

The Connecticut Grown Agricultural Direction Signage Program:

- Does not pay for the signs to be built or installed.
- Does not repair damaged or stolen signs.
- Does not allow farms on a state roadway to have these signs.
- Cannot be held responsible for Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT) decisions to deny signage based upon safety or crowded locations with inadequate space.
- Does not give refunds for the \$50.00 permit if sign is not approved by CT DOT.
- Does not pull an encroachment permit at CT DOT for the farm.
- Does not locate bonded sign companies for the farms.
- Does not supply specifications for the signs. Those specifications are acquired from CT DOT.

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The Agricultural Directional Signage Program is a partnership between the CT Department of Agriculture and the CT Department of Transportation.

The program allows farms off state routes and highways to place standardized signage on state property to alert and direct consumers to a farm.

The farm owner must submit an application to the Department of Agriculture with a one-time cost of \$50.00.

Contact the Agricultural Development Unit at 860-713-2503 for more information.

SIGN ELIGIBILITY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Only CT Grown products are eligible for signage.
- Farmers must be engaged in agriculture as a trade or business.
- Signs are allowed only on state owned roadways.
- Signs must be placed within five miles of the farm and only one sign is allowed for each direction of travel.
- Signs can only be located at intersections of the nearest state highway.
- Farms must have regular hours of operation, five days a week and 35 hours/week, on either seasonal or year-round basis.
- All costs associated with the making, installation, maintenance and liability of the signs is the responsibility of the permit holder.
- Farm stands do not qualify unless they are on a farm and the products sold are solely produced on the farm.
- Damaged signs should be removed as soon as possible, storing any salvageable panels for future reinstallation. The CT DOT will dispose of signs after a short courtesy period.
- Public safety shall take priority over the placement of any sign authorized under this program. CTDOT has the right to relocate, adjust, and remove etc. any sign in this program.
- The permit holder is responsible for maintaining the minimum standard requirements for use of directional signs as established by the Department of Agriculture. Any deviation from these requirements may result in the revocation of the permit.
- Erection and maintenance of all signs in the state highway-right-of-way shall require issuance of an encroachment permit by CT DOT. Application for the encroachment permit shall not be submitted by the contractor until the farm's application has been approved by the CT Department of Agriculture. All signage work shall be in conformance with the requirements of the encroachment permit.
- Only signs approved by the CT Department of Agriculture will be allowed for installation.
- Permits are subject to annual review by the Department of Agriculture.

