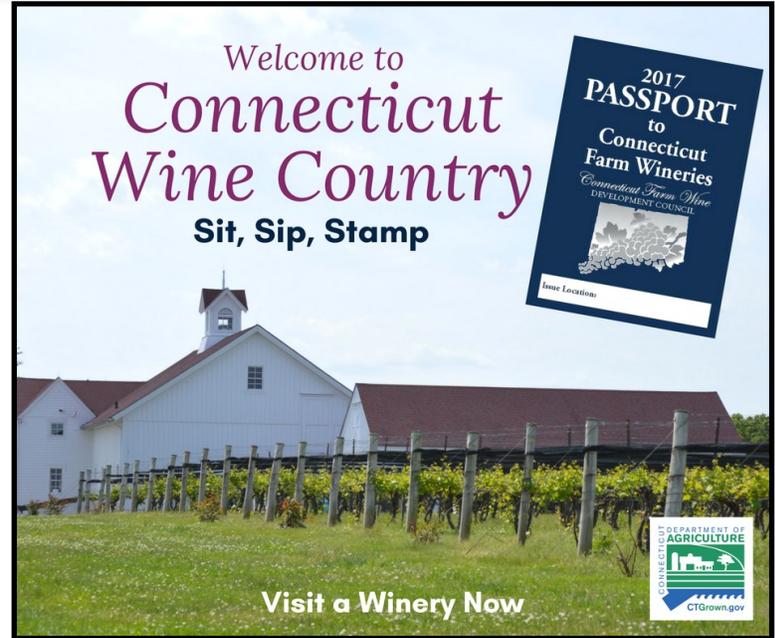


# Connecticut Weekly AGRICULTURAL REPORT

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## **FARM WINERY PROMOTION KICKS OFF AS THREE NEW VENUES JOIN PROGRAM Skill of Growers, Economic and Tourism Benefits Highlighted**

The annual opening of the state's Passport to Connecticut Farm Wineries program was marked by a visit to a Shelton winery by Governor Dannel P. Malloy and Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky, who urged residents and visitors to experience the state's 37 farm wineries and appreciate the skill it takes to grow grapes here.

"This is an ideal time of year to visit a vineyard, and Connecticut is a great destination for people looking to explore quality farm wineries," Governor Malloy said late last week, standing on a hilltop at Jones' Winery. "We have more than three dozen vineyards that produce a number of high-quality wines, and our Passport program offers folks a perfect opportunity to explore them."

The blue Passport booklets are available at each winery, and participants are encouraged to visit other wineries in order to get their booklet stamped.

Those obtaining at least 16 stamps can enter to win a number of prizes drawn in December, including bottles of Connecticut wine and the grand prize, a two-week trip to a wine-producing area of Spain.

Participants can also have their passport stamped at the annual Connecticut Wine Festival weekend, which runs July 22 to 23 at the Goshen Fairgrounds.

It is estimated that more than 160,000 gallons of wines were produced in Connecticut during 2016 – accounting for more than 800,000 bottles of local wine.

Over 60,000 passports were distributed under the program last year, helping to generate an estimated \$1 million in direct sales for the wineries, and at least an equal amount in economic activity from participants visiting restaurants and other businesses in the area.

The program highlights the diversity of each farm winery, including new ones in East Granby, Lyme, and Waterford that recently opened and joined the Passport program for the first time this year.

"While most of us certainly appreciate a nice glass of wine, I think what is often overlooked is the skill it takes to grow grapes and make high-

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**LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS</b> Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	66.50	71.50
boners 80-85% lean	65.00	70.00
lean 88-90% lean	60.00	66.50
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	137.00	143.00
Choice 2-3	132.50	138.00
Select 1-2	129.00	134.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	106.00	111.00
Choice 2-3	97.00	105.00
Sel 1-2	89.00	96.00
<b>CALVES - Graded bull</b>		
No 1 104-130 lbs	140.00	165.00
No 1 96-102 lbs	190.00	190.00
No 1 90-94 lbs	150.00	150.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice 1-3		
50-60 lbs	260.00	270.00
60-70 lbs	255.00	270.00
70-80 lbs	252.00	267.00
80-90 lbs	255.00	267.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice 2-3		
90-110 lbs	247.00	267.00
110-130 lbs	235.00	240.00
150-200 lbs	180.00	195.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3</b>		
80-120 lbs	109.50	109.50
120-160 lbs	80.00	102.00
160-200 lbs	70.00	90.00
200-300 lbs	60.00	72.00
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1</b>		
20-40 lbs	105.00	110.00
40-60 lbs	145.00	165.00
60-80 lbs	160.00	190.00
80-100 lbs	190.00	225.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1</b>		
80-130 lbs	170.00	195.00
130-180 lbs	210.00	245.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1</b>		
100-150 lbs	235.00	260.00
150-250 lbs	260.00	285.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Avg dressing. Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	53.00	56.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	44.50	51.00
	300-350 lbs	51.00	52.00
Sows, US 1-3	300-500 lbs	35.50	44.00
	500-800 lbs	43.00	46.00
Boars	500-700 lbs	5.00	6.50

