50 LB, M/L	31.00	31.00
PEPPERS, RED, 11 LB, CRT	32.00	34.00
PEPPERS, YELLOW, 11 LB, CRT	32.00	32.00
PEPPERS, ORANGE, 11 LB, CRT	32.00	32.00
POTATOES, RUSSETT, 50 LB, 70'S	30.00	30.00
POTATOES, RED, 50 LB, #1, SZ A	28.00	28.00
SPINACH, BABY, 4 LB, CRT	13.50	13.50
SWEET POTATOES, 40 LB, CRT	36.00	36.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - April 8, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	15.00	20.00
61-75 lbs.	42.50	47.50
76-90 lbs.	57.50	65.00
91-105 lbs.	70.00	75.00
106 lbs. & up	82.50	140.00
Farm Calves	157.50	170.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	95.00	110.00
Feeder Heifers	70.00	90.00
Beef Heifers	65.00	68.00
Feeder Steers	72.50	115.00
Beef Steers	63.00	97.50
Feeder Bulls	70.00	90.00
Beef Bulls	72.00	140.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	1@	.01
Sows	30.00	33.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	122.50	152.50
Lambs each	100.00	207.50
Goats each	120.00	290.00
Kid Goats each	60.00	175.00
Canners	up to	57.50
Cutters	58.00	61.00
Utility Grade Cows	62.00	65.00
Rabbits each	6.00	37.50
Chickens each	7.00	27.50
Ducks each	8.00	25.00
Guinea Hens	12.00	18.00

DAIRY CATTLE

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

FRESH COWS		
APPROVED	800.00	1175.00
MEDIUM	400.00	725.00
BRED COWS		
APPROVED	900.00	1025.00
MEDIUM	650.00	675.00
SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):		
SUPREME	1100.00	1275.00
APPROVED	750.00	1000.00
MEDIUM	675.00	825.00
BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	825.00	975.00
SHORT BRED HEIFERS		
APPROVED	650.00	775.00
OPEN HEIFERS:		
300-600 lbs		
APPROVED	275.00	375.00
MEDIUM	150.00	250.00
600-900 lbs		
APPROVED	400.00	600.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. April 5, 2019

ALFALFA/GRASS		
SUPREME	425.00	455.00
GOOD	275.00	360.00
FAIR	200.00	240.00
GRASS HAYS		
PREMIUM	390.00	400.00
GOOD	270.00	350.00
FAIR	185.00	255.00
STRAW	260.00	340.00

*(continued from Page 1)***STEPS TO FOLLOW TO IMPORT POULTRY, HATCHING EGGS, ZOOLOGICAL OR PET-TYPE BIRDS:**

1. The buyer/importer prepares all the necessary information to obtain an import permit number which should include the following:
 - Connecticut destination: Complete name, street address (no PO boxes) and phone number;
 - Origin information: Complete name of individual, originating flock, hatchery or aviary, street address, state, zip code and phone number; and
 - Species, variety, type and number of each bird or hatching egg to be imported.
2. The buyer/importer contacts the Connecticut Department of Agriculture with all the necessary information to obtain an import permit number by:
 - Calling 860-713-2508 during business hours (M-F, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.),
 - Calling 860-713-2508 outside business hours and leaving a voice mail message, or
 - Sending an email to AGR.SVCS@ct.gov with all the necessary information.
3. Connecticut Department of Agriculture staff will issue an import permit number over the phone or by email and then the Poultry and Live Bird Importation Permit form will be sent by U.S. mail to the buyer/importer or by email if an email address is provided.
4. The buyer/importer returns the completed, signed and dated Poultry and Live Bird Importation Permit form within 48 hours of receiving the birds or hatching eggs with the actual numbers of each species/variety/type of bird or hatching egg received and a copy of the health certificate or the NPIP VS 9-3 form that came with the birds or hatching eggs.
5. The buyer/importer returns the completed Poultry and Live Bird Importation Permit form and copies of the health certificate or NPIP VS 9-3 form by:
 - Mail: Connecticut Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Regulatory Services
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 702
Hartford, CT 06103
 - Fax: 860-713-2515, or
 - Email: AGR.SVCS@ct.gov
6. The buyer/importer must keep all imported birds and all imported hatching eggs segregated (in quarantine) from other birds and hatching eggs. The buyer/importer may not sell or commingle any imported birds or imported hatching eggs with other birds or hatching eggs until the quarantine is released by the Department. If the Poultry and Live Bird Importation Permit form and supplied health certificates or NPIP VS 9-3 forms are in order, the quarantine will be released by the Department.

