

Agricultural Report

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BIG E PREVIEW

Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation

The Big E is not just the largest fair in the Northeast offering entertainment, exhibits, fair foods, and rides. It's also an important opportunity for Connecticut agricultural producers to showcase their products to a wide audience of fairgoers and potential customers.

The Big E is an annual event that begins the second Friday after Labor Day and runs for 17 days. This year's fair is from September 13-29, 2019 at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA. Last year The Big E attracted 1,543,470 visitors.

This year, The Big E's Connecticut Day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th. To celebrate Connecticut Day, DoAg's Bureau of Aquaculture will be offering freshly shucked Connecticut Grown clams and oysters for fairgoers to sample in the Connecticut building. The Connecticut Grown Store will also be on hand with an updated inventory of Connecticut Grown shirts, hats, and other apparel for sale.

Connecticut residents account for 47% of attendees according to Big E statistics. This is a tremendous opportunity for Connecticut's small businesses, including farm families and non-profit agricultural organizations to reach a huge audience of potential new customers. It has afforded exhibitors the opportunity to network and make connections to increase their market opportunities in neighboring states.

Ray LeMaire of Twin Pines Farm in Thomaston, CT said his farm gained access to multiple grocery stores in Massachusetts through the exposure gained by attending The Big E.

Ray has been attending The Big E as a vendor in the Connecticut building for more than 10 years selling jams, jellies, relish, and pickled products made from their own Connecticut Grown produce.

"We are a small, family owned and operated, vegetable, flower, and food producer," said Ray. "The Big E has been a good marketing opportunity for us."

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) works with agricultural producers and non-profit organizations to provide exhibit space in the Connecticut building at minimal or no cost. The minimal fee charged to exhibitors has been used for upgrades to the booth spaces to keep it fresh and inviting to fairgoers as well as functional and comfortable for exhibitors.

More than 30 agricultural businesses and non-profits, and eight farm wineries will rotate through the agriculture booth spaces in the Connecticut building this year.

A few Connecticut farm businesses returning to the Connecticut building this year include: Newgate Farms offering their tomato basil sauce, summer soup, and salsa; Killam & Bassette Farmstead with their fruit, jam, gift baskets, apple and pear sauce for sale; Norman's Sugarhouse selling their honey, maple syrup, maple candy, and maple cream; and Sweet Wind Farm will have their jams, jellies, pumpkins, gourds, and maple products available.

In addition to these perennial farm favorites, the Connecticut building will host a few new agricultural vendors in 2019, including Lyric Hill Farm from Granby, CT.

Nancy Butler of Lyric Hill Farm is excited to offer her goat milk soap products, hand knit linen washcloths, bath teas, hand and body butter, and lip balm for sale at The Big E this year. Nancy hopes to gain access to new markets and educate people about the process of soap making.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to 'get up on my soap box' and bring my products and my farm to the attention of peo-



*The Connecticut building at The Big E.
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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.09	1.34
LARGE	1.03	1.17
MEDIUM	.59	.72

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.54	1.69
LARGE	1.37	1.49
MEDIUM	.95	1.05
SMALL	.69	.79

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Choice 2-3	100.00	128.00
Select 2-3	119.00	125.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	60.00	65.00
boners 80-85% lean	54.00	62.00
lean 88-90% lean	40.00	49.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
80-88	225.00	247.00
90-98 lbs	215.00	235.00
100-144 lbs	170.00	230.00
Choice 1-2		
60-69 lbs	190.00	235.00
70-78 lbs	190.00	230.00
80-88 lbs	195.00	225.00
Choice 2-3		
90-98 lbs	180.00	205.00
100-145 lbs	160.00	187.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight		
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
50-59 lbs	165.00	185.00
60-69 lbs	185.00	215.00
70-79 lbs	195.00	225.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
100-149 lbs	210.00	255.00
150-199 lbs	250.00	275.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-149 lbs	250.00	300.00
150-199 lbs	330.00	390.00

DAIRY CATTLE

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

FRESH/MILKING COWS		
APPROVED	825.00	1275.00
MEDIUM	600.00	850.00
BRED COWS		
APPROVED	875.00	1125.00
SPRINGER COWS:		
APPROVED	900.00	1200.00
BRED HEIFERS		
APPROVED	800.00	975.00
MEDIUM	475.00	725.00
SPRINGER HEIFERS:		
APPROVED	950.00	1250.00
OPEN HEIFERS		
APPROVED	510.00	585.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
BARROWS AND GILTS		
US 1 203-295 lbs	66.00	88.00
US 1-2 200-295 lbs	55.00	66.00
US 2-3 232-245 lbs	51.00	56.00
SOWS		
US 1-2 408-497 lbs	26.00	36.00
512-598 lbs	29.00	35.00

