

Agricultural Report

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



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CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL FAIRS

Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation

Connecticut's agricultural fair season is in full swing with major fairs every weekend in August and September.

According to the Association of Connecticut Fairs, Connecticut's agricultural fair season runs from mid-July through mid-October. The Association of Connecticut Fairs distributes an annual Guide to Fairs Across Connecticut that lists 20 major fairs in Connecticut. In addition to 20 major fairs, the 2019 brochure provides information for four district fairs, nine local fairs, and the Connecticut 4-H County Fairs. For a complete list of fairs or to request the annual Connecticut Fairs booklet, please visit the Association of Connecticut Fairs website: www.ctagfairs.org.

One of the many fairs listed includes the 159th Woodstock Fair which will be held Labor Day weekend, August 30 – September 2, 2019. More information can be found at www.WoodstockFair.com.

This year's Woodstock Fair will include a Battle of the Bands competition on Friday, August 30 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock Music Festival. The competition will give Connecticut-based bands an opportunity to perform music that was played at the original 1969 festival in the competition for \$17,000 in prize money.

Each band will perform for 30 minutes and will be judged by a panel of public figures, including Governor Ned Lamont and Department of Agriculture (DoAg) Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt.

"I may have missed the first Woodstock concert in 1969, but I won't miss the 50th anniversary Woodstock tribute concert in Woodstock, Connecticut," said Governor Lamont. "There is no better way to bring together Connecticut music, arts, '60s nostalgia, and tourism all into one fun afternoon. I invite everyone to come enjoy a day filled with peace and music—and celebrate all

that Connecticut has to offer."

The Woodstock Fair runs deep with agricultural history beginning in 1859. Livestock shows including dairy, beef, sheep, and poultry are featured throughout the three-day fair. The ever popular giant pumpkin contest is a state-wide favorite as is the Barnyard Babies Birthing Center where the public has the opportunity to interact with area farmers and even catch the birth of a new calf.

A newer addition to the agricultural side of the Woodstock Fair is the Agricultural Exhibits Building. Providing the public with an opportunity to learn more about agriculture and where their food comes from, the agency will be exhibiting through the three day fair encouraging visitors to buy CT Grown and find their local farmer. Come by and visit us!

Connecticut also has seven county 4-H fairs that are held throughout the summer and fall. They give 4-H youth the chance to share their projects with the community.

All Connecticut 4-H county fairs are planned, organized and implemented by 4-H members with adult mentors providing guidance and support. This is consistent with the mission of 4-H to empower youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

County 4-H fairs include rabbit, goat, poultry and other livestock contests as well as dog competitions, and a vet science test. In addition to the animals and agricultural competitions 4-H also includes robotics and the sciences. Some 4-H youth compete in regional and national competitions. Winners of Connecticut County 4-H competitions go on to compete at the regional New England competition held annually at The Big E in West Springfield, MA.

According to Hartford County 4-H Extension Educator, Jen Cushman, youth participants in 4-H gain lifelong



*Shailynne Murphy-Bishop, Terryville County Fair.
Image courtesy of the Association of Connecticut Fairs.*

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.90	1.13
LARGE	.84	.98
MEDIUM	.43	.56

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.34	1.49
LARGE	1.15	1.39
MEDIUM	.79	.89
SMALL	.69	.79

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Choice 2-3	102.00	126.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	61.00	66.50
boners 80-85% lean	58.50	63.00
lean 88-90% lean	48.00	54.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 100-105 lbs	90.00	105.00
No 2 90-95 lbs	70.00	85.00
No 2 100-105 lbs	75.00	87.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-95 lbs	215.00	225.00
100-121 lbs	195.00	220.00
Choice 1-2		
58-59 lbs	200.00	205.00
60-66 lbs	195.00	205.00
70-78 lbs	175.00	195.00
81-88 lbs	170.00	195.00
Choice 2-3		
90-99 lbs	172.00	200.00
100-140 lbs	150.00	195.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight		
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
60-69 lbs	160.00	180.00
70-79 lbs	170.00	190.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
100-149 lbs	200.00	255.00
150-175 lbs	250.00	270.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-149 lbs	245.00	280.00
150-199 lbs	290.00	350.00
200-225 lbs	380.00	425.00

