# Agricultural Report

Connecticut Department of Agriculture Ned Lamont, Governor Bryan P. Hurlburt, Commissioner



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#### THE EMERGENT GRAIN INDUSTRY IN CONNECTICUT

Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation

available.

"Happy Farmer, Happy Harvester, Happy Wheat, Happy Baker. Many hands. Can't wait to make this into bread." reads the Instagram caption of CT harvested wheat posted by Charlie Negaro Jr. of Atticus Bookstore Café and Chabaso Bakery in New Haven, CT.

In 2016, Charlie took over Atticus Bookstore Café and launched a bread program focused on regional grains dedicated to seeking out and working with Connecticut farmers to increase wheat production in the state.

"This is all part of our path to remove commodity white flour from Atticus in 2020 and replace it with regional grain varietals that are chosen for taste and nutrition – and support the development of a regional grain economy along the way."

Charlie has partnered with Connecticut farmers like Andy D'Appollonio of Still River Farm in Coventry, and the Bass family in Scotland to source locally grown grains.

"I have planted double the crops this year and will increase crop production even more next year," said Andy. "Word has spread that quality wheat is available locally and I have requests from bakeries I am unable to fill."

In 2016, Still River Farm was awarded a Farm Transition

Grant by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) for equipment used in the mechanization of grain harvesting and storage processes. Equipment included a grain dryer, rotary grain cleaner, and two gravity wagons for transport of grain from the field to farm site.

Andy currently sells grain to two coops, one farm stand, one restaurant supplier, one bakery, and private consumers who buy in fifty pound quantities.

"I have experienced enough interest and requests for small grains from not only Connecticut, but consumers in Massachusetts, bakeries in New York and Rhode Island, and mills in Rhode Island and in Pennsylvania that provide a strong indication that small grains would prosper in our state," said Andy.

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Charlie is supporting Andy's predictions. In addition to Atticus Bookstore Café's desire to remove all commodity white flour, Chabaso Bakery plans to shift a percentage of the 15,000 - 20,000 pounds of flour used each day to Connecticut Grown and regionally produced flour as the supply becomes

Charlie feels so strongly about sourcing grains locally and developing the regional grain industry, he was the catalyst for organizing the Northeast Grain Gab (GrainGab.com) at Yale's West Campus earlier this week.

Grain producers, chefs and bakers, malt houses, brewers, and industry service providers from New England and New York gathered to discuss growing the regional grain industry. Panels were held for each New England state (excluding Rhode Island and New Hampshire) and New York.

While some states like Maine have embraced regional grain production for years, Connecticut is ready and willing to catch up. The list of needs to establish a thriving grain industry in Connecticut is still a bit long, yet brewers, malt houses, and bakeries are sourcing whatever is available.

Spencer Thrall, with Thrall Family Farm, has recently

opened a malt house, Thrall Family Malt, and planted barley, wheat, and rye to name a few, to produce his malt in Windsor, CT. The malt house provides malt for a number of local breweries, including Kent Falls Brewing Company.

In an effort to keep the conversation going after the Northeast Grain Gab, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture is encouraging anyone growing grains or interested in growing grains intended for milling and/or malting to connect with us. Please email Jaime.Smith@ct.gov, to link up with other grain growers and for information on how the agency can be supportive of this emerging industry.

Information and presentations from the Northeast Grain Gab can be found online at https://www.graingab.com.



Glenn Spring Wheat harvest in Scotland, CT. Photo courtesy of Atticus Bookstore Café.

#### NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers) XTRA LARGE .91 LARGE .74 **MEDIUM** .60 47 **NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS** Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range) 1.75 XTRA LARGE 1.60 LARGE 1.42 1.56 **MEDIUM** .95 1.09 SMALL .69 .79 LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted SLAUGHTER STEERS 103.00 107.50 Choice 2-3 Select 2-3 96.00 106.00 SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing breakers 75-80% lean 53.00 59 00 boners 80-85% lean 55.00 48.00 lean 88-90% lean 39.00 46.00 SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Wooled & Shorn Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3 91-98 lbs 205.00 230.00 105-124 lbs 182.00 200.00 Choice 1-2 60-67 lbs 175.00 210.00 70-78 lbs 170.00 195.00 80-89 lbs 160.00 197.00 Choice 2-3 90-99 167.00 202.00 lbs 100-135 lbs 165.00 200.00 SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1 40-45 lbs 115.00 140.00 70-75 lbs 160.00 170.00 90-95 lbs 160.00 210.00 SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1 100-140 lbs 210.00 235.00 150-160 lbs 215.00 250.00 SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1 100-145 lbs 190.00 265.00 150-195 lbs 245.00 360.00 **DAIRY CATTLE** New Holland, PA. Price per animal. FRESH/MILKING COWS 1100.00 1400.00 **APPROVED MEDIUM** 700.00 1000.00 **BRED COWS** 800.00 1300.00 **APPROVED** SPRINGER COWS: **APPROVED** 850.00 1100.00 **BRED HEIFERS** APPROVED 575.00 1075.00 **MEDIUM** 500.00 675.00 SPRINGER HEIFERS: **APPROVED** 925.00 1225.00 **OPEN HEIFERS APPROVED** 500.00 600.00 **NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION** Per cwt. SLAUGHTER HOGS BARROWS AND GILTS US 1-2 90-97 lbs 70.00 92.00 US 1-2 101-198 lbs 72.00 42.00 US 1-2 205-288 lbs 46.00 55.00 SOWS US 1-2 312-390 lbs 48.00 50.00 US 1-2 415-422 lbs 26.00 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, 80 S	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88S	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 100S	26.00	26.00
APPLE, PAULA RED, XFCY, 80S	32.00	32.00
APPLE, PAULA RED, XFCY, 100S	26.00	28.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 138	18.00	19.00
BEANS, ROUND GREEN,1 BU	16.00	18.00
BEANS, CRANBERRY,1 BU	40.00	45.00
BEANS, WAX,1 BU	24.00	26.00
BEAN SPROUTS,10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BROCCOLI, CRTN, 14S	15.00	20.00
CAULIFLOWER, CRT, 9S	16.00	16.00
CAULIFLOWER, CRT, 12S	18.00	18.00
CIDER, 4–1 GALLON	20.00	20.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	22.00	22.00
CORN, BI-COLOR, 5 DZ	10.00	13.00
CORN, ORN, INDIAN, 20-3S	40.00	50.00
CORN, ORN, INDIAN, MINI, BU	25.00	25.00
CORN STALKS, 36" BIN, 25S	125.00	
EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 BU, MED	9.00	13.00
GOURDS, ORN, 1/2 BU	21.00	24.00
POTATOES, RUSSET, #1, 70S	19.00	23.00
PUMPKIN, HRLM MIX, 24" BIN	285.00	
PUMPKIN, WHITE, 24" BIN	285.00	
PUMPKIN, MINI, 1/2 BU	18.00 13.00	20.00 15.00
RADISHES,RED, BNCH 24S 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
TOMS, VINE RIPE, FIELD 20 LB	12.00	13.00
TOMS, VINE RIPE, FIELD 20 LB	18.00	18.00
TOMS, VINE RIPES, 25 LB, 3-W TOMS, CHERRY, 12– 10 OZ	24.00	25.00
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#### SHIPPED IN

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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
BEETS, RED, NJ, 12S, BNCH	16.00	18.00
BEETS, GOLD, CND,12S, BNCH	20.00	20.00
CABBAGE, GRN, NY, 50 LB	8.00	10.00
CABBAGE, NAPPA, NJ, 10-12'S	18.00	22.00
CABBAGE, RED, CND, 50 LB, M/L	. 16.00	22.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, CND, 40 LB	16.00	18.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	20.00	23.00
COLLARDS,GA, CRTN, 12S	14.00	14.00
CUCUMBER, NY,1 1/9 BU	14.00	17.00
CUCUMBER, PICKLE, NJ,1 1/9 BL	J 26.00	30.00
KALE,GA, CTN, BNCH, 12'S	13.00	15.00
ONION, RED GLOBE, ID/OR,25 LE	311.00	12.00
ONION, YELLOW SPANISH, 25 LE	3 13.00	14.00
PARSNIPS,MI, 20 LB BAG, LOOSI	E30.00	30.00
PEPPERS, POBLANO NJ, BU	20.00	28.00
PUMPKIN, HOWDEN, PA, 36" BIN	185.00	250.00
PUMPKIN, PIE,PA, 24" BIN, M	185.00	200.00
PUMPKIN, PIE,PA, 36" BIN, M	240.00	300.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, PA,1-1/9,M	20.00	22.00
SWEET POTATOES, NC, 40 LB	26.00	28.00
SWT POTATOES,NC,WHT,20 LB	25.00	25.00
TURNIPS,GA,PRPL TOP,25 LB	14.00	18.00

#### MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION Middlefield, CT - October 7, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	5.00	7.00
61-75 lbs.	8.00	10.00
76-90 lbs.	15.00	17.00
91-105 lbs.	17.50	30.00
106 lbs. & up	35.00	40.00
Farm Calves	1@	95.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	70.00	130.00
Feeder Heifers	60.00	130.00
Beef Heifers	59.50	101.50
Feeder Steers	122.50	132.50
Beef Steers	102.50	104.00
Feeder Bulls	75.00	100.00
Beef Bulls	66.50	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	64.00	72.50
Feeder Pigs each	25.00	45.00
Sheep each	55.00	107.00
Lambs each	105.00	250.00
Goats each	120.00	345.00
Kid Goats each	55.00	215.00
Canners	up to	52.00
Cutters	53.00	56.00
Utility Grade Cows	57.00	60.00
Rabbits each	5.00	20.00
Chickens each	5.00	17.00
Ducks each	4.00	18.00

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Middlesex Auction will be **OPEN**Monday, October 14, 2019\*\*

#### NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT Price per ton, small squares. October 7, 2019

ALFALFA/ GRASS
PREMIUM 350.00 410.00

PREMIUM	350.00	410.00
GRASS HAYS		
PREMIUM	385.00	385.00
GOOD	250.00	290.00

#### **BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC**

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, WA, XFCY, 80'S 35.00 35.00 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 CUKE.LONG SEEDLESS.CRT 18.00 18.00 GINGER ROOT, 30 LB CRTN 42.00 42.00 KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT 25.00 25.00 MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LB 9.50 10.00 PEARS, BARTLETT, 4/5 BU 36.00 36.00 PEARS, BOSC,4/5 BU 36.00 36.00 PEPPER, RED BELL, 11LB, XL 30.00 30.00 PEPPER, YEL BELL, 11LB, XL 30.00 30.00 PEPPER, ORA BELL, 11LB, XL 32.00 32.00 PEPPER, GRN BELL,1 1/9BU, XL 27.00 27 00 SPINACH, BABY, 4 LB 13.50 13.50 SQUASH, ZUC, 1/2 BU, S-M 19.00 19.00 SQUASH, YEL, 1/2 BU, S-M 19.00 19.00 SWEET POTATOES,#1, 40 LB 37.00 43.00 TOMATOES, GRAPE, 12-1 PT14.00 14.00

#### 2019 UCONN BEEF AUCTION

The UConn Department of Animal Science will hold the 2019 UConn Beef Auction on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the UConn Cattle Resource Unit (Heifer Barn), Horsebarn Hill Road, Storrs CT 06269. The event is free and open to the general public. Preview of animals begins at 10 a.m., the auction will be held at 12:00 noon. Donuts/coffee and pizza will be available for purchase. Approximately 25 UConn animals are expected to be auctioned and may include Angus and Hereford heifers, steers, bulls and pregnant cows. The auction does not accept consignments. For more information go to http://animalscience.uconn.edu/beef/beefCalfSale.php#. For additional information contact Mary Margaret Cole, at Mary Margaret.Cole@uconn.edu.

