

# Agricultural Report

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## CELEBRATE CONNECTICUT GROWN PRODUCTS DURING NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK

*Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation*

Connecticut will join other states across the country in celebrating National Farmers Market Week from August 4 to 10, 2019. Farmers' market week showcases the efforts of more than 110 farmers' markets in Connecticut and the important role they play in our food system and stimulating our local economy.

"Connecticut is home to over a hundred farmers' markets that offer our state's residents a wide variety of affordable nutritious, locally-grown produce," said Governor Ned Lamont. "An asset to Connecticut's agricultural economy, I encourage everyone to support their local farmers' market and enjoy the best of what our state has to offer."

This year marks the 20th anniversary of National Farmers Market Week.

"With over a hundred farmers' markets to visit and thousands of locally grown products to choose from, supporting your local farmers' market is a smart and easy way to help sustain and grow Connecticut's food economy and to ensure that seniors and low-income families continue to have access to healthy food sources," said Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz.

Farmers' markets are community-based events held on a regular basis, usually weekly, featuring Connecticut Grown farm products, agriculture and local food. Farmers' markets also play an important role in preserving farmland, strengthening the relationship between urban and rural communities and connecting consumers with the hard-working farm families who produce the food they eat.

"Farmers' markets are

crucial to increasing access to fresh, healthy food in our communities that need it most," said Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) Commissioner, Bryan P. Hurlburt. "They also provide opportunities for our new and beginning farmers to market their products while bridging the gap between consumers and producers of where our food comes from and how it's produced."

Millions of American families in low-income neighborhoods face a daily struggle to afford and access fresh fruits and vegetables. DoAg administers the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) which serves participants of Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) and seniors who are over the age of 60 and meet eligibility guidelines, with checks to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, cut herbs and honey (seniors only). Funding for the FMNP program is through both state and federal allocations totaling more than \$416,000 for WIC and more than \$423,000 for seniors.

Nearly 200 municipal and private senior services organizations enable FMNP to be available at over 350 distribution sites throughout Connecticut. In 2018, the WIC program provided 14,298 households, including nearly 34,000 children, access to fresh, nutritious Connecticut Grown fruits and vegetables. Through promotional efforts, WIC redemption rates have steadily increased, rising 8% since 2015. More than 26,000 seniors, or 63.5% of eligible participants, redeemed their checks at an authorized farmers' market, farm stand or mobile market.

Along with the FMNP pro-

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*Connecticut has more than 100 farmers' markets located throughout the state offering urban, suburban and rural residents access to fresh, local products.*

**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**  
Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.49	.69
LARGE	.43	.57
MEDIUM	.32	.45

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**  
Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.22	1.49
LARGE	1.05	1.39
MEDIUM	.77	.89
SMALL	.71	.79

**LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK**  
Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Choice 2-3	104.00	128.00
Select 2-3	125.00	134.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>		
Choice 2-3	105.00	110.00
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS</b> Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	64.00	68.50
boners 80-85% lean	61.00	68.50
lean 88-90% lean	48.00	55.50
<b>CALVES - Graded bull</b>		
No 1 100-105 lbs	85.00	100.00
No 2 90-95 lbs	45.00	85.00
No 2 100-105 lbs	50.00	85.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-98 lbs	210.00	230.00
100-146 lbs	210.00	245.00
Choice 1-2		
53-58 lbs	190.00	210.00
60-69 lbs	190.00	212.00
70-79 lbs	187.00	210.00
80-89 lbs	180.00	212.00
Choice 2-3		
90-99 lbs	185.00	210.00
100-145 lbs	175.00	210.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight</b>		
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1</b>		
50-58 lbs	155.00	205.00
60-65 lbs	200.00	250.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1</b>		
125-145 lbs	230.00	295.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1</b>		
115-145 lbs	315.00	375.00
150-165 lbs	375.00	420.00