DAIRY CATTLE

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

FRESH/MILKING COWS		
APPROVED	950.00	1325.00
MEDIUM	525.00	825.00
BRED COWS		
APPROVED	950.00	1100.00
SPRINGER COWS:		
APPROVED	950.00	1350.00
BRED HEIFERS		
APPROVED	850.00	1250.00
MEDIUM	550.00	825.00
SPRINGER HEIFERS:		
APPROVED	900.00	1300.00
OPEN HEIFERS		
APPROVED	400.00	585.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. August 19, 2019

ALFALFA/ GRASS		
SUPREME	460.00	470.00
GRASS HAYS		
GOOD	265.00	375.00
FAIR	170.00	220.00

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	29.00	29.00
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	20.00	20.00
BEANS, FLAT GREEN, 1 BU	30.00	30.00
BEANS, WAX, 1 BU	30.00	32.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BROCCOLI, CROWN CUT, 20LB	13.00	18.00
CABBAGE, GRN, 50 LB	12.00	15.00
CABBAGE, RED, 50 LB, M/L	24.00	26.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, 40 LB	18.00	20.00
CAULIFLOWER, CRT, 12S	20.00	20.00
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	16.00	18.00
CUCUMBER, 1 1/9 BU, MED	16.00	18.00
EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 BU, MED	11.00	12.00
GOOSEBERRIES, 12-1 PT	35.00	37.00
KALE, CTN, BNCH, 12'S	13.00	15.00
RADISHES, RED, BNCH 24S	13.00	14.00
RHUBARB, 20 LBS, CRT, L	34.00	35.00
RED CURRANTS, 12-1 PT	35.00	37.00
SQUASH, BNUT, 1 1/9 BU, M	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, ZUCCHINI, 1/2 BU, S	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, 1/2 BU, S	10.00	12.00
TOMS, FIELD, 20 LB, CRT, L	18.00	18.00
TOMS, VINE RIPE, 12 LB FLT, L	22.00	22.00
TOMS, VINE RIPES, 25 LB, S-M	22.00	22.00
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 CUP	24.00	25.00
TOMS, GRAPE, 12-1 PT, S-M	12.00	12.00

SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, NY, XFCY, 64	31.00	31.00
APPLE, FUJI, NY, FCY, 125	19.00	19.00
APPLE, JONAGOLD, NY, XFCY, 64	24.00	24.00
BEETS, RED, NJ, BNCH 12S	16.00	18.00
BEETS, CHIOGGA, NJ, BNCH 12S	16.00	18.00
BEETS, GOLD, NJ, BNCH 12S	16.00	18.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 2 BU	20.00	26.00
CARROTS, CA, BNCH, 24S	22.00	24.00
LETTUCE, GRN LF, CA, 24S	18.00	22.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, CA, 24S	18.00	18.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	6.50	8.00
PEACHES, YELLOW, NJ, 1/2 BU, 2 3/4"	22.00	22.00
PEPPER, GRN BELL, NJ, 1 1/9 BU, L	12.00	14.00
PEPPER, CUBANELLES, NJ, 1 1/9 BU, L	20.00	23.00
PEPPER, LONG HOTS, NJ, 1 1/9 BU	26.00	30.00
PEPPER, POBLANO, NJ, 10 LB, L	18.00	18.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, NJ, 1/2 BU, M	22.00	24.00
WATERMELON, 20-24 LB, DE, EA	6.00	8.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - August 19, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	10.00	12.50
61-75 lbs.	20.00	25.00
76-90 lbs.	27.50	30.00
91-105 lbs.	35.00	40.00
106 lbs. & up	45.00	52.50
Farm Calves	160.00	175.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	80.00	100.00
Feeder Heifers	55.00	85.00
Beef Heifers	71.00	73.00
Feeder Steers	110.00	115.00
Beef Steers	67.50	75.00
Feeder Bulls	85.00	90.00
Beef Bulls	75.00	79.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	22.00	42.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	65.00	85.00
Lambs each	65.00	75.00
Goats each	70.00	390.00
Kid Goats each	55.00	130.00
Canners	up to	60.50
Cutters	61.00	64.00
Utility Grade Cows	65.00	70.00
Rabbits each	11.00	25.00
Chickens each	5.00	35.00
Ducks each	3.00	19.00

