

# Agricultural Report

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## FARMERS' MARKETS PROVIDE CONNECTICUT GROWN FARM PRODUCTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

*Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation*

Connecticut farmers' markets are a great place for shoppers to stock up on Connecticut Grown meat, produce, and other farm products for holiday celebrations.

There are several farmers' markets across the state that are open for just one day for holiday shopping. Most of these single-day farmers' markets are scheduled just before Thanksgiving and give shoppers a chance to get all the Connecticut Grown foods they need for their Thanksgiving and holiday feasts.

Some of these one-day holiday markets, like the town of [Bristol's Fall Festival Farmers' Market](#), are held outdoors. Others, including the [Avon Free Public Library's Indoor Farmers Market](#) and [Knox, Inc.'s Annual Harvest Market](#) are held indoors.

Patrick Doyle, Executive Director of Knox, Inc. said Knox's Harvest Market, which will be held Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the Knox greenhouse at 75 Laurel Street in Hartford, will be a good opportunity for holiday shoppers to stock up on Connecticut Grown produce, local cheese, baked goods, jams, chocolates, and Connecticut Grown meat.

"The Knox Harvest Market is a great opportunity to eat and shop local this holiday season, enjoy time together with friends and family, and learn more about Knox's work to promote wellness," said Patrick.

"The market also features the produce of Knox farmers, honey products harvested from our hives, and great live music. The entire family can enjoy the market, children's activities, and grab a lunch from vendors inside the greenhouse or from the Iron & Grain food truck."

Connecticut also has many farmers' markets that go beyond one-day holiday sales and stay open during the winter months. Most of these farmers' markets are indoors like the [Storrs Winter Farmers' Market](#) at the Mansfield Public Library and the [Coventry Winter Farm-](#)

[ers' Market](#) on Sundays in the Coventry High School Cafeteria.

The popular Connecticut Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program checks are not accepted at winter farmers' markets, some winter farmers' markets are authorized to accept federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funds. Some winter markets also offer SNAP doubling programs.

The [Ellington Winter Farmers' Market](#), the [Hartford Food System \(HFS\) Mobile Market](#), and three winter markets in New Haven accept SNAP and offer SNAP doubling.

The Ellington Winter Farmers' Market is held every other Saturday at the Indian Valley Family YMCA, in Ellington starting November 23, 2019.

"The Ellington Farmers' Market has administered a matching SNAP program successfully for four years," said Dianne Trueb of the Ellington Farmers Market. "One part of the mission of the Ellington Farmers Market is to ensure the availability of locally grown farm products to low-income families."

The HFS Mobile Market is back on the road again with a newer, smaller, green vehicle from November 12, 2019 to April 30, 2020. The mobile market runs five days a week, making

stops at seven locations throughout the capitol city. To view the HFS mobile market winter schedule go to <https://www.facebook.com/HartfordFoodSystem>.

In New Haven, the [Edge-wood Park market](#) and the [Wooster Square market](#) run by CitySeed, Inc. are traditional summer season farmers' markets that extended into the holiday season. All of CitySeed's markets accept SNAP and offer SNAP doubling.

In addition to providing a viable marketplace where farmers and vendors are able to sell



*The Harvest Market at Knox, Inc.'s Laurel Street greenhouse in Hartford.  
Photo courtesy of Knox, Inc.*

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in the off-season, [CitySeed's Winter Market](#) is a warm, welcoming community gathering place where shoppers meet up with friends and neighbors to celebrate local food during the cold winter months.



*CitySeed's winter farmers' market at the Metropolitan Business Academy in New Haven. Photo courtesy of CitySeed, Inc.*

"People are drawn to the market mostly to get fresh produce, meat, dairy and baked goods. SNAP customers can take advantage of our SNAP incentive doubling program to get up to \$10 for fruits and vegetables," said Erin Carey, director of markets for CitySeed, Inc. "We also try to have a different workshop or event happening at each market to help draw customers in, as well as kids activities, live music, prepared foods and value-added products."

For a listing of winter farmers' markets go to <https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/ADaRC/Publications/Farmers-Markets>.

Shoppers who want to enjoy Connecticut Grown meat for their holiday dinners but are not able to make it to a farmers' market can buy directly from some Connecticut farms. For a listing of Connecticut Grown meat producers that sell direct to customers go to <https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/ADaRC/Publications/CT-Grown-Meat-Producers>.

