Farmers’ Markets Seeking Vendors
Market Masters Must Submit Updated Information by April 3

The following is a listing of farmer’s markets currently looking for vendors, as well as producers seeking markets. Farmers’ market masters are required to update market information with the Department of Agriculture annually, and this year’s deadline is April 3.

Masters must submit:
- 2017 Certified Market MOU
- Exempt farmers’ market statement
- 2017 Farmers’ market date/time information

Farmers wishing to sell a fruit, vegetable, fresh-cut herb, or honey at a Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) authorized market are required to go through a short training/certification meeting.

The listing, above forms and information on FMNP are available at www.CTGrown.gov via the farmers’ market link on the homepage.

Questions about participating in a market and other market information may be directed to Jaime Smith at Jaime.Smith@ct.gov or 860-713-2559.

Berlin: Sat 9-1 Cheese
Contact: janegeorgini@yahoo.com

Bristol: Sat 10-1 Local butcher
Contact: anic@bristolct.gov

Cromwell: Cheese, honey, seafood, chicken, CT authors
Contact: cromwellfarmersmarket@comcast.net

Farmington Library: Fri 3-6 Cheese, wine
Contact: bdayton@farmingtonlibraries.org

Hebron: Sat 9-12:30 Dairy, cheese, crafts, vegetables, fish/seafood, meat
Contact: ghbreadcl@yahoo.com

Ivyton: Sat 10-1:30 Coffee
Contact: dave@essexgarlic.com

Lebanon: Sat 9am-noon Baker, cheese, meat, specialty
Contact: farmersmarket@lebanontownhall.org

Ledyard: Wed 4-7pm Any farmer or vendor will be considered
Contact: hello@ledyardfarmersmarket.org

Madison: Fri 3-6pm Fruit, shellfish
Contact: kingsley@barberryhillfarm.com

New London County, Markets Vary: Seafood
Contact: cbarry@llhd.org

Newington: Sat 9-1 Organic/conventional fruits and veg (2 to 3), cheese (2) plants, flowers, herbs (2), eggs
Contact: val@jmalogos.com

Vernon/Route 30 Farmers’ Market (at TAC): Thurs 9-1 Meat
Contact: arn824@aol.com

Scotland: Weds 3-6pm Meat, cheese, syrup, honey, fruit, vegetables
Contact: dquercia6@charter.net

Watertown: Sat 9-12 Any farmer or vendor
Contact: wtnspecialevents@watertownct.org or Hannah.cook.collier@gmail.com

Windsor Locks: Tues 4-7 Vegetables, baked goods, herbs, flowers, meat
Contact: mjperrier@aol.com

Vendors Looking for Markets
Looking for M, T, Th morning/afternoon markets.
Offering eggs, meat, produce, canned goods.
Contact: kbfarmstead@gmail.com

Bakery/cakes/cookies vendor in Fairfield area looking for markets.
Contact: palmeriv73@gmail.com

Jobber with cut flowers, herb and veg plant plugs in Hartford area.
Contact: j13j13j13@yahoo.com

Cheshire grower with fig trees looking for market
Contact: wayne.howardpaving@icloud.com

Middletown baker offering pies, granola, cookies and all natural dog treats
Contact: tobrien@futures-ct.org
WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

LOW HIGH

ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LB CTN 14.00 14.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4 OZ 16.00 16.50
APPLE,CORTLAND, XF, 12-3 LB 21.00 21.00
APPLE, GALA, FCY, 2-1/2", 12-3 LB 20.00 20.00
APPLE, HONEYCRISP, CFX, 100 65.00 65.00
APPLE, HONEYCRISP, FCY, 80 70.00 70.00
APPLE, HONEYCRISP, FCY, 88 70.00 70.00
APPLE, HONEYCRISP, FCY, 89 40.00 40.00
APPLE, MAC, #1, 120 17.00 18.00
APPLE, MAC, #1, 140 17.00 18.00
APPLE, MAC, XF, 2-1/2", 12-3 LB 22.00 22.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ 12.00 15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS 6.00 7.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON 19.00 21.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON 21.00 22.50
EGG, GRADE AA, WH, THAI, 20 LBS 15.00 15.00
POTATO, RNDRD, #1, SZA, 50LBS 14.00 15.00
POTATO, RNDRD, #1, SZA, 50LB 14.00 15.00
POTATO, RNWT, #1, CHF, 50LBS 12.00 13.00
POTATO, RNWT, #1, LB FILM 2.25 2.50
POTATO, YLLW, #1, SZB, 50LB 11.00 11.00
POTATO, YELLOW #1, SZA, 50LBS 13.00 14.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, CHEF, 50LB 14.00 14.00
TOMATOES, GHSE, 25 LBS 15.00 15.00
TOMATO, GHS, ONVINE, 11 LBS 20.00 20.00
TOMATO, GHS, CHERRY, 5LB 10.00 14.00
TOMATO, GHS, CHERRY, 8-10 OZ 20.00 24.00