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	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
BEANS, ROUND GREEN, 1 BU	16.00	18.00
BEANS, FLAT GREEN, 1 BU	30.00	30.00
BEANS, WAX, 1 BU	24.00	25.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BROCCOLI, CROWN CUT, 20LB	15.00	18.00
CAULIFLOWER, CRT, 9S	14.00	18.00
CAULIFLOWER, CRT, 12S	15.00	17.00
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	12.00	14.00
CUCUMBER, 1 1/9 BU	24.00	24.00
EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 BU, MED	12.00	14.00
KALE, CTN, BNCH, 12'S	13.00	15.00
PEPPERS, CUBANELLE, 1 1/9 BU	18.00	18.00
POTATOES, RED, 50 LB, SZ A	16.00	17.00
POTATOES, RUSSET, 50 LB, 70S	16.00	18.00
POTATOES, YELLOW CHEF, 50 LB	24.00	24.00
RADISHES, RED, BNCH 24S	13.00	15.00
RHUBARB, 20 LBS, CRT, L	29.00	34.00
SQUASH, BNUT, 1 1/9 BU, M	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, ZUCCHINI, 1/2 BU, S	10.00	15.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, 1/2 BU, S	16.00	20.00
TOMS, FIELD, 20 LB, CRT, L	12.00	12.00
TOMS, VINE RIPE, 11 LB FLT, L	13.00	13.00
TOMS, VINE RIPES, 25 LB, M	20.00	20.00
TOMS, VINE RIPES, 25 LB, L	25.00	25.00
TOMS, CHERRY, 12- 10 OZ	24.00	25.00

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, RED DEL, FCY, 125	18.00	19.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 138	18.00	19.00
BEETS, RED, NJ, 12S, BNCH	16.00	18.00
BEETS, GOLD, NJ, 12S, BNCH	16.00	18.00
CABBAGE, GRN, NJ, 50 LB	11.00	13.00
CABBAGE, NAPPA, NJ, 10-12'S	20.00	28.00
CABBAGE, RED, NJ, 50 LB, M/L	20.00	24.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, NJ, 40 LB	16.00	20.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	21.00	23.00
CUCUMBER, PICKLE, NJ, 1 1/9 BU	32.00	36.00
ONION, RED GLOBE, ID/OR, 25 LB	11.00	12.00
ONION, YELLOW SPANISH, 25 LB	13.00	14.00
PEPPERS, LONG HOTS, NJ, 1 1/9	18.00	20.00
PUMPKIN, HOWDEN, PA, 36" BIN	185.00	185.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, PA, 24" BIN, M	225.00	225.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, PA, 36" BIN, M	250.00	250.00
SQUASH, ACORN, GA, 1-1/9, M	16.00	20.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, NJ, 1-1/9, M	20.00	22.00
SWEET POTATOES, NC, 40 LB	28.00	32.00
TURNIPS, GA, PRPL TOP, 25 LB	14.00	18.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - September 9, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	10.00	15.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	40.00
76-90 lbs.	45.00	50.00
91-105 lbs.	60.00	70.00
106 lbs. & up	80.00	85.00
Farm Calves	110.00	115.00
Starter Calves	25.00	35.00
Veal Calves	85.00	120.00
Feeder Heifers	80.00	90.00
Beef Heifers	52.50	85.00
Feeder Steers	n/a	n/a
Beef Steers	80.00	115.00
Feeder Bulls	75.00	120.00
Beef Bulls	79.00	89.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	74.00	80.00
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	75.00	120.00
Lambs each	105.00	250.00
Goats each	65.00	275.00
Kid Goats each	35.00	180.00
Canners	up to	64.50
Cutters	65.00	68.00
Utility Grade Cows	69.00	72.00
Rabbits each	4.00	25.00
Chickens each	5.00	25.00
Ducks each	7.00	25.00
Turkeys	14.00	27.50

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. September 10, 2019

ALFALFA/ GRASS		
SUPREME	400.00	400.00
GOOD	250.00	295.00
GRASS HAYS		
PREMIUM	375.00	380.00
GOOD	200.00	250.00

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, CRT	22.00	22.00
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	25.00	25.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LB	9.50	10.00
NECTARINES, TRAY-PAC, 56S	44.00	44.00
PEACHES, TRAY-PAC, 48S	44.00	44.00
PEARS, BARTLETT, 4/5 BU	36.00	36.00
PEPPER, RED BELL, 11LB, XL	28.00	28.00
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	45.00	45.00
SPINACH, BABY, 4 LB	13.50	13.50
SQUASH, ZUC, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, YEL, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
SWEET POTATOES, #1, 40 LB	38.00	42.00
TOMATOES, GRAPE, 12- 1 PT	15.00	15.00
TOMATOES, VINE RIPE, 11 LB.	11.00	11.00

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ple who may be unaware that there still is a lot of agriculture in the Nutmeg State," said Nancy.

