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CONNECTICUT FARMERS' MARKETS ARE OPEN FOR THE SEASON

Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation

Farmers' markets are regular, community-based events that celebrate local food, farm products, and agriculture while supporting local jobs and the local economy.

Many Connecticut farmers' markets are now open for the season and are offering a wide array of locally produced farm products including fresh Connecticut Grown strawberries, asparagus, salad greens, as well as vegetable and flowering plants.

Farmers' markets have been present in Connecticut since 1643 when the General Court of Connecticut established a public market at the Old State House in Hartford. This market is believed to be the first farmers' market in Connecticut.

George Hall Farm of Simsbury, CT will be attending the Old State House Farmers' Market this year.

"We are returning to the Old State House Farmers' Market after a 15-year absence," said Daren Hall of George Hall Farm. "Friday [June 21st] will be our first day, and we will have strawberries and greens."

Strawberries are the first fruit available in Connecticut and their arrival at farmers' markets signals the start of summer for many consumers.

Today, there are more than 100 farmers' markets spread throughout the state, providing Connecticut Grown farm products to thousands of customers from hundreds of farm families.

Connecticut consumers enjoy easy access to farm-fresh products at farmers' markets close to where they work and live. Each purchase is not only supporting Connecticut farmers but many other local businesses and the local economy as a whole.

Go to www.CTgrown.gov/FarmersMarkets for a list of farmers' markets in Connecticut.

Another driving force behind Connecticut farmers' markets are the supplemental food programs they offer.

More than 80% of Connecticut

farmers' markets participate in the two Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)s administered by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg)—the Connecticut Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) FMNP and the Connecticut Senior (S) FMNP.

Both programs provide low-income individuals with checks for the purchase of fresh Connecticut Grown produce and cut herbs directly from farmers at FMNP authorized farmers' markets from July 1 to October 31. Eligible seniors can also use their SFMNP checks to purchase Connecticut Grown honey at FMNP authorized farmers' markets as well.

"The Farmers' Market Nutrition Program is a vital component for access to healthy Connecticut Grown food for low-income families," said DoAg Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt. "The program has the additional benefit of increasing farmers access to consumers and supporting their businesses."

These nutrition programs were introduced to Connecticut farmers' markets in the late 1980s when Connecticut was chosen as one of 10 pilot states to offer the FMNP. The first year was a success, and the program has continued to grow in size and in popularity since.

DoAg collaborates with the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), local WIC offices, and more than 200 senior coordinating agencies for implementation of the two FMNPs.

The FMNPs benefit eligible seniors; pregnant women; breast-feeding women; non-breastfeeding post-partum women; infants ages 9 to 11 months old; and children 1 to 5 years old by providing a supplemental source of funding to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

The programs also promote agricultural diversification by stimulating the demand for fresh Connecticut Grown fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets.

Through a partnership with DPH, WIC FMNP funds are pro-

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The Old State House Farmers' Market, located at 800 Main Street, Hartford, CT, is open Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m., from June 18 to October 29, 2019.

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.74	.93
LARGE	.68	.82
MEDIUM	.40	.53

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.16	1.49
LARGE	1.06	1.39
MEDIUM	.78	.88
SMALL	.69	.79

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Choice and Prime 2-3	115.00	119.50
Select 2-3	100.00	112.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Choice 2-3	103.00	113.00
Select 2-3	89.00	107.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	52.50	68.00
boners 80-85% lean	49.50	66.00
lean 88-90% lean	38.00	61.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 100-108 lbs	65.00	125.00
No 2 80-89 lbs	40.00	80.00
No 2 110-118 lbs	65.00	110.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
80-84 lbs	190.00	205.00
90-99 lbs	195.00	210.00
100-135 lbs	180.00	205.00
Choice 1-2		
50-58 lbs	185.00	205.00
60-68 lbs	175.00	207.00
70-79 lbs	175.00	195.00
80-89 lbs	170.00	197.00
Choice 2-3		
90-98 lbs	175.00	192.00
100-140 lbs	165.00	185.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight		
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-49 lbs	135.00	165.00
50-59 lbs	170.00	185.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
100-149 lbs	185.00	210.00
150-180 lbs	210.00	260.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-149 lbs	225.00	250.00
150-199 lbs	260.00	305.00
200-249 lbs	300.00	350.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
BARROWS AND GILTS		
US 1 208-291 lbs	62.00	77.00
US 1-2 205-283 lbs	52.00	59.00
304-390 lbs	52.00	59.00
US 2-3 264-296 lbs	52.00	57.50
SOWS		
US 1-2 432-490 lbs	42.00	49.00
425-445 lbs	52.00	52.00
501-575 lbs	41.00	49.00
SOWS		
US 2-3 305-382 lbs	20.00	32.00

