

# Agricultural Report

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## FARMERS INCREASE PRODUCTION TO MEET DEMAND FOR CONNECTICUT GROWN BEER INGREDIENTS

*Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation*

The number of Connecticut farm breweries is growing and so is the number of acres of Connecticut Grown hops and barley being grown for craft beer production.

On June 24, 2019 Governor Ned Lamont signed legislation supporting Connecticut's booming craft beer industry. The law allows brewers to designate their brewery as a "Connecticut farm brewery" with approval of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture when certain requirements are met.

Connecticut farm breweries can brew up to 75,000 gallons of beer per year and must use 25% Connecticut Grown ingredients in their first year and 50% in subsequent years.

The new law also allows all Connecticut breweries, not just farm breweries to advertise batches of beer as Connecticut Grown when 50% or more of batch ingredients are Connecticut Grown.

"Consumers are continuing to show with their spending habits that they would much rather purchase locally manufactured beer and wine, and our outdated blue laws should not impede the ability of these small businesses to benefit from this growing demand," said Governor Lamont.

"This long overdue law that I've signed helps level the playing field and supports Connecticut brewers and farmers. There's so many breweries and vineyards in Connecticut, and we should be doing everything we can to support them."

The recent opening of [Stewards of the Land Brewery](#) in Northford, CT brings the number of Connecticut farm breweries licensed under Connecticut's Farm Brewery Bill to eight. The other breweries are [The Brewery at Maple View Farm](#) in Granby, [Kent Falls Brewing Co.](#) in Kent, [Fox Farm Brewery](#) in Salem, [Fat Or-](#)

[ange Cat Brew Co.](#) in East Hampton, [Norbrook Farm Brewery](#) in Colebrook, [Hops on the Hill Farm Brewery](#) in Glastonbury, [Hop Culture Farms & Brew Co.](#) in Colchester, and [Taylor Brooke Brewery](#) in Woodstock, CT.

The growth in the number of Connecticut breweries has led to an increase in demand for Connecticut Grown beer ingredients like hops and barley. Connecticut farmers are responding to the demand by producing more high quality, locally grown ingredients for making beer.

Spencer Thrall of [Thrall Family Malt](#) in Windsor, CT, says his malt house is responding to the growing demand for Connecticut Grown beer ingredients.

Thrall Family Malt opened in 2017 as Connecticut's first modern malt house with the goal of offering premium locally-grown grains and malts to the state's craft breweries.

"We welcome brewers to come see our operation and explore their brewing needs," said Spencer. "Because Thrall Family Malt is grown and malted right in Connecticut, it has a flavor and aroma profile truly unique to our region."

The Thrall family has been farming in Windsor since 1646. They grow approximately 400 acres of barley, wheat, oats,

and other small grains for processing in their state-of-the-art malt house facility, which enables them to monitor and control every element of the process.

Spencer said it was a good year for grain production. "It was a little wet in the spring, but then it dried out and the weather for the harvest was perfect," said Spencer.

Spencer has increased acreage in grains every year since the malt house started in 2017, and he expects to continue increasing grain production to meet the demand of



*Photo courtesy of Thrall Family Malt in Windsor, CT.*

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Connecticut brewers.

Alex DeFrancesco, President of the Connecticut Hop Growers Association and owner of Stewards of the Land Brewery, says Connecticut has eight active commercial hop growers and estimates the number of acres of hops grown in Connecticut at the beginning of the 2019 season at about 40 acres.



*Connecticut Grown hops.*

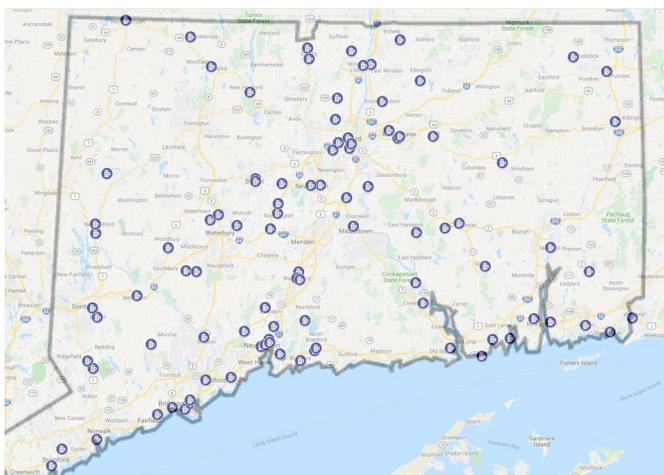
*Photo courtesy of Stewards of the Land Brewery, Northford, CT.*

Alex expects the acreage of Connecticut Grown hops will continue to increase in 2020 in response to the strong demand from local breweries.