** Please note- The Middlesex Auction will be open on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2019.**

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
BARROWS AND GILTS		
US 1-2 203-294 lbs	52.00	59.00
308-360 lbs	53.00	59.00
US 2-3 256-295 lbs	49.00	57.00
301-399 lbs	37.00	53.00
SOWS		
US 1-2 360-395 lbs	37.00	42.50
402-495 lbs	38.00	43.00
508-568 lbs	423.50	44.50

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	18.00	18.00
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
PEPPER, RED BELL, 11LB, XL	28.00	34.00
PEPPER, YEL BELL, 11LB, XL	28.00	34.00
PEPPER, ORA BELL, 11LB, XL	32.00	34.00
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
STRAWBERRIES, CA, 8-1LB	8.00	8.00
SWEET POTATOES, WHT, 20LB	40.00	42.00
SWEET POTATOES, ORA, 40LB	38.00	42.00

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skills in leadership, community service, workforce/career exploration and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). They also gain lifelong employability skills in team work, time management, public speaking, and record keeping which enables them to develop into contributing and productive citizens.

"4-H youth learn leadership and hands-on project management skills through experiential experiences including planning community service projects, leading 4-H business meetings and planning and implementing local 4-H fairs," said Cushman.

4-H is a nationwide youth development program comprised of almost six (6) million members and over 500,000 volunteers delivered by the Cooperative Extension System. The Cooperative Extension System—comprised of a community of more than 100 public land-grant universities and local county offices—supports 4-H programming in rural and urban areas across the nation.

The Connecticut 4-H program is administered by the University of Connecticut (UConn) Extension Office in Storrs, CT and carried out by local 4-H offices located within the eight County Extension Centers. As part of UConn, 4-H has access to research-based, age-appropriate information needed to help youth reach their full potential.

The UConn 4-H program is open to youth 5-18. The UConn 4-H Explorer Program is open to youth 5 and 6 as of January 1st of the program year.



Marci James, North Stonington Fair.
Image courtesy of the Association of Connecticut Fairs.

4-H members learn responsibility through their focus on one or more project areas. Projects include STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement. 4-H youth are responsible for caring for animals, following through on robotic team responsibilities and assisting other 4-H members.

"4-H is vital to providing hands-on agricultural experiences and career exploration for youth who may become farmers in Connecticut," said Commissioner Hurlburt.

"The positive youth development model is structured around learn by doing," said Cushman. "4-H youth serve as club officers, fair association officers, and teen leaders and have the opportunity to gain first-hand experience leading fellow 4-H youth and adults in club and county projects, meetings and events."

According to research by Tufts University, 4-H youth are four times more likely to give back to their communities. Two times more likely to make healthier choices and two times more likely to participate in STEM activities compared to their peers.

For more information about becoming a UConn 4-H member and volunteer opportunities visit <http://4h.uconn.edu>.

DoAg reminds anyone who holds or visits a farm animal exhibition to take precautions to prevent the potential spread of disease from animals to people. For more information visit <https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG> to find the [Recommended Handling and Hygiene Practices for Farm Animal Exhibitors and Visitors](#).

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227

5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci Zyskowski today at 203-444-6553

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

50-R. Clean straw and mulch hay for sale at the barn. 860-628-1100

52-R. Once used pumpkin bins for sale, they are all in good shape \$8 - \$10 each, limited supply. About 1,700 feet of 40 foot 4 inch wade rain pipe .75 per foot. Call Karl 860-268-5931 or Glenn 860-930-4331 for details

54. 3-660 lb. Bulk bags of Soil Detox Activated Charcoal, Made from wood- the best charcoal. Purchased from 'The Charcoal House' in Nebraska. They are experts in using this product, used to eradicate/remediate older or newer deposits of undesirable pesticides that can halt you from selling your land. Banks will not issue mortgages on land with this issue. Apply with high volume crop sprayer & till in. Call 203-283-4472-leave message

