

Agricultural Report

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FARM TRANSITION GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) is seeking applications for its 2019 Farm Transition Grant program. Applications are due Thursday, February 14, 2019.

Farm Transition Grants are awarded to farmers and agricultural cooperatives for activities such as diversifying existing farm operations, transitioning to value-added agricultural production and sales, and developing farmers' markets and other venues for the sale of Connecticut Grown products.

Awards are made as reimbursements of up to \$49,999, and must be matched by the recipient, who has one year to complete the approved project.

The purpose of the program is to strengthen the economic viability of Connecticut farmers and agricultural cooperatives.

The application process is competitive. Activities eligible for funding by the Farm Transition Grant must advance farming and agriculture. Priority will be given to the following project types:

- On-farm improvements to comply with the Produce Safety Rule of the Food Safety Modernization Act
- Meeting food safety requirements for advanced positioning in the marketplace.
- Strengthening infrastructure to meet changing climate conditions.
- Increasing year-round availability of Connecticut Grown products while enhancing farm viability.
- Diversification of existing farm operations into new and emerging crops and/or product lines.

DoAg will hold three information sessions for applicants to learn about the Farm Transition Grant application process and learn how to write a project plan.

One session will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association, 78 Beaver Road, Wethersfield, CT. The snow date for this session is Friday, February 1,

2019, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association. To register for this session contact Jaime Smith at Jaime.Smith@ct.gov or 860-713-2559.

The other two information sessions will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019, during the Annual Agricultural Re\$ource Fair at Auerfarm, 158 Auer Farm Rd, Bloomfield, CT. The first session will be held from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and the second session will be held from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

To register for either of the information sessions at Auerfarm go to <https://newfarms.uconn.edu/solidground/3rd-annual-agricultural-reource-fair> and register for free to attend the Agricultural Re\$ource Fair.

For additional information and application materials for the Farm Transition Grant go to www.CTGrown.gov/grants or contact Jaime Smith at Jaime.Smith@ct.gov or 860-713-2559.

Since 2006, Farm Transition Grants have been an important tool for many Connecticut farm families to invest in agricultural buildings, equipment, fencing, promotional projects, energy efficiency improvements, and a wide variety of other projects.

In 2018, Farm Transition Grants were awarded to 19 applicants for a total award of \$445,800 which leveraged \$1,682,493 in matching funds as part of the competitive matching grant program.

A few examples of farmers that have successfully completed 2018 Farm Transition Grant awards projects include Acer Gardens, Betsy's Farm Stand, Bussa Orchards, and Kowling Manor Farm.

Doug Bussa of Bussa Orchards in Glastonbury, CT, was awarded \$24,000 for a \$54,248 project to purchase a 24-foot Freightliner refrigerated truck for delivering produce to wholesale markets.

The project, which also includes



Bussa Orchards was awarded a 2018 Farm Transition Grant for purchase of a refrigerated truck to deliver produce to wholesale markets.

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.01	1.21
LARGE	.95	1.09
MEDIUM	.58	.71

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.85	1.95
LARGE	1.77	1.89
MEDIUM	1.25	1.35
SMALL	.84	.94

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Choice/Prime 3-4	112.00	115.00
Choice 2-3	105.00	111.00
Select 2-3	102.00	105.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
High/Prime 2-3	85.00	91.00
Choice 2-3	79.00	82.50
Select 1-2	76.00	78.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4 individual	104.00	109.00
Choice 2-3	101.00	104.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	49.00	52.50
boners 80-85% lean	43.00	49.50
lean 88-90% lean	36.00	42.50
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 82-120 lbs	70.00	95.00
No 2 85-110 lbs	55.00	70.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	180.00	235.00
110-130 lbs	165.00	210.00
130-150 lbs	165.00	192.00
150-200 lbs	162.00	167.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	105.00	125.00
120-160 lbs	100.00	130.00
160-200 lbs	95.00	120.00
200-300 lbs	80.00	90.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	135.00	160.00
60-80 lbs	165.00	190.00
80-100 lbs	180.00	215.00
100-120 lbs	200.00	225.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	185.00	210.00
130-180 lbs	215.00	255.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	245.00	260.00
150-250 lbs	275.00	350.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
52-56 200-300 lbs	51.00	69.00
300-350 lbs	55.00	62.00
48-52 200-300 lbs	38.00	52.00
300-350 lbs	35.00	51.00
Sows, US 1-3		
300-500 lbs	20.00	38.00
FEEDER PIGS: US 1-2		
20-30 lbs	100.00	100.00
40-50 lbs	90.00	100.00
FEEDER PIGS: US 2		
20-30 lbs	20.00	20.00
40-50 lbs	70.00	120.00