If there are any questions, please call 860-713-2508 or email AGR.SVCS@ct.gov

DEFEND THE FLOCK

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service invites you to follow the Defend the Flock campaign on social media. Go to https://twitter.com/Defend_theFlock or <https://www.facebook.com/defendtheflock/> to get daily tips and resources you can use to protect your commercial or backyard flock's health.

Or sign up to receive the Defend the Flock e-Newsletter. The first issue will launch in May 2019. Select "Defend the Flock e-Newsletter" under Veterinary Services at bit.ly/2UC7iLi.

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WANTED

6-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

LOOKING FOR A CT FARMERS' MARKET?

If you're a farmer in search of a Connecticut Farmers' Market, please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yykqo88>. Tell us what Connecticut Grown farm products you grow and what market days you're interested in and we'll share that information with Connecticut farmers' market managers. Please complete the online form by April 19, 2019.

AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is reminding pig producers and veterinarians of the signs and symptoms of a deadly swine disease that could dramatically impact the U.S. pig population.

African swine fever (ASF) is a highly contagious foreign animal disease that affects both domestic and feral (wild) pigs. It does not affect human health and cannot be transmitted from pigs to humans.

USDA accredited veterinarians can review and assess biosecurity plans if needed. Biosecurity training is essential for all farm workers and visitors to understand the significance of disease prevention in order to protect U.S. pigs.

Vigilance is also crucial to disease prevention and USDA wants all veterinarians and producers to recognize the signs and symptoms of ASF: High Fever, Decreased appetite and weakness, Red/blotchy skin lesions, Diarrhea & vomiting, Coughing, and Difficulty breathing.

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service urges anyone who suspects sick pigs to report it immediately to their veterinarian, or to State or Federal animal health officials. USDA's hotline to report foreign animal diseases is 1-866-536-7593.

Information on ASF and resources for partners, producers, and veterinarians is available at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/swine-disease-information/african-swine-fever>.

GMO EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

UConn Extension is offering two events regarding genetically engineered crops in April 2019.

A *GMO 2.0: Science, Society and the Future* panel presentation will be held Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union Theater, 2110 Hillside Road, Storrs, CT 06269.

UConn Extension will also offer a *GMOs: Answering Difficult Questions from your Customers* presentation specifically for farmers on Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Tolland County Extension Center, 24 Hyde Avenue, Vernon, CT 06066.

Both events are free, but registration is appreciated. To register go to <https://gmo.uconn.edu/events>.

ONE-ON-ONE AGRICULTURAL ADVISING SESSIONS

UConn Extension and the USDA Risk Management Agency are offering free One-on-One Agricultural Advising Sessions for Connecticut farmers.

Session topics include: Navigating Local Land Use and Taxation, Farm to School 101, Top 10 List for New & Beginning Farmers in CT, Protecting Financial Investments with Crop Insurance, Enhancing the Path of Farm Profitability & Growth, and many others. Sessions will be held:

- Saturday, April 13, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Tolland County Extension Center, 24 Hyde Avenue, Vernon CT.
- Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Wamogo Agri-Science Center, 98 Wamogo Road, Litchfield, CT.

To sign up for the sessions contact MacKenzie White at mackenzie.white@uconn.edu or 860-875-3331.

CT GROWN BUYER/GROWER NETWORKING EVENT

Are you looking to expand your wholesale markets? The Department of Agriculture will be hosting a Connecticut Grown buyer/grower networking event on Thursday, April 25, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Middlesex County Extension Center in Haddam, CT. This is your opportunity to discuss your business and products one-on-one with buyers looking for Connecticut Grown products or connect with new suppliers for your business.

To register go to <https://www.cognitofrms.com/CTDepartmentOfAgriculture1/buyergrowermeetingregistrationform>.

Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration must be completed by April 15, 2019. Call 860-713-2543 or email Erin.Windham@ct.gov for more information.

DOAG ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FARMERS' MARKET AT THE REGIONAL MARKET

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) is now accepting applications for the Farmers' Market at the Regional Market. The 2019 farmers' market season runs from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. Stall use agreements are available for periods of three months up to one year.

Applications and information can be found on DoAg's website at https://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/regional_market/2018/Farmers_Market_Application_2019.pdf. For more information or questions, please contact Erin Windham at 860-713-2543 or Erin.Windham@ct.gov.

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