### CAES ANNOUNCES THE DISCOVERY OF A HIGHLY INVASIVE AND DAMAGING WEED IN CONNECTICUT

Scientists from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) have discovered a highly invasive and noxious species of pigweed in Connecticut. The weed, identified as Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*) is widespread and damaging in the southern US and can be toxic to livestock. It was found this fall in two pumpkin fields in East Windsor, CT. The weed is highly aggressive and can outcompete many crops, causing dramatic losses in yields. It has also been shown to be resistant to many of the commonly used herbicides used to control weeds in crops. Experiments are now under way to screen this population for herbicide resistance.

Growers are encouraged to report any new cases of its presence in Connecticut to The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. If you suspect Palmer amaranth on your property, please contact: Dr. Jatinder S. Aulakh, Assistant Weed Scientist. Email: [Jatinder.Aulakh@ct.gov](mailto:Jatinder.Aulakh@ct.gov) or phone 860-683-4984.



*A young Palmer amaranth plant (left). Photo source MN Dept. Ag. Palmer amaranth leaves often have white or purple, chevron-shaped water marks on the upper surface. Palmer amaranth in a field in Connecticut (right). Photo source J.S. Aulakh.*

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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80-R. Burlington, CT. Free 20+ pine logs 18"x4' Perfect for outdoor furnace, dry a year. Call 860-673-1025 or 203-509-4361

### AG JOB CONNECTION

81-R. New London is seeking a planner/manager for two farmers' markets. Market's July-October. 860-460-3385, Art [http://fog.newlondonfarmersmarket.com/?page\\_id=718](http://fog.newlondonfarmersmarket.com/?page_id=718)



**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.46	1.60
LARGE	1.43	1.57
MEDIUM	.95	1.08

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.69	1.79
LARGE	1.60	1.73
MEDIUM	1.17	1.31
SMALL	.69	.79

**LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Choice 2-3	110.00	146.00
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing</b>		
breakers 75-80% lean	49.00	55.00
boners 80-85% lean	50.00	56.00
lean 88-90% lean	41.00	47.50
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
101-140 lbs	180.00	217.00
Choice 1-2		
70-78 lbs	214.00	235.00
80-89 lbs	200.00	225.00
Choice 2-3		
90-99 lbs	190.00	215.00
100-130 lbs	167.00	207.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight</b>		
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1</b>		
40-49 lbs	130.00	145.00
50-59 lbs	145.00	160.00
60-69 lbs	150.00	170.00
70-79 lbs	165.00	180.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1</b>		
100-149 lbs	165.00	210.00
150-199 lbs	190.00	225.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1</b>		
100-149 lbs	230.00	275.00
150-199 lbs	270.00	310.00

**DAIRY CATTLE**

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

<b>FRESH/MILKING COWS</b>		
APPROVED	975.00	1475.00
MEDIUM	550.00	975.00
<b>BRED COWS</b>		
APPROVED	1000.00	1000.00
<b>SPRINGER COWS:</b>		
APPROVED	1025.00	1100.00
MEDIUM	525.00	900.00
<b>BRED HEIFERS</b>		
APPROVED	475.00	800.00
MEDIUM	225.00	500.00
<b>SPRINGER HEIFERS:</b>		
SUPREME	1150.00	1350.00
APPROVED	775.00	1200.00
MEDIUM	525.00	750.00
<b>OPEN HEIFERS</b>		
APPROVED	110.00	635.00
MEDIUM	100.00	450.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT**