NORTH EAST & SOUTHEAST

WHOLESALE HERBS
$ Per unit

ARUGULA, FL, 2-1/12 LB BAGS 12.00 13.50
ARUGULA, FL, 4 LB CTN, LOOSE 12.00 13.50
BASIL, FL, 1 LB, 15 BNCHES 20.00 22.00
BASIL FL, 1 LB, LOOSE 5.00 5.00
CHERVIL, FL, 1 LB, 15 BN 7.00 8.00
CHIVES, FL, 1 LB, 12 BNCHES 8.00 8.00
CIPOLLE, NY, 10 LB MESH 16.00 18.00
DILL, FL, 1 LB, 12 BN 7.00 8.00
DILL, FL, 1/2 LB, 24 BNCHES 21.00 22.00
DRIY ESCHALOT, NY, 10 LB 8.00 11.00
MARMORAM, FL, 1 LB, 12 BN 7.00 8.00
MINT, FL, 1/2 LB, 12 BN 7.00 8.00
MINT, NJ, 12 BNCHES 10.00 12.00
OREGANO, FL, 1 LB, 12 BN 7.00 9.00
ROSEMARY, FL, 1 LB, 12 BN 7.00 9.00
SAGE, FL, 1 LB, 12 BNCHES 7.00 9.00
SERROL, FL, 1 LB, 12 BN 10.00 12.00
TARRAGON, FL, 1 LB, 12 BN 10.00 10.00
THYME, FL, 1 LB, 12 BNCHES 7.00 8.00
WINTRCRSS, GH, PA, 2.2 LB 13.00 16.00
WINTRCRSS, ORG, GH, PA, 2.2LB 26.00 26.00
WATERCRESS, FL, 24 BN/CTN 14.00 16.00
WATERCRESS, FL, 12 BN/CTN 10.50 12.00

HAY - LANCASTER, PA
Small squares, each

ALFALFA 165.00 210.00
ALFALFA/GRASS Premium 235.00 330.00
GRASS HAYS Premium 255.00 300.00
GRASS HAYS Good 165.00 230.00
GRASS HAYS Good 170.00 250.00
STRAW 95.00 155.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Middlefield, CT - March 13, 2017

Bob Calves: 45-60 lbs.
LOW HIGH
15.00 20.00
61-75 lbs. 25.00 30.00
76-90 lbs. 32.50 35.00
91-105 lbs. 37.50 41.00
106 lbs. & up 42.50 44.00
Farm Calves up to 57.50
Starter Calves n/a n/a
Veal Calves 100.00 130.00
Feeder Heifers 75.00 100.00
Beef Heifers 86.00 102.00
Feeder Steers 120.00 160.00
Beef Steers 77.00 85.00
Stock Bulls 70.00 90.00
Beef Bulls 60.00 87.00
Replacement Cows n/a n/a
Replacement Heifers 1@ 500.00
Boars n/a n/a
Sows n/a n/a
Bulcher Hats 50.00 60.00
Feeder Pigs each n/a n/a
Sheep each 140.00 150.00
Lambs each 62.50 320.00
Goats each 145.00 345.00
Kid Goats each 90.00 170.00
Cannors up to 64.50
Cutters 65.00 69.00
Utility Grade Cows 70.00 74.00
Rabbits each 10.00 12.00
Chickens each 6.00 22.50
Ducks each 8.00 12.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA
Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)
XTRA LARGE .64 .79
LARGE .58 .72
MEDIUM .50 .63

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS
Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered show door. (Range)
XTRA LARGE 1.14 1.19
LARGE 1.11 1.16
MEDIUM .69 .77
SMALL .61 .61

USDA- BISON MEAT REPORT
Prices for grain fed bison March 2017. $/Cwt.

WHOLESALE MEAT - GRAIN FED - FRESH
RIB EYE, UP ON 1250.00 1779.00
CHUCKROLL/CLD 620.00 775.00
FLATS, OUTSIDE RND 620.00 775.00
TOP ROUND 789.00 920.00
EYE OF ROUND 650.00 817.00
STRIP LOIN 850.00 1466.00
TOP SIRLOIN 700.00 949.00
TENDERLOIN 1725.00 2600.00
GROUND 90% BULK 680.00 750.00
GROUND 85% PATTIES 790.00 790.00
HEARTS 225.00 400.00
LIVERS 165.00 231.00
TONGUES 320.00 534.00
PEELED KNUCKLES 700.00 850.00
TRIMMINGS, 90% FRESH 675.00 849.00
USDA URGES FARMERS TO RESPOND TO 2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Once every five years, the USDA conducts a nationwide agricultural census to create a statistical picture of the nation’s land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures.