Other new agricultural vendors to the Connecticut building include: the Connecticut Chapter of the Northeast Organic Farming Association with Sun One Organic Farm provide information about organic agriculture with a microscope available for visitors to see living organisms in soil samples; the New CT Farmer Alliance offering information for new and emerging farmers in an effort to nurture a successful and diverse agricultural landscape for Connecticut; the Connecticut Hop Growers Association making samples of Connecticut hops available for viewing and comparison to West Coast hops; and Oakridge Dairy offering information about their new Modern Milkman home delivery service as well as chocolate milk samples.

A few of the Connecticut agricultural industry service providers and organizations that will be in attendance this year include: the Connecticut Apple Marketing Board giving out whole apples; the Connecticut Sheep Breeders Association providing a wool spinning and knitting demonstration, as well as information about the Connecticut Blanket Project; the Connecticut Poultry Association providing an omelet cooking demonstration and samples; and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station with a live honey bee display.

Other Connecticut agricultural industry service providers and organizations that will be attend include the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association, the Connecticut Milk Promotion Board, and the Association of Connecticut Fairs.

The Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council has built a brand new tasting booth in the Connecticut building that offers greater visibility to visitors and increased functionality for participating farm wineries.

Participating wineries will be sampling wines on specific days but their wines will be available for purchase by the glass or bottle (to enjoy at home) during all 17 days of the fair.

New this year to the tasting booth will be Paradise Hills Vineyard from Wallingford. They will be joined by familiar favorites Jones Family Farms Winery, Jonathan Edwards Winery, Bishop's Orchard Winery, Hopkins Vineyard, Lost Acres Vineyard, Taylor Brooke Winery, and Sunset Meadows Vineyards.

Also new this year will be frozen wine, otherwise known as frosé — perfect for the hot weather days.

Woodlands White, an estate grown wine from the Jones Family Farms Winery in Shelton, CT, was named the Best Grape Wine, Best Connecticut Wine and Best Connecticut Grown Wine in the 2019 Big E Wine Competition. Try a sample on Friday, September 13th.

"Jones Family Farms Winery is very proud that our Woodlands White wine is a Gold Medal winner of the Annual Big E Wine Competition. Being recognized as both the Best Connecticut Wine, as well as Best Grape Wine is a tremendous honor," said Jamie Jones of Jones Family Farms Winery. "Jones Winery is thrilled to participate at The Big E and the Connecticut building in support of promoting Connecticut farm wineries."

The Harvest New England Association will again be coordinating Harvest New England Day at The Big E on Friday, September 27th. Harvest New England Day will include the Passport to New England Agriculture program where fairgoers can visit each state building along the Avenue of States, plus the New England Grange Building, to answer a trivia question and receive a stamp. Once their Passport card is full it can be redeemed at the New Hampshire or Massachusetts building to receive a Harvest New England tote bag.

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UConn Extension Offers Free Soil Test & Help with Conservation Plans

UConn Extension is offering farmers help with conservation plans and a free soil test as part of the Long Island Sound Watershed Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

Soil tests are an important first step at assessing current soil resource conditions in order to adopt management strategies that promote nutrient retention and cycling within fields saving the producer time and money. Space in the program is limited. For more information call 860-486-7176 or email Katherine.vanderwoude@uconn.edu.

Women for the Land Learning Circle

American Farmland Trust will host the first Women for the Land Learning Circle in Connecticut on Thursday, September 19, 2019, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Earth's Palate Farm, 66 Town Hill Road Warren, CT. This event is for women who own, rent, or manage farmland and want to learn about farming practices that will combat climate change and make farmland more resilient. To register go to <https://farmland.salsalabs.org/wfct/index.html>. If you need assistance registering or have any questions call 707-495-8223 or email cgazillo@farmland.org.

No-Till / Cover Crop Farm Field Day

The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut (CT NOFA) is hosting a No-Till /Cover Crop Farm Field Day on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Sub Edge Farm, 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington, CT.

The event agenda includes the following presentations: Cover Crops for No-Till; Understanding Soil Health through Basic On-Farm Microscopy (bring a sample from your farm). Field demonstrations include a farm tour, an equipment demonstration of no-till seed drill and roller-crimper, and lessons learned.

The event includes lunch, networking, and USDA NRCS rain-water simulator demonstration. All farmers are welcome. To register go to <https://ctnofa.org/event/organic-no-till-field-day-at-sub-edge-farm>. For additional information call Amanda at 860-345-3977 ext. 100.

New England Produce Council Expo 2019

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture will be attending the 20th Annual New England Produce Council Produce, Floral and Food Service Expo from September 18-19, 2019 at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, MA.

The agency will be promoting Connecticut Grown products to wholesale buyers. Producers interested in being included in outreach should contact Erin Windham at 860-713-2543 or Erin.Windham@ct.gov. For more information on the event, visit www.NewEnglandProduceCouncil.com.

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 to complete the survey.

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