**NEW ENGLAND FARMERS' MARKETS RETAIL PRICES**  
Price Range per unit W/E July 29, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
BEETS, per bunch	2.00	3.00
BLUEBERRIES, per pint	3.00	6.50
CABBAGE, each	2.50	3.00
CARROTS, per bunch	2.00	4.00
CUCUMBER, each	.50	2.00
GARLIC, per head	1.50	3.00
GREEN BEANS, per pint	2.50	5.00
HERBS, per bunch	1.00	3.00
KALE, per bunch	2.00	4.00
LETTUCE, per head	2.00	3.00
ONIONS, each	1.00	3.00
RADISHES, per bunch	2.00	3.00
SCALLIONS, per bunch	2.00	3.00
SQUASH, SUMMER, each	1.00	2.00
SQUASH, ZUCCHINI, each	1.00	2.50
TOMATOES, SLICERS, per lb	3.00	4.00
TOMATOES, CHERRY, per pint	2.50	5.25

**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	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88	31.00	32.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 125	18.00	19.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 138	18.00	19.00
BEANS, GREEN, 1 BU	18.00	20.00
BEANS, WAX, 1 BU	30.00	32.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12-1 PT	35.00	35.00
BROCCOLI, CROWN CUT, 20LB	17.00	18.00
CABBAGE, GRN, 50 LB	16.00	16.00
CABBAGE, RED, 50 LB, M/L	26.00	26.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, 40 LB	18.00	18.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	24.00	24.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	28.00	28.00
COLLARDS, CTN, 12S	13.00	16.00
CORN, BI-COLOR, 5 DZ	17.00	20.00
CUCUMBER, 1 1/9 BU, MED	13.00	13.00
EGGPLANT, GA, 1 1/9 BU, MED	14.00	15.00
KALE, CTN, BNCH, 12'S	13.00	15.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, 1 1/9 BU	60.00	60.00
PEAS, SUGAR SNAP, 10 LB	35.00	35.00
RADISHES, RED, BNCH 24S	13.00	14.00
RHUBARB, 20 LBS, CRT, L	34.00	35.00
SQUASH, BNUT, 1 1/9 BU, M	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, ZUCCHINI, 1/2 BU, S	8.00	13.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, 1/2 BU, S	12.00	16.00
TOMS, FIELD, 25 LB, L	20.00	20.00
TOMS, FIELD, 25 LB, M	18.00	18.00
TOMS, FIELD, 25 LB, S	14.00	14.00

**SHIPPED IN**  
Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, NY, XFCY, 64	31.00	31.00
APPLE, FUJI, NY, XFCY, 125	19.00	19.00
APPLE, JONAGOLD, NY, XFCY, 64S	24.00	24.00
BEETS, RED, NJ, BNCH 12S	16.00	18.00
BEETS, CHIOGGA, NJ, BNCH 12S	16.00	18.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 2 BU	25.00	26.00
CARROTS, CA, BNCH, 24S	20.00	24.00
LETTUCE, GRN LF, CA, 24S	18.00	25.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, CA, 24S	18.00	25.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	6.50	8.00
PEACHES, YELLOW, GA, 1/2 BU #1	22.00	26.00
PEPPER, GRN BELL, NJ, 1 1/9 BU	20.00	24.00
PEPPER, LONG HOTS, NJ, 1 1/9 BU	26.00	30.00
SWISS CHARD, MIXED, NJ, 12's	18.00	18.00

**BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC**  
Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, WA, XFCY, 80'S	35.00	35.00
CABBAGE, GRN, 45 LB CRT	26.00	26.00
CABBAGE, RED, 45 LB CRT	34.00	38.00
CARROTS, CA, 25 LB LOOSE	23.00	24.00
CUKE, LONG SEEDLESS, CRTN	14.00	16.00
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	25.00	25.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LB	9.50	10.00
PEACHES, CA, 2 LYR TRAY, 48'S	44.00	44.00
RASPBERRIES, CA, 6-12 OZ	30.00	33.00
SQUASH, ZUC, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, YEL, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**  
Middlefield, CT - August 5, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	10.00	12.00
61-75 lbs.	15.00	20.00
76-90 lbs.	24.00	27.50
91-105 lbs.	30.00	35.00
106 lbs. & up	42.50	47.50
Farm Calves	50.00	120.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	80.00	125.00
Feeder Heifers	65.00	75.00
Beef Heifers	78.00	82.50
Feeder Steers	70.00	97.50
Beef Steers	85.00	103.00
Feeder Bulls	62.50	130.00
Beef Bulls	68.00	77.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	1@	32.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	27.50	105.00
Sheep each	50.00	165.00
Lambs each	80.00	390.00
Goats each	145.00	300.00
Kid Goats each	150.00	270.00
Canners	up to	63.00
Cutters	64.00	69.00
Utility Grade Cows	70.00	75.00
Rabbits each	5.00	15.00
Chickens each	4.00	25.00
Ducks each	4.00	27.00
Turkeys	4.00	40.00

**DAIRY CATTLE**  
New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

<b>FRESH/MILKING COWS</b>		
APPROVED	900.00	1450.00
MEDIUM	550.00	800.00
<b>SPRINGER HEIFERS:</b>		
APPROVED	800.00	1300.00
MEDIUM	600.00	775.00
<b>OPEN HEIFERS</b>		
APPROVED	435.00	475.00
MEDIUM	260.00	475.00
<b>BRED HEIFERS</b>		
APPROVED	775.00	1075.00
MEDIUM	650.00	725.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT**  
Price per ton, small squares. August 5, 2019

<b>ALFALFA/ GRASS</b>		
PREMIUM	295.00	350.00
<b>GRASS HAYS</b>		
PREMIUM	330.00	330.00
GOOD	200.00	275.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**  
Per cwt.

<b>SLAUGHTER HOGS</b>		
<b>BARROWS AND GILTS</b>		
US 1-2 205-296 lbs	59.00	64.00
300-375 lbs	59.00	65.00
US 2-3 202-291 lbs	52.00	62.00
305-385 lbs	49.00	57.00
<b>SOWS</b>		
US 1-2 400-480 lbs	36.00	42.00
500-595 lbs	39.00	42.00



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gram, 35 farmers' markets are authorized to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, many of which offer doubling programs allowing recipients to purchase more fresh, local produce to keep their families healthy.



Downtown New Haven Farmers' Market in New Haven, CT.

As mid-summer approaches, Connecticut farmers are busy harvesting a wide array of fruits and vegetables as they near peak production. By purchasing direct from the farmer, consumers can be assured that 100% of their food dollar is going directly to their local producer, allowing them to build and grow a successful business.



Image courtesy of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service

Connecticut has 300 farmers certified to sell at the 108 authorized farmers' markets and farm stands located throughout the state. During National Farmers Market Week, many markets have planned special events.



Billings Forge Farmer's Market in Hartford, CT.

Locate a farmers' market near you and support Connecticut producers by visiting [www.CTgrown.gov/farmersmarkets](http://www.CTgrown.gov/farmersmarkets) and follow our Facebook page for updates and special events throughout the week.

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### INTERNATIONAL FARMING SCHOLARS AWARDS

Applications for the 2020 Nuffield International Farming Scholars awards are being accepted until September 30, 2019.

Nuffield International inspires people to make a difference in the world of agriculture by developing the individuals in agriculture who will shape the future of agriculture and our local and global communities. For more information go to <http://www.nuffieldinternational.org/scholarship.html>.

### UConn VEGETABLE IPM FIELD WORKSHOP

UConn Extension is offering a Vegetable IPM Field Workshop on Tuesday, August 13, 2019; 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The workshop will be held at the UConn Plant Science Research and Education Facility located at 59 Agronomy Road, Storrs, CT.