In 2016, J. DeFrancesco & Son, Inc. was awarded a \$49,999 matching grant through the Department of Agriculture's Farm Transition Grant program for construction of a hop-pelletizing facility in Northford. The DeFrancesco's facility is one of the state's only providers of hops pelletization services to Connecticut hop grower. Almost all beer brewers use pelletized hops, and having a local facility where Connecticut hops growers can have their crop makes it possible for Connecticut brewers to use local hops.

Alex says supporting Connecticut farm breweries not only supports the brewery itself, it also helps support other farmers who grow beer ingredients, and many other businesses in the state.

"Connecticut farm breweries are a great reason for people to visit Connecticut farms," said Phil Pappas of the Connecticut Brewers Guild.



*Connecticut Beer Trail map. Image courtesy of the Connecticut Brewers Guild.*

The Guild is a non-profit group that runs the Connecticut Beer Trail, which currently includes more than 100 Connecticut breweries with 20 additional breweries opening soon. To find a local brewery go to the Connecticut Beer Trail website at <https://www.connecticut.beer/ctbeertrail>.

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### 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](mailto:RyanM01@comcast.net) or 860-655-0958. If no answer, leave message. All calls returned

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### MISCELLANEOUS

65-R. Connecticut Greenhouse Co. Installation, maintenance and fabrication of greenhouses, cold frames and NRCS high tunnels. 12' to 30' wide by any length. Designed and manufactured in CT, a farmer owned and operated business. Maintenance parts, supplies and custom plastic. [www.ctgreenhouse.com](http://www.ctgreenhouse.com) or call Toby 203-654-1595

**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	.96	1.22
LARGE	.90	1.04
MEDIUM	.81	.94

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.62	1.75
LARGE	1.45	1.56
MEDIUM	1.04	1.19
SMALL	.69	.79

**LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Choice 2-3	100.00	129.00
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing</b>		
breakers 75-80% lean	49.00	55.00
boners 80-85% lean	48.00	54.50
lean 88-90% lean	40.00	46.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
100-146 lbs	160.00	210.00
Choice 1-2		
70-75 lbs	200.00	220.00
80-89 lbs	175.00	192.00
Choice 2-3		
90-99 lbs	170.00	185.00
100-134 lbs	150.00	185.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight</b>		
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1</b>		
40-49 lbs	160.00	165.00
50-59 lbs	165.00	185.00
70-79 lbs	190.00	225.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1</b>		
100-149 lbs	205.00	255.00
150-199 lbs	240.00	265.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1</b>		
100-149 lbs	240.00	280.00
150-199 lbs	280.00	345.00

**DAIRY CATTLE**

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

<b>FRESH/MILKING COWS</b>		
SUPREME	1400.00	2200.00
APPROVED	1000.00	1400.00
MEDIUM	600.00	950.00
<b>BRED COWS</b>		
APPROVED	1000.00	1250.00
<b>SPRINGER COWS:</b>		
APPROVED	900.00	1350.00
<b>BRED HEIFERS</b>		
APPROVED	600.00	800.00
MEDIUM	350.00	475.00
<b>SPRINGER HEIFERS:</b>		
APPROVED	850.00	1250.00
MEDIUM	700.00	825.00
<b>OPEN HEIFERS</b>		
APPROVED	175.00	500.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Per cwt.

<b>SLAUGHTER HOGS</b>		
<b>BARROWS AND GILTS</b>		
US 1 205-290 lbs	66.00	75.00
US 1-2 274-292 lbs	63.00	69.00
US 2-3 240-298 lbs	55.00	61.00
<b>SOWS</b>		
US 1-2 410-483 lbs	32.00	39.00
US 1-2 515-580 lbs	36.00	40.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices  
CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 80S	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88S	31.00	32.00
APPLE, RED DEL, USFCY, 125S	18.00	19.00
APPLE, RED DEL, USFCY, 138S	18.00	19.00
APPLE PEARS,CRTN,SHINKO,16S	16.00	16.00
APPLE PEARS,CRTN,SHINKO,18S	16.00	16.00
BEANS, ROUND GREEN,1 BU	30.00	34.00
BEANS, CRANBERRY,1 BU	40.00	45.00
BEANS, WAX,1 BU	36.00	40.00
BEAN SPROUTS,10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BROCCOLI, CRTN, 14S	16.00	22.00
CAULIFLOWER, CRT, 9S	30.00	32.00
CAULIFLOWER, CRT, 12S	30.00	32.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GAL	20.00	20.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GAL	22.00	22.00
CRANBERRIES, 24- 12 OZ BAGS	27.00	29.00
POTATOES,RUSSET,50LB,#1,70S	20.00	21.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, 1/2 BU	19.00	25.00
RADISHES,RED, BNCH 24S	13.00	15.00
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
TOMATOES, VINE RIPE,20 LB	18.00	18.00