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, CRTLND, XFCY, 88	32.00	32.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, XFCY, 80	65.00	65.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, XFCY, 88	65.00	65.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, FCY, 72	65.00	65.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 80	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 100	26.00	26.00
APPLE, MAC, 125, #1	16.00	17.00
APPLE, MAC, 138, #1	16.00	17.00
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	9.00
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
SQUASH, DELICATA, 1/2 BU, L	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
TOMS, GHS, 25LBS, VINERIPPE, S-M	18.00	18.00
TOMS, GHS, ONVINE, 11LBS, S-M	28.00	28.00
TOMS, GHS, CHERRY, 10 LB	16.00	16.00

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	24.00	26.00
APPLE, FUJI, PA, XFCY, 80	36.00	36.00
APPLE, FUJI, PA, XFCY, 88	36.00	36.00
APPLE, GALA, PA, XFCY, 80	36.00	36.00
APPLE, GALA, PA, XFCY, 88	36.00	36.00
BRUSSEL SPROUTS, CA, 25 LB	34.00	40.00
CABBAGE, SVY, FL, 40 LB, M/L	18.00	24.00
CABBAGE, RED, FL, 50 LB, M/L	34.00	38.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	23.00	24.00
CUKE, LNG SDLS, CD, GHS, CTN	14.00	18.00
KALE, GA, CTN, BNCH, 12	24.00	28.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, GHS, CD, 12-4OZ	18.00	18.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, AZ/CA, 24	24.00	26.00
LETTUCE, GRNLF, AZ, 10 LB	23.00	26.00
MESCLUN MIX, AZ/CA, 3 LBS	6.50	8.00
MUSHROOM, SHITAKE, 3 LB CTN	11.00	13.00
ONION, YELLOW, NY, 50 LB, M	16.00	16.00
ONION, RED GLOBE, NY, 24-2 LB	20.00	21.00
PARSNIPS, MI, 20 LBS, M	24.00	30.00
SPINACH, FLAT, CA, BNCH, 24	28.00	28.00
SWEET POTATOE, NC, 40 LB CRT	20.00	20.00
TURNIP, PRPL TOP, 25 LB BAG	16.00	16.00

BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC

Price Range. Per unit.

CABBAGE, 45 LB, CRT, M-L	38.00	38.00
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	37.00	37.00
MESCLUN MIX, 3 LB, CRT	9.50	9.50
ONION, YELLOW, 50 LB, M/L	25.00	25.00
PEPPERS, RED, 11 LB, CRT	28.00	28.00
PEPPERS, YELLOW, 11 LB, CRT	26.00	28.00
PEPPERS, ORANGE, 11 LB, CRT	28.00	32.00
SPINACH, BABY, 4 LB, CRT	13.50	13.50
SQUASH, ACORN, BU, CRT, M	24.00	24.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, BU, CRT, M	25.00	25.00
SWEET POTATOES, 40 LB, CRT	36.00	36.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - January 21, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	10.00	22.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	35.00
76-90 lbs.	40.00	45.00
91-105 lbs.	50.00	65.00
106 lbs. & up	100.00	140.00
Farm Calves	160.00	165.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	77.50	100.00
Feeder Heifers	70.00	75.00
Beef Heifers	60.00	65.00
Feeder Steers	65.00	72.00
Beef Steers	68.00	72.00
Feeder Bulls	72.50	105.00
Beef Bulls	68.00	70.00
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	n/a	n/a
Lambs each	n/a	n/a
Goats each	200.00	250.00
Kid Goats each	1 @	230.00
Canners	up to	55.50
Cutters	56.00	60.00
Utility Grade Cows	61.00	65.00
Rabbits each	18.00	46.00
Chickens each	10.00	25.00
Ducks each	n/a	n/a

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. January 21, 2019

ALFALFA/GRASS		
SUPREME	435.00	510.00
PREMIUM	335.00	400.00
GOOD	240.00	340.00
GRASS HAYS		
PREMIUM	350.00	450.00
GOOD	240.00	350.00
FAIR	165.00	225.00
STRAW	240.00	280.00

DAIRY CATTLE

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

FRESH COWS		
SUPREME	1275.00	1325.00
APPROVED	850.00	1225.00
MEDIUM	525.00	800.00
SPRINGING COWS (7-9 MONTHS):		
APPROVED FEW	850.00	950.00
SHORT BRED COWS (1-3 MONTHS):		
APPROVED FEW	900.00	1175.00
SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	700.00	1025.00
MEDIUM	450.00	700.00
BRED HEIFERS (1-6 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	525.00	875.00
MEDIUM	625.00	675.00
SHORT BRED HEIFERS: (1-3 MONTHS)		
APPROVED	525.00	675.00
OPEN HEIFERS:		
200-600 lbs		
APPROVED	150.00	235.00
MEDIUM	110.00	135.00
600-900 lbs		
APPROVED	300.00	525.00
MEDIUM FEW	200.00	210.00

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wrapping the truck in the farm logo, helps Doug comply with the FSMA Produce Safety Rule (PSR).