The 2017 Census of Agriculture, “Your Voice, Your Future, Your Opportunity,” will be mailed to more than three million U.S. farmers later this year, and the USDA is urging every farmer to respond.

Those who receive the census raised or sold, or normally would have sold, $1,000 or more of fruits, vegetables or food animals during the census year. It includes even the smallest plots of land, rural or urban.

Through the Census of Agriculture, producers can show the nation the value and importance of agriculture, and help influence the decisions that will shape the future of American agriculture for years to come. The last census in 2012 showed that Connecticut led New England in the growth of new farms during the previous five years.

Census of Agriculture data are used by all those who serve farmers and rural communities — federal, state and local governments, agribusinesses, trade associations and many others. Farmers and ranchers can use Census of Agriculture data to help make informed decisions about the future of their own operations. Companies and cooperatives use the facts and figures to determine the locations of facilities that will serve agricultural producers.

Legislators use the numbers from the Census when shaping farm policies and programs.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will mail questionnaires for the 2017 Census of Agriculture to farm and ranch operators in December 2017 to collect data for the 2017 calendar year. Respondents can complete the Census online at www.agcensus.usda.gov or return their forms by mail.

United States law (Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113), requires all those who receive a Census of Agriculture report form to respond even if they did not operate a farm or ranch in 2017.

Census data is available through the local NASS field office in your area and is also available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For additional information on the Census of Agriculture and other NASS surveys, call the Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540.

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut’s first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal’s Power Fence 860-491-2290.

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 Marcie today at 203-444-6553.

27-R. Quality hay for sale; large bales from fertilized fields no kicker bales. 25 bale minimum $5.75 per bale. Call 203-453-9865.

28-R. Farm for sale. 9.2 acre, ~40000 sq ft greenhouses in Eastford, CT. Used to produce lettuce, cucumbers, herbs, tomatoes. $399,000.00. 860-336-8000.


33-R. For sale: Can-Car cable log skidder. $11,995.00. Bellavance Farm 860-564-5717.

34-R. For sale: Straw bales for bedding, mulch, construction. $4.00 per bale. Bellavance Farm 860-564-5717.


WANTED


35. Wanted: Large Katahdin Ram, one to five years old. Call David 203-453-9865.

MISCELLANEOUS

6-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tetreault Realty (860) 644-5667.
**AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL RESCHEDULED TO FRIDAY**

Due to Tuesday’s snow storm, Agriculture Day at the Capitol has been rescheduled to Friday, March 17, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the State Capitol. Presentation of the annual Outstanding Young Farmer, Century Farm, and Journalism awards will be made at 10 a.m. in the Hall of Flags, rather than the traditional noon starting time.

The event features more than 40 tables hosted by agricultural non-profits, producer associations, cooperatives, federal and state agricultural agencies, and Connecticut municipalities.

For more information, visit [www.ctaginfocouncil.org](http://www.ctaginfocouncil.org).

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**VENDOR APPLICATION AVAILABLE FOR FARMERS’ MARKET AT HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET**


Please return application with payment and all applicable certificates, permits, licenses, reports, maps, and resale listings to Jane Murdock, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 703, Hartford, CT 06103.

Call 860-713-2588 or email [Jane.Murdock@ct.gov](mailto:Jane.Murdock@ct.gov) with any questions.

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**SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT PROPOSALS SOUGHT**

The Dept. of Agriculture is seeking concept proposal for projects that solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops.

Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, maple syrup, honey, horticulture, and nursery crops.

Projects must impact and produce measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public.

Projects cannot begin until after January 1, 2018, and must be completed by September 29, 2020. The maximum award is $75,000.

More info and complete application guidelines are available at [www.CTGrown.gov/grants](http://www.CTGrown.gov/grants).

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is promoting maple syrup during the month of March on several state radio stations, as well as Pandora radio and the agency Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Connecticut Grown](http://www.facebook.com/Connecticut Grown) and [www.CTGrown.gov/maplesyrup](http://www.CTGrown.gov/maplesyrup).

The ads feature the message: “What do pancakes, ice cream, vegetables, coffee and oatmeal have in common? They all taste better with Connecticut Grown maple syrup. Find a sugarhouse near you at [www.CTGrown.gov/maplesyrup](http://www.CTGrown.gov/maplesyrup) and tap into the sweetness.”

Also, visit our Pinterest page, [pinterest.com/GrowCTAg](http://pinterest.com/GrowCTAg), for sugaring facts, maple syrup recipes and sugarhouses open to the public.