**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, MAC, NY,US ONE, 125S	18.00	18.00
APPLE, PAULA RED, XFCY, 80S	32.00	32.00
APPLE, PAULA RED, XFCY, 100S	26.00	28.00
BEETS, RED, NJ, 12S, BNCH	16.00	20.00
BEETS, GOLD, CND,12S, BNCH	15.00	20.00
BRUSSEL SPROUTS,CA,25 LB	30.00	34.00
CABBAGE, GRN, NY, 50 LB	8.00	10.00
CABBAGE, NAPPA, NJ, 10-12'S	16.00	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	13.00	15.00
ESCAROLE, CND,1 1/9 BU	14.00	18.00
KALE,GA, CRTN, BNCH, 12'S	13.00	16.00
KOHLRABI, CRTN, BNCH, 12'S	18.00	20.00
ONION, GREEN LEEK,CA, 12S	20.00	24.00
ONION, RED GLOBE, ID/OR,25 LB	10.00	12.00
ONION, YELLOW, NY, 50 LBS	13.00	13.00
PARSLEY,CURLY,CRTN, 60S	18.00	21.00
PARSNIPS,MI, 20 LB BAG, LOOSE	26.00	26.00
PUMPKIN, PIE,PA, 24" BIN, M	180.00	200.00
PUMPKIN, PIE,PA, 36" BIN, M	240.00	300.00
SPINACH,SAVOY,BU,24S	22.00	26.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, PA,1-1/9,M	20.00	22.00
SWEET POTATOES, NJ, 40 LB	26.00	28.00
SWT POTATOES,NJ,WHT,20 LB	25.00	25.00
TURNIPS,GA,PRPL TO, 25 LB	14.00	18.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - November 4, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	n/a	n/a
61-75 lbs.	7.50	8.00
76-90 lbs.	10.00	12.50
91-105 lbs.	15.00	20.00
106 lbs. & up	n/a	n/a
Farm Calves	1@	110.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	67.50	80.00
Feeder Heifers	70.00	130.00
Beef Heifers	50.00	56.00
Feeder Steers	100.00	122.50
Beef Steers	60.00	88.00
Feeder Bulls	70.00	130.00
Beef Bulls	56.00	65.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	0.20	0.25
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	47.50	80.00
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	70.00	85.00
Lambs each	90.00	250.00
Goats each	90.00	390.00
Kid Goats each	95.00	110.00
Canners	up to	48.00
Cutters	49.00	52.00
Utility Grade Cows	53.00	56.00
Rabbits each	10.00	20.00
Chickens each	5.00	24.00
Ducks each	5.00	7.00
Baby Chicks each	3.50	6.00

\*\* The Middlesex Livestock Auction will be OPEN Monday, November 11, 2019\*\*

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT**

Price per ton, small squares. November 4, 2019

<b>ALFALFA/ GRASS</b>		
PREMIUM	380.00	440.00
GOOD	290.00	340.00
<b>GRASS HAYS</b>		
PREMIUM	400.00	410.00
GOOD	275.00	300.00
FAIR	200.00	220.00
<b>STRAW</b>		
WHEAT	330.00	330.00

**BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC**

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, WA, XFCY, 80'S	35.00	35.00
BROCCOLI, 20 LB CRTN	10.00	10.00
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
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	25.00	25.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LB	6.50	10.00
ONION, GREEN, CRTN, 48S	10.00	10.00
PEARS, BARTLETT, 4/5 BU	36.00	36.00
PEARS, BOSCO,4/5 BU	36.00	36.00
SWEET POTATOES,#1, 40 LB	37.00	43.00
TOMATOES, GRAPE, 12-1 PT	14.00	14.00

**ORNAMENTALS**

Boston Terminal Wholesale Grower Prices

Price Range. Per unit.

ASCLEPSIAS, PA, BNCH 10S	8.50	8.50
MUMS,CREMON, BNCH10S	7.50	7.50
MUMS,SPPIDER, BNCH10S	7.50	8.50
SUNFLOWER, NE,BNCH 5S	6.50	7.50

## 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 [www.CTGrown.gov/grants](http://www.CTGrown.gov/grants).

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.

## 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. For more information go to <http://s.uconn.edu/farmstress>.

## NOTICE TO CATTLE PRODUCERS

In April 2019, USDA APHIS released a factsheet to provide producers with information about Animal Disease Traceability. Since then, USDA APHIS has removed the factsheet from its website and decided to revisit guidelines pertaining to the type of official identification devices for eartags. USDA APHIS has decided not to implement the requirements outlined in the April 2019 factsheet regarding the type of identification devices USDA APHIS will regard as official eartags and the dates by which they must be applied to cattle. Questions can be directed to 860-713-2541.

## 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. Go to <https://newenglandvfc.org/registration> to register online. For assistance with registration call 207-933-2100 or email [mark.hutton@maine.edu](mailto:mark.hutton@maine.edu). For more information about the conference go to <https://newenglandvfc.org>.

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