Classroom and farm field sessions will cover IPM basics and new ecologically-based pest management tactics being tested.

There is no cost to attend this workshop but registration by Aug. 11 is required. For registration go to <http://s.uconn.edu/veggieworkshopregistration> or call 860-486-0572.

Dress appropriately for walking to fields and spending some time outdoors. For additional information call 860-486-0572 or email [ana.legrand@uconn.edu](mailto:ana.legrand@uconn.edu).

### HEALTHY SOILS WORKSHOP

Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) will offer a Silvopasture & Agroforestry 101 workshop on Wednesday, August 14, 2019; 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Hidden Blossom Farm, 18 Old Barrows Road, Union, CT.

The workshop is part of Connecticut RC&D's Healthy Soils Initiative. In collaboration with partners, this workshop will focus on the basics of silvopasture and agroforestry. The day will include guest speakers, demonstrations, and field walks in rugged terrain. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Two CEU's from DEEP Forestry Division will be available for this event.

The registration fee is \$25 and lunch is included. For additional information and registration go to <https://ctracd.org/silvopasture-agroforestry-workshop>. For more information, please contact Amanda at [ajohnson@ctracd.org](mailto:ajohnson@ctracd.org) or call 860.345.3977 x100.

## HACCP FOR MEAT AND POULTRY PROCESSORS

UConn Extension is offering a three-day HACCP for Meat and Poultry Processors course, September 4-6, 2019 at the Homer Babbidge Library at the UConn Storrs Campus.

This three-day International HACCP Alliance approved Meat and Poultry HACCP course will provide participants with the information they need to prepare a HACCP food safety program and plan for a plant under USDA/FSIS Grant of Inspection.

Course dates and times (must be present for entire course): Wednesday, September 4 (registration at 8:30 a.m., start at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); Thursday, September 5 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); AND Friday, September 6 (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.).

The cost of registration is \$425 per person and covers program costs, parking, continental breakfast, breaks, and lunch. You must pre-register. Space is limited. Registration materials must be received by August 20, 2019. There will be no refunds after August 20, 2019.

The course will be held at UConn's Homer Babbidge Library, Room 1102, Level 1, Storrs, CT 06269.

For information regarding program and registration, please contact: Diane Wright Hirsch at [diane.hirsch@uconn.edu](mailto:diane.hirsch@uconn.edu) or 203-407-3163.

To register online, using a credit card for payment go to <https://uconnuecs.cvent.com/foodsafety2019> (this is preferred and easiest to administer).

This course is sponsored by the University of Connecticut College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension in cooperation with the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension.

## NRCS AMA APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 16, 2019

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is offering eligible producers another opportunity to sign-up for FY2019 program funding through the Agricultural Management Assistance Program.

AMA is a voluntary program that provides financial assistance to eligible agricultural producers to address issues such as water management, water quality, erosion control, and extending the growing season through use of a high tunnel.

Eligible crop production includes – but is not limited to – field-grown ornamentals, fruits, orchards, plant materials in greenhouses, row crops, vegetables, and vineyards. Each eligible conservation practice has a Practice Payment Rate based on regional costs of a typical installation of that practice.

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; however, to be eligible for FY2019 funding, applications must be received by your local NRCS office by August 16, 2019.

To find out more, fill out eligibility forms, or obtain an application, contact your local USDA Service Center: Danielson – 860-779-0557; Hamden – 203-287-8038; Norwich – 860-887-3604; Torrington – 860-626-8852; Windsor – 860-688-7725.

## UConn AGRICULTURE CERTIFICATE SURVEY

UConn Extension is developing agriculture certificates to enhance skill sets of farmers, farm employees, students, and others interested. We would like your input on which program certificates would be most useful to you. This survey should take approximately three minutes. Go to [https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0cAjhUkSSulEsvj](https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0cAjhUkSSulEsvj) to complete the survey.

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