55. John Bean Pressure Sprayer, 200 gallon stainless steel tank, 2 piston John Bean pump--400 psi. Has 8 hp Honda motor, runs excellent, starts very easy, plenty of power, runs sprayer easily, fresh oil after last use. Antifreeze pumped through entire system. New J. Bean model 785, 800 psi spray gun (\$500), mechanical agitation, 100 ft. hose on reel. Is on skids, purchased from OESCO in Mass. Bought for a special project which never came to fruition. Used only approx. 20 hours. \$4200 OBO. Call 203-283-4472 leave message.

56-R. 20' X 24' Bench Mart SR Series Poly-Tex Greenhouse. Very good condition including all steel shelves and benches. Sliding front and back doors. New slide side panels. \$2500 or BO. Contact wkogut@cox.net or 203-641-1632 for more information

57-R. Beef heifers, Hereford/Angus cross, born April, 2 available. \$450 each. Call 860-537-1974

59-R. Compost, screened & unscreened Top Soil, Mulch. Pick up at any of our 3 yards. Supreme Forest Products. Southington, Harwinton, West Hartford. Please call 860-485-1636

60-R. E.R. Hinman Since 1830. Producing fine Native Hardwoods & Softwood. Rough sawn, planed, kiln dried lumber. Native Hemlock for your out building needs. For the Farmer, Contractor, Homeowner. Please call 860-673-9170

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

53-R. Wanted: bags of white sweet corn. Please call 860-207-3124 and leave message

MISCELLANEOUS

58-R. Pollination Service, package bees, queens, bee-keeping equipment. Call Mark for information 860-883-3229

**JOB OPPORTUNITY
STATE ANIMAL CONTROL SUPERVISOR**

The Department of Agriculture is recruiting for one (1) State Animal Control Supervisor. In this position you will oversee the Animal Control Division, which is charged with the enforcement of laws pertaining to the licensing and control of dogs, the licensing and inspection of pet facilities and rabies control. For more information go to <https://www.jobapscloud.com/CT/sup/bulpreview.asp?R1=190813&R2=0468PS&R3=001>

SERVSAFE MANAGER CERTIFICATION

A ServSafe Manager Certification course will be offered by CLiCK on Monday, August 26, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The course will be held at 41 Club Road, Windham, CT.

The cost of the class is \$150 per person. If you are a Connecticut farmer the class is free courtesy of a Farm Viability Grant provided by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

For more information visit <https://clickwillimantic.com> or call 860-786-7907. To register email Rachel LaPorte at rachael.clickwillimantic@gmail.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 compete the survey.

INFORMATION FOR HEMP GROWERS

UConn Extension Vegetable Specialist, Shuresh Ghimire provides the following information for hemp growers:

For cannabidiol (CBD) hemp growers, identifying and removing male plants at early stage of flowering (before pollination) is critical. Female plants are ideal for CBD production as the inflorescences of female plant has significantly greater CBD content than male plants. Pollination and seed set drastically reduces CBD content.

Most cultivars currently grown in field are photoperiod sensitive. As daylength is getting shorter than 14 hours, you will start to see hemp flower, even in full sunlight field conditions. Some of you are already seeing lots of flowers, mostly where the plants are not exposed to full sunlight conditions. You will need to be vigilant in identifying male flowers and remove any male plants before pollination occurs.

Go to <https://fi348.infusionsoft.com/app/linkClick/7218/b41ff645c013a58e/329778/87f7d172d6a2afec> to download an August 9, 2019 UConn Extension Hemp Message that includes information about how to identify male and female hemp plants, and a link to a video that shows how to identify male and female flowers. This Hemp Message also includes a list of insects (with photos) that were spotted in field-grown hemp in Connecticut. It is important to note that currently there are no pesticides that are specifically labeled for use on hemp by the EPA. Go to <https://forms.gle/s431sJwazfykbVVA9> for to a brief survey with three questions about hemp growing.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

CTGrown.gov

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