**DAIRY REPLACEMENT COWS**

N. Holland, PA, May 3, 2017. By the head.

<b>FRESH COWS:</b>		
SUPREME	1600.00	1700.00
APPROVED	1200.00	1600.00
MEDIUM	1000.00	1150.00
<b>SPRINGING COWS (7-9 MONTHS):</b>		
SUPREME	1450.00	1700.00
APPROVED	1050.00	1250.00
<b>SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):</b>		
SUPREME	1525.00	1650.00
APPROVED	1200.00	1450.00
MEDIUM	900.00	1150.00

**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, 12-3LB	21.00	21.00
APPLE, HNYCRISP, XFCY, 88	68.00	70.00
APPLE, MAC, #1, 120	18.00	19.00
APPLE, MAC, #1, 140	18.00	19.00
APPLE, MAC, XFY, 2-1/2", 12-3LB	22.00	22.00
APPLE, MAC, FCY, 2-1/2", 12-3LB	18.00	18.00
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	22.50	25.00
FIDDLEHEADS, 10 LBS	55.00	75.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LBS	23.00	23.00
PARSNIPS, 18- 1 LB SACKS	22.00	22.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZA, 50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZB, 50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO, RNDRED, NG, SZA, 50LB	10.00	11.00
POTATO, RNDWT, #1, CHF, 50LB	12.00	13.00
POTATO, RNDWT, #1, 10 LB FILM	2.25	2.50
POTATO, YLLW, #1, SZB, 50 LB	11.00	11.00
POTATO, YELLOW, #1, SZA, 50LB	13.00	13.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, CHEF, 50LB	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES, GHSE, 25 LBS	15.00	15.00
TOMATO, GHS, ONVINE, 11 LBS	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES, GHS, CHERRY, 5LB	10.00	14.00
TOMS, GHS, CHRRY, 8-10 OZ	20.00	24.00

**SHIPPED IN**

ASPARAGUS, NJ, L, 28 BN	70.00	72.00
BEANS, GREEN, GA, HNDPK, BU	28.00	32.00
BEANS, CRNBRY, FL, BU	38.00	38.00
BEANS, FAVA, CA, BU	42.00	42.00
BEETS, RED, GA, 25 LBS	11.00	12.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 1.35 BU	30.00	30.00
COLLARDS, GA, 12 BN	12.00	12.00
CORN, BI-COLOR, FL 4.5 DOZ	16.00	18.00
CUKES, GHSE, CAN, LONG, CTN	5.00	6.00
DANDELION GRNS, NJ, 12 BN	16.00	16.00
GRAPES, MUSCAT, CHILE, 16LB	38.00	38.00
KALE, MIXED COLORS, NJ, 12	18.00	18.00
KALE, NJ, 12 /CTN	14.00	14.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, NJ, 24	12.00	16.00
LETT, BSTN, GHS, CAN, 12- 4 OZ	16.00	17.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, NJ, 24	15.00	18.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, NJ, 24	15.00	18.00
LEEK, NJ, 12	16.00	17.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ 60	20.00	22.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, 60	20.00	22.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, CA, BU	52.00	52.00
RADISHES, NJ, 24/HALF BRUCE	16.00	16.00
RHUBARB, OPN FIELD, OR, 20 LB	44.00	45.00
SWISS CHARD, NJ, 12	16.00	16.00
TURNIP GREENS, GA, 12	14.00	14.00

**NORTHEAST RETAIL WEEKLY REPORT**

\$ per lb or as noted.

KALE, PER BUNCH	.99	2.00
KALE	.88	1.29
POTATOES, RND RED, 5 LBS	2.47	3.99
POTATOES, RND RED	.79	1.29
POTATOES, RND WHITE, 5 LBS	1.48	3.00
POTATOES, RND WHITE	.87	.87
POTATOES, RUSSET, 10 LBS	2.99	4.99
POTATOES, RUSSET, 5 LBS	1.59	2.99
STRAWBERRIES, 1 LB PKG	1.66	3.99
STRAWBERRIES, 2 LB PKG	3.88	4.99