Price per ton, small squares. November 18, 2019

<b>ALFALFA/ GRASS</b>		
SUPREME	510.00	510.00
PREMIUM	420.00	420.00
<b>GRASS HAYS</b>		
GOOD	300.00	330.00
FAIR	250.00	250.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices  
CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 80S	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88S	31.00	32.00
APPLE, RED DEL, USFCY, 125S	18.00	19.00
APPLE, RED DEL, USFCY, 138S	18.00	19.00
APPLE PEARS,CRTN,SHINKO,16S	16.00	16.00
APPLE PEARS,CRTN,SHINKO,18S	16.00	16.00
BEAN SPROUTS,10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BROCCOLI, CRTN, 14S	16.00	22.00
CABBAGE,GRN, 50 LB. SACKS	9.00	10.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GAL	20.00	20.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GAL	22.00	22.00
CRANBERRIES, 24- 12 OZ BAGS	27.00	29.00
CRANBERRIES, 25 LB CRTN	33.00	36.00
POTATO,RND RED,50LB,#1, SZB	17.00	19.00
POTATO,RND RED,50LB,#1, SZB	12.00	13.00
POTATOES,RUSSET,50LB,#1,70S	20.00	21.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, 1/2 BU	19.00	25.00
SQUASH, ACORN,1-1/9, M	14.00	18.00
SQUASH, BNUT,1 1/9 BU, M	14.00	18.00
SQUASH, BCUP,1 1/9 BU, M	14.00	18.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI,1-1/9, M	14.00	18.00

**SHIPPED IN**

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE,FUJI, NY,XFCY,64S	31.00	31.00
APPLE,FUJI, NY,FCY, 125S	19.00	19.00
APPLE,GNGR GLD,NY,XFCY,64S	32.00	32.00
APPLE,GNGR GLD,NY,XFCY,80S	32.00	32.00
APPLE,GNGR GLD,NY,XFCY,88S	32.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, NY,US ONE, 125S	18.00	18.00
APPLE, PAULA RED, XFCY, 80S	32.00	32.00
APPLE, PAULA RED, XFCY, 100S	26.00	28.00
BEETS, RED,CND, 12S, BNCH	16.00	20.00
BEETS, GOLD, CND,12S, BNCH	14.00	15.00
BRUSSEL SPROUTS,AZ/CA,25 LB	32.00	35.00
CABBAGE, GRN, NY, 50 LB	11.00	12.00
CABBAGE, NAPPA, NJ, 10-12'S	15.00	22.00
CABBAGE, RED,NY, 50 LB, M/L	13.00	15.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, CND, 40 LB	15.00	18.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	20.00	23.00
CAULIFLOWER, AZ/CA,CRT, 12S	30.00	36.00
COLLARDS,GA, CRTN, 12S	13.00	15.00
ESCAROLE, GA,1 1/9 BU	14.00	18.00
KALE,GA, CRTN, BNCH, 12'S	13.00	16.00
KOHLRABI, CRTN, BNCH, 12'S	18.00	20.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3LB CRTN	6.50	7.00
MUSHROOM,OYSTER,5 LB CRTN	18.00	20.00
ONION, GREEN LEEK,CA, 12S	20.00	28.00
ONION, RED GLOBE, NY,25 LB	10.00	11.00
ONION, YELLOW, NY, 50 LBS	13.00	13.00
PARSLEY,PLAIN,NJ,CRTN, 60S	18.00	22.00
PARSNIPS,MI, 20 LB BAG, LOOSE	26.00	26.00
RUTABAGA,CND, 50 LB SACKS	26.00	26.00
SPINACH,SAVOY,BU,24S	22.00	26.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, PA,1-1/9,M	20.00	22.00
SWEET POTATOES, NC, 40 LB	26.00	28.00
SWT POTATOES,NJ,WHT,20 LB	25.00	25.00
TURNIPS,MI,PRPL TOP, 25 LB	12.00	18.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - November 18, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	n/a	n/a
61-75 lbs.	8.00	10.00
76-90 lbs.	12.50	15.00
91-105 lbs.	20.00	25.00
106 lbs. & up	30.00	45.00
Farm Calves	n/a	n/a
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	70.00	155.00
Feeder Heifers	65.00	120.00
Beef Heifers	63.00	78.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	132.50
Beef Steers	70.00	94.00
Feeder Bulls	65.00	85.00
Beef Bulls	60.00	75.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	20.00	25.00
Butcher Hogs	60.00	87.50
Feeder Pigs each	25.00	75.00
Sheep each	50.00	115.00
Lambs each	70.00	190.00
Goats each	95.00	265.00
Kid Goats each	55.00	175.00
Canners	up to	55.00
Cutters	56.00	59.00
Utility Grade Cows	60.00	63.00
Rabbits each	5.00	20.00
Chickens each	4.00	17.00
Ducks each	5.00	11.00
Turkeys each	13.00	17.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Per cwt.