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, 72	28.00	32.00
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, 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
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	22.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	27.00	27.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB, LSE, M	28.00	36.00
PARSNIPS, 18 1-LB BAG, M	28.00	34.00
RHUBARB, 20 LBS, CRT, L	33.00	34.00
TOMS, GHS, 25 LB, S-M	22.00	22.00
TOMS, GHS, ON VINE, 11 LB	14.00	14.00
TOMS, GHS, CHERRY, 12 10-OZ	24.00	25.00

SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, NY, FCY, 125	19.00	19.00
APPLE, MAC, NY, 125, #1	18.00	18.00
BEETS, RED, NJ, 12S, BNCH	17.00	18.00
BEETS, GOLD, NJ, 12S, BNCH	22.00	22.00
BLACKBERRIES, GA, 12-6 OZ.	15.00	18.00
BLUEBERRIES, GA, 12-1 PT	26.00	27.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 2 BU	33.00	33.00
BROCCOLI, CTN, CA, 14'S	18.00	21.00
CABBAGE, GRN, NJ, 50 LB	22.00	25.00
CABBAGE, RED, NJ, 50 LB, M/L	32.00	35.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, GA, 40 LB, M/L	33.00	35.00
CABBAGE, NAPA, GA, 50 LB	24.00	25.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	22.00	24.00
CAULIFLOWER, CA, 12's	16.00	22.00
COLLARDS, NJ, 1 3/5 BU, 12'S	16.00	16.00
CUCUMBER, GA, 1 1/9 BU, MED	24.00	26.00
CUKE, PICKLES, GA, 150-200	36.00	40.00
EGGPLANT, GA, 1 1/9 BU, MED	16.00	18.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24'S	14.00	15.00
KALE, NJ, CTN, 1 3/5 BU, 12'S	18.00	18.00
KALE, TUSCAN, NJ, 1 3/5 BU, 12S	16.00	16.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, NJ, 24S	15.00	22.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, NJ, 24S	17.00	22.00
LETTUCE, GRNLF, NJ, 24S	17.00	22.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, NJ, 24S	17.00	22.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	6.50	8.00
MUSHROOM, SHITAKE, 3 LB	14.00	16.00
ONION, GREEN LEEK, CA, 12S	22.00	24.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ, CTN, 60'S	25.00	26.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, CTN, 60'S	24.00	26.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, NJ, 1 1/9 BU	60.00	60.00
RADISHES, NJ, CRT, BNCH, 24S	22.00	23.00
SPINACH, SAV, NJ, 1.3 BU, LSE	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, ZUC, NJ, 1/2 BU, S	14.00	20.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, GA, 1/2 BU, S	20.00	20.00
SWEET POTATOES, NC, 40 LB	28.00	32.00
SWISS CHARD, RED, CA, 24's	18.00	18.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - June 17, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	15.00	25.00
61-75 lbs.	60.00	65.00
76-90 lbs.	70.00	75.00
91-105 lbs.	85.00	145.00
106 lbs. & up	150.00	170.00
Farm Calves	200.00	210.00
Starter Calves	40.00	50.00
Veal Calves	100.00	180.00
Feeder Heifers	70.00	107.50
Beef Heifers	73.00	76.00
Feeder Steers	80.00	102.50
Beef Steers	90.00	105.00
Feeder Bulls	105.00	125.00
Beef Bulls	78.00	87.00
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	75.00	155.00
Lambs each	70.00	310.00
Goats each	125.00	330.00
Kid Goats each	55.00	125.00
Canners	up to	67.00
Cutters	68.00	72.00
Utility Grade Cows	73.00	77.00
Rabbits each	5.00	27.50
Chickens each	6.00	24.00
Ducks each	5.00	13.00
Pigeons each	4.00	18.00

DAIRY CATTLE

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

FRESH/MILKING COWS		
APPROVED	975.00	1350.00
MEDIUM	700.00	925.00
BRED HEIFERS:		
APPROVED	800.00	1200.00
SPRINGER HEIFERS:		
SUPREME	1200.00	1450.00
APPROVED	950.00	1200.00
OPEN HEIFERS		
APPROVED	400.00	960.00
MEDIUM	310.00	400.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. June 10, 2019

ALFALFA/ GRASS		
PREMIUM	330.00	400.00
GRASS HAYS		
GOOD	240.00	240.00
FAIR	165.00	200.00

BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC

Price Range. Per unit.

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
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	26.00	26.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LB	9.50	10.00
SQUASH, ZUC, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, YEL, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
STRAWBERRIES, CA, 8-1 LB	19.00	19.00
SWEET POTATOES, 40 LB	35.00	42.00

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vided to eligible individuals in the form of checkbooks. Each eligible recipient receives a book of five \$3 checks, per market season. Each eligible individual in a family can receive a booklet.

WIC FMNP is jointly funded by the State of Connecticut and the United States Department of Agriculture – Food and Nutrition Service (USDA-FNS)'s Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for WIC.