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - May 8, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	30.00	40.00
61-75 lbs.	75.00	80.00
76-90 lbs.	90.00	97.50
91-105 lbs.	95.00	120.00
106 lbs. & up	125.00	130.00
Farm Calves	135.00	150.00
Starter Calves	45.00	50.00
Veal Calves	90.00	155.00
Feeder Heifers	68.00	81.00
Beef Heifers	81.50	115.00
Feeder Steers	61.00	85.00
Beef Steers	95.00	107.00
Feeder Bulls	65.00	90.00
Beef Bulls	71.00	91.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	25.00	30.00
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	80.00	160.00
Lambs each	100.00	165.00
Goats each	80.00	305.00
Kid Goats each	95.00	105.00
Canners	up to	68.50
Cutters	69.00	71.00
Utility Grade Cows	72.00	75.00
Rabbits each	5.00	15.00
Chickens each	4.00	35.00
Ducks each	8.00	27.50

**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white  
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.61	.80
LARGE	.55	.69
MEDIUM	.41	.54

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**Per doz. Grade A brown in  
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.11	1.29
LARGE	1.03	1.19
MEDIUM	.75	.90
SMALL	.48	.58

**MONTHLY FEEDER CATTLE**

Greencastle, PA. May 5, 2017. Per cwt.

<b>Large 3 Holsteins</b>		
300-400 lbs	162.00	171.00
400-500 lbs	166.00	171.00
500-600 lbs	153.00	167.00
600-700 lbs	145.00	154.00
700-800 lbs	132.00	149.00
900-1000 lbs	125.00	125.50

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. FEEDER PIGS**

Per cwt.

US 1-2	20-30 lbs	140.00	140.00
	30-40 lbs	100.00	140.00
	40-50 lbs	90.00	130.00
	60-80 lbs	80.00	100.00
US 2	80-100 lbs	85.00	100.00
	20-30 lbs	50.00	100.00
	30-40 lbs	50.00	120.00
	40-50 lbs	70.00	110.00
	60-80 lbs	70.00	90.00

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quality wine in Connecticut, Reviczky said. "It's a real challenge in our climate and with our relatively short growing season, and one goal of the Passport program is to highlight the work that goes into making great wines with Connecticut Grown grapes and other fruit."

The department this month is also sponsoring a radio and social media campaign promoting the program and its participating wineries.

The program, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year, is supported by a USDA Specialty Crop Grant and also receives funding from the Community Investment Act. It is administered by the Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council, chaired by Commissioner Reviczky.

Jamie Jones, who manages the winery at his family's well-known farm, said he typically distributes about 3,000 of the passports during the season.

"It definitely helps bring in people from out of state and from the other end of the state," Jones said. "We're very fortunate to have this program as a partner in promoting what we do here. It has economic benefit beyond just the farm winery."

**A complete listing of Connecticut's wineries and additional information is available at:**

[www.passporttoctfarmwine.com](http://www.passporttoctfarmwine.com).

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**NEW PARTICIPATING WINERIES FOR 2017**

(Information courtesy of the wineries)

• **Brignole Vineyards/East Granby**

Brignole Vineyards is a newly-opened, family-owned and operated vineyard and function facility, striving for perfection in a glass. They offer eight different wines, seasonal sangrias and wine slushies, live music weekly, and a gorgeous tasting room. [www.brignolevineyards.com](http://www.brignolevineyards.com)

• **Hawk Ridge Winery/Watertown**

Slated to open in June, Hawk Ridge Winery has long been a working farm. There are currently 4 acres of grapevines planted, with future plans to expand to 30 acres. Their goal is to produce great wines unique to the area.

[www.hawkridgewinery.net](http://www.hawkridgewinery.net).

• **Sunset Hill Vineyard/Lyme**

A family-run boutique vineyard, Sunset Hill Vineyard is located on 12 acres in Lyme. As a small vineyard, they pride themselves on offering an intimate experience for up to eight guests where you can meet the winemakers, tour the vineyard, and hang out on their deck overlooking the Chardonnay grapes, while you sample the fruits of their labor. [www.sunsethillvineyard.com](http://www.sunsethillvineyard.com)

54-R. Tolland. 21 mini farm includes a 2300 sq.ft. Contemporary with 2-1/2 baths, 2 car attached garage and post and beam barn with 3 garage bays. Geothermal and solar heating/cooling, 30x96 greenhouse and spring fed pond. Suitable for horses, vegetables, small livestock or Christmas trees. \$409,900. Call Clint Charter, Wallace & Tetreault Realty, 860-558-3908.

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**Clockwise from above: A map showing the locations of Connecticut's 37 farm wineries; Gov. Malloy, Cmsr. Reviczky, Terry Jones and Jamie Jones at last week's Passport to Connecticut Farm Wineries kickoff; grape trellises at newly-opened Sunset Hill Vineyard in Lyme; the harvest last fall at Hawk Ridge Winery in Watertown, another new participant in the program. Page 1 left: Sunset over Brignole Vineyards in East Granby, which also joined the program this year.**



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