<b>SLAUGHTER HOGS</b>		
<b>BARROWS AND GILTS</b>		
US 1 250-289 lbs	61.00	63.00
US 1-2 233-294 lbs	54.00	64.00
US 1-2 300-360 lbs	50.00	62.00
US 2-3 215-299 lbs	45.00	60.00
US 2-3 301-385 lbs	44.00	60.00
<b>SOWS</b>		
US 1-2 425-480 lbs	40.00	45.00
US 1-2 519-533 lbs	37.00	44.50

**BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC**

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, WA, XFCY, 80'S	35.00	35.00
APPLE, GALA,TRAY PK,100'S	38.00	38.00
CABBAGE,GRN, 45 LB CRT	23.00	23.00
CABBAGE,RED, 45 LB CRT	31.00	31.00
CARROTS, CA, 25 LB LOOSE	23.00	24.00
GARLIC, 30 LB CRTN	75.00	75.00
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	25.00	25.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LB	6.50	10.00
MUSHROOMS, WHITE,12-8OZ	17.00	17.00
ONION, RED GLOBE, 50 LB	30.00	30.00
PEARS, BARTLETT, 4/5 BU	36.00	36.00
PEARS, BOSCH,4/5 BU	36.00	36.00
POTATO,RND RED,50LB,70S	34.00	34.00
POTATO,RUSSET,50LB,,70S	38.00	38.00
SWEET POTATOES,#1, 40 LB	37.00	43.00

## CONNECTICUT AG WELLNESS SUMMIT

UConn Extension is hosting the Connecticut Ag Wellness Summit on December 5, 2019 at Maneeley's Conference Center 65 Rye Street, South Windsor, CT. This event is a follow up to UConn Extension's Farmer Stress Support Training that was held for Connecticut Ag Service Providers in May 2019.

The event includes presentations, networking, and lunch. A voluntary QPR (Question. Persuade. Refer.) training will be offered from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. QPR is a nationally recognized program designed to train individuals in suicide intervention to help save a life. You will need to register for this session in addition to the main program. It will be first come, first serve.

This free event is for farmers, producers, and ag service providers, including veterinarians in Connecticut. Space is limited. Please RSVP to [mackenzie.white@uconn.edu](mailto:mackenzie.white@uconn.edu) or 860-875-3331 by November 26, 2019. For more information go to <http://s.uconn.edu/farmstress>.

## UConn Extension Offers Hydroponics Webinar Series

UConn Extension is offering a four-part webinar series on nutrient management and root health in hydroponically-grown leafy greens. The webinars are scheduled for December 2-6, 2019, 12:00 noon - 1 p.m. Each webinar will be 30 minutes plus 10 minutes for Q&A. Topics in the webinar will include basic and advanced nutrient management, diagnosis and control of root pathogens, and system design for a closed irrigation system in hydroponics. Registration is free. For more information, go to <https://greenhouse.uconn.edu/webinars>.

## HEMP PRODUCER LISTENING SESSIONS

Topics will include: Information from the 2019 Growing Season, New USDA Hemp Regulations, CT Agriculture Experiment Station research, and Q&A with DoAg staff.

- Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
UConn Avery Point Campus Auditorium, Groton, CT
  - Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
CT Agricultural Experiment Station Auditorium, New Haven, CT
  - Thursday, December 5, 2019, 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
Litchfield County Extension Center Meeting Room, Torrington, CT
  - Thursday, December 12, 2019, 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
UConn Storrs, WB Young Building Room 101, Storrs, CT
- Growers, Processors, and Manufacturers are encouraged to attend. Great networking opportunity! Please RSVP to: [AGR.Hemp@ct.gov](mailto:AGR.Hemp@ct.gov); 860-713-2502. [www.CTGrown.gov/hemp](http://www.CTGrown.gov/hemp).

## NEW ENGLAND VEGETABLE & FRUIT CONFERENCE

Registration is now open for the 2019 New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference. This conference will take place in Manchester, NH on December 10-12, 2019. The New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference and Trade Show includes more than 25 educational sessions over 3 days, covering major vegetable, berry and tree fruit crops as well as various special topics. A Farmer to Farmer meeting after each morning and afternoon session will bring speakers and farmers together for informal, in-depth discussion on certain issues. Early Bird registration ends November 29. Go to <https://newenglandvfc.org/registration> to register online.

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