The Bridgeport South End Fresh Market is open Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., from June 19 to October 9, 2019. Photo courtesy of Karyn Leito Photography.

The SFMNP serves seniors who are at least 60 years of age with an annual income that does not exceed 185% of the poverty guidelines. DoAg has elected to serve disabled individuals under the age of 60 who live in housing where congregate nutrition services are offered as well. Connecticut SFMNP is funded through the USDA-FNS and the State of Connecticut.

Each eligible senior receives six \$3 checks, per market season, which can also be redeemed at authorized Connecticut farmers' markets. The checks are issued to elderly housing facilities, municipal social services, and elderly service nonprofits who have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with DoAg.

Checks are not distributed to individuals by DoAg. To find the most current list of SFMNP check distribution sites please go to www.CTgrown.gov/FMNP.



The Downtown New Haven Farmers' Market is open Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m., from June 26 to October 30, 2019.

Farmers at authorized farmers' market are certified to accept FMNP checks for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables only. To be eligible to accept FMNP checks, a Connecticut farmer must grow the majority of products the farm offers for sale at an authorized farmers' market. An individual engaged in the buying and reselling of farm products, who grows less than 50% of the items sold by the farm/business at an authorized farmers' market, is not eligible for FMNP certification.

For a list of farmers' markets that accept FMNP checks go to www.CTgrown.gov/FMNP.

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

33-R. Potting soil, Berger BM1. 5 pallets available, 3.8 cu ft bags. Dzen Brothers Farm 860-648-1355

35-R. Former garden shop and greenhouse, retail store, house, storage barn. 4 acres. Busy road Route 194. \$399,999. 860-648-9017

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

40. Wanted: retired mechanic needed for small orchard in Cheshire, CT. 2 gas tractors, 2 diesel tractors, and other equipment. Please call 203-213-8833

NRCS NATIONAL WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE

Applications for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) are due by June 21, 2019. Through the NWQI farmers can implement conservation practices within a local area to protect water bodies within selected watersheds. NRCS works closely with conservation partners and state water quality agencies to select watersheds where on-farm conservation can deliver the greatest benefits for clean water. Connecticut's priority watersheds are:

- Broad Brook, which covers 10,099 acres in north central Connecticut. Four municipalities are located in this watershed including East Windsor, Ellington, Somers, and Tolland. Contact the Windsor Service Center at (860) 688-7725 for more information.
- Little River Watershed, which covers 15,646 acres in the northeastern part of the state. There are multiple municipalities located at least partially in this watershed including Woodstock, Putnam, Pomfret, and Thompson. Contact the Danielson Service Center at (860) 779-0557 for more information.

The NWQI helps farmers implement voluntary conservation practices such as nutrient management, cover crops, conservation cropping systems, filter strips, terraces, and buffers which protect and improve water quality where it is needed most. These types of practices enhance agricultural productivity and profitability, while also improving water quality by enhancing soil health and optimizing the use of agricultural inputs.

HEMP PRODUCTION GROWERS MEETING

The UConn Extension will offer a Hemp Production Growers Meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the Tolland County Extension Center, 24 Hyde Avenue, Vernon, CT.

The meeting will include presentations by UConn and DoAg staff that cover the following topics: CBD hemp research update; Growing hemp in field; Growing hemp in controlled environment; Seed sources, dioecy, feminized seed, and pollen drift; Regulatory update; and Pre-harvest sampling and testing.

Registration is \$10 and includes a light dinner at 6:00 p.m., networking, and a mini-trade show. To register call 860-875-3331 or email mackenzie.white@uconn.edu by Monday June 24th. Checks should be check made payable to UConn and mailed to UConn Extension, 24 Hyde Ave., Vernon, CT 06066.

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

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

A field workshop will be held on Friday, July 19, 2019; 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon at the 4-H Education Center at Auerfarm; 158 Auer Farm Road, Bloomfield, CT. Topics include soil health, weed identification, and forage calculations. Speakers include Dr. Jatinder Aulakh, CAES; Jim Hyde, NRCS; and Dr. Wade Elmer, CAES.

For more information go to www.meatsystems.uconn.edu or email jean.king@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. The workshop will be held 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://ctrctd.org/silvopasture-agroforestry-workshop>. For more information, please contact Amanda at ajohnson@ctrctd.org or call 860.345.3977 x100.

CONTAINER PRODUCTION WORKSHOP

UConn is sponsoring a Water and Nutrient Management for Container Production Workshop on Thursday, July 11, 2019; 9:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT.

Attendees will learn how to properly monitor and use irrigation water and fertilizers in soilless media.

The early registration fee is \$40 per person. Online registration will end July 9, 2019. For more information call 860-626-6855 or go to <https://greenhouse.uconn.edu/workshop>.

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