### CT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FARM TO SCHOOL TOURS

The Department of Agriculture invites Food Service Personnel and those interested in Farm-to-School to join on Thursday, October 17, 2019. These tours are designed for school nutrition professionals and school administrators interested in expanding their use of local foods in school meals as well as others who would like to learn more about Farm-to-School in Connecticut. Transportation will be provided from Windsor, CT and we will visit Oakridge Dairy in Ellington, CT and Easy Pickins Orchard in Enfield, CT. For more information or to register, please call Erin Windham at 860-713-2543 or Erin.Windham@ct.gov.

#### **CONNECTICUT AG WELLNESS SUMMIT**

Save the date for the upcoming Connecticut Ag Wellness Summit on December 5, 2019 at Maneeley's Conference Center in 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. This upcoming event will be for farmers, producers, and agricultural providers in Connecticut. There will be limited space. Stay tuned for more details. For more information go to http://s.uconn.edu/farmstress.

#### HACCP FOR MEAT AND POULTRY PROCESSORS

UConn Extension is offering a three-day HACCP for Meat and Poultry Processors course, November 13-15, 2019 at the Hartford County Extension Center, Farmington, CT.

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, November 13 (registration at 8:30 a.m., start at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); Thursday, November 14 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); AND Friday, November 15 (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. Registration materials must be received by November 1, 2019. The course will be held at the Hartford County Extension Center, Exchange Building, Building 4 - Suite 262, 270 Farmington Ave Farmington, CT, 06032

For information regarding program and registration, please contact: Diane Wright Hirsch at diane.hirsch@uconn.edu or 203-407-3163. To register online, using a credit card for payment go to <a href="https://uconnuecs.cvent.com/foodsafety2019">https://uconnuecs.cvent.com/foodsafety2019</a> (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.

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- 71-R. Lynn Blackmer, Nationwide Farm Master Certified Agent, Woodstock, CT. Any type of farm-large or small, hobby or commercial. Discounts for being CFBA member for those who qualify. Cell: 860-377-8947. Early morning, during day, evening or weekend appointments available
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#### WANTED

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- 74. Running Gator wanted. Reasonable priced. Call leave message 203-259-0380. Will call back

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#### **BENJAMIN PAUL MARCH MEMORIAL**

Benjamin Paul March of March Farm in Bethlehem passed away unexpectedly this past weekend doing what he loved. Ben was born on June 18th, 1980 at Charlotte Hungerford

Hospital. He attended Holy Cross High School where he played football for the Crusaders and then went onto Western Connecticut State University where he also played football. After a short stint in the corporate world Ben decided to return to the family farm where helped his family expand the business to what it is today - a thriving agri-tourism destination. When Ben wasn't working he loved spending time with family and friends, playing volleyball, competing in Spartan races, watching football, reading and travelling. Ben was a funloving father and Uncle, was often found entertaining the farm



kids. Ben was an amazing, gentle and loving man that touched the lives of everyone he came into contact with. Ben leaves behind his wife Larissa, daughter Lola, his parents Thomas and Susan, his siblings Tommy, Heather, and Emily and their spouses, his grandmother Charlotte Collett, his Uncle

Bill Collett, and cousin Shane Collett. He also leaves behind a large extended family including fifteen nieces and nephews, and a large community of friends and neighbors.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to a fund being established in his daughters name. Donations can be made to Lola Z. March, and mailed to Thomastan Savings Bank, 73 Main St. S., Bethlehem, CT. 06751.

#### **FARM VIABILITY GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 12**

Grant guidelines and applications for the Department of Agriculture's Farm Viability Grant program are available online and must be submitted by November 12. Grant guidelines and forms can be found at <a href="https://www.ctgrants.com/www.ctgrants">www.ctgrants</a>.

The Farm Viability Grant can provide matching funds to Connecticut municipalities, groups of municipalities, regional councils of governments, and/or agricultural non-profit organizations for projects that foster agricultural viability.

The maximum award under this program is \$49,999. Applicants must provide a 40% match through cash or in-kind services. Previously funded projects have included town-owned farm improvements, efforts related to farmland preservation, marketing and promotion for Certified CT Grown farmers' markets, and a host of other efforts that foster agriculture viability.

A workshop for new applicants on how to write a project plan and apply for the grant will be held on October 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association meeting room, 78 Beaver Road in Wethersfield. RSVP's are not required.



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