The newer, larger refrigerated truck will also allow Bussa Orchards to expand and diversify into other wholesale markets.



Acer Gardens used a 2018 Farm Transition Grant to pay for a portion of a new greenhouse.

Bill and Sharon Harris of Acer Gardens were awarded \$45,000 to support a \$99,998 project to build a 30' x 96' hoop greenhouse for propagation, potting, and growing plants on their farm in Deep River, CT.

The project, which includes a new poured concrete floor, an automatic pot filler, automated roof vents, and rolling benches, will allow Acer Gardens to maximize selling space in their other seven hot houses and outdoor holding areas.

The Farm Transition Grant helped Acer Gardens to mechanize and become a more efficient nursery that will be able to produce larger quantities and more varieties of crops.



A 2018 Farm Transition Grant helped Koewing Manor Farm create a safe facility for beef sales.

Scott Ragaglia of Koewing Manor Farm in Harwinton, CT, was awarded \$6,500 for a \$17,156 project for modifications to an existing barn that creates a safe and secure facility for sale of their Scottish highland beef to the public. The project included new windows, doors, electric wiring, and a new concrete floor for the barn. The project also includes a new freezer for safe storage of processed meat for sale.

Betsy Molodich of Betsy's Farm Stand in Moosup, CT, was

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5-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 today at 203-444-6553.

11-R. Promix 3.8 CuFt For Sale. BX \$27.45, Biofungicide \$28.35, Picked Up NESEED East Hartford, CT. 860-724-1240

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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.

9-R. Used green house approximately 20 x 24 ft in good working condition. Please call 203-213-8833.



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SEEKS PROPERTY AGENT 1

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has an opening in its Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation for a Property Agent 1 to assist with farmland preservation, restoration, land owner/seeker linking, and related work.

Applicants must meet the minimum qualifications specified in the posting and must apply no later than January 24, 2019, through the State of Connecticut's employment portal.

Please see <https://www.jobapscloud.com/CT/sup/bulpreview.asp?R1=190102&R2=6585ES&R3=001> for more information and application instructions.

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awarded \$6,800 to help pay a portion of the \$13,765 cost associated with the purchase a new sprayer and potato planter.

The new 200-gallon sprayer provides Betsy with a more efficient way to spray fruits and vegetables and use less spray material.

The new potato planter is a more efficient way of planting potatoes that has enabled Betsy to plant more potatoes in 2018 than ever before.

Farm Transition Grant awards are funded through the Community Investment Act (CIA). Established through P.A. 05-228 and codified in C.G.S. Sec. 4-66aa – Sec. 4-66cc, CIA supports statewide initiatives in agricultural viability and sustainability, farmland preservation, open space protection, historic preservation, and affordable housing.

It also supports municipal capital improvement projects and costs associated with collecting fees.

CIA funds are generated through a fee for filing documents on municipal land records and are held separately from the state's General Fund.

NUTRITION'S ROLE IN SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION PRACTICES 2019 WORKSHOP SERIES

UConn Extension is offering a new workshop series on pasture management and infrastructure and the nutritional needs of livestock raised on pasture.

- Monday, February 11, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Snow Date: February 13, 2019). Improving existing pastures and

establishing new pasture. Topics include pasture plants, soil, existing pasture care, and reseeding new pasture.

- Monday, March 11, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Snow Date: March 13, 2019). Properly managing your existing pasture. Topics include grazing management, forage calculations, pasture design, and infrastructure.
- Monday, April 29, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Nutritional management of pasture raised animals Topics include pasturing versus confinement systems, nutritional challenges of raising animals on pasture, multi species grazing, and forage quality.

All workshops will be held in the training room at Farm Credit East, 240 South Road, Enfield, CT. To register for any or all of the workshops go to <https://goo.gl/forms/sFlqmM2oxieDkTdg2> or email jean.king@uconn.edu. For more information go to www.meatsystems.uconn.edu.

AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL REGISTRATION OPEN

The Connecticut Agricultural Information Council (CAIC) invites agricultural non-profits, agricultural producer associations, agricultural cooperatives, federal and state agricultural agencies, and Connecticut municipalities to register for Ag Day at the Capitol.

Ag Day will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the North Lobby and Hall of Flags at the Capitol in Hartford, CT. The snow date is March 21, 2019. Registration and payment is due by Thursday, March 1, 2019. To register go to <http://ctaginfocouncil.org/index.html>.



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