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HOLIDAY/WINTER FARMERS' MARKETS

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Winter farmers' markets are a fun and festive way to shop during the cold season.

Some winter markets are held as one-day holiday markets. The annual Knox Inc. Hartford Harvest Market is typically held the weekend before Thanksgiving at the Frog Hollow farmers market, 75 Laurel Street, Hartford, CT.

Other winter farmers' markets are open weekly, such as the CitySeed winter market at the Metropolitan Business Academy in New