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 Farmers’ 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 Supplementary 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 in 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 Edgewood 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 (continued on Page 3)
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.

“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 or phone 860-683-4984.

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77-R. Heifers, crossbred beef, Hereford/Angus, April calves. $450 each. 2 available. Call 860-537-1974

78-R. B&W Farm photos by Jack McConnell, now 50% off. Open Studio Nov 9&10, 16&17 from 11am-5pm at 182 Broad Street, Wethersfield; or by appt 860-563-6154. See photos at JackMcConnellPhotography.com and click on Collections-CT Farm Project.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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AG JOB CONNECTION

**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 |

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlesex, 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 | n/a |

**Starter Calves**

n/a | 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 |

**Beer Steers**

70.00 | 94.00 |

**Feeder Bulls**

65.00 | 85.00 |

**Beer Bulls**

60.00 | 75.00 |

**Replacement Cows**

n/a | n/a | n/a |

**Replacement Heifers**

n/a | n/a | n/a |

**Boars**

n/a | n/a | n/a |

**Sows**

20.00 | 25.00 | 30.00 |

**Butcher Hogs**

60.00 | 87.50 |

**Feeder Piglets**

25.00 | 75.00 |

**Sheep**

50.00 | 115.00 |

**Lambs**

70.00 | 190.00 |

**Goats**

95.00 | 265.00 |

**Kid Goats**

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 ENGLAND GROWN**

**S**

**LOW**

**HIGH**

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 CRTN | 6.50 | 7.00 |

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, BOSC, 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 |

**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 |

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

**CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

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**DAIRY CATTLE**

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

**FRESH/MILKING COWS**

APPROVED MEDIUM | 975.00 | 1475.00 |

APPROVED MEDIUM | 550.00 | 975.00 |

**BRED COWS**

APPROVED MEDIUM | 475.00 | 800.00 |

**SPRINGER COWS**

APPROVED MEDIUM | 775.00 | 1200.00 |

**OPEN HEIFERS**

APPROVED MEDIUM | 525.00 | 750.00 |

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT**

Price per ton, small squares. November 18, 2019

**ALFALFA/GRASS**

APPROVED PREMIUM | 510.00 | 510.00 |

APPROVED PREMIUM | 420.00 | 420.00 |

**GRASS HAYS**

GOOD | 300.00 | 330.00 |

FAIR | 250.00 | 250.00 |
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

Grows, Processors, and Manufacturers are encouraged to attend. Great networking opportunity! Please RSVP to: AGR.Hemp@ct.gov; 860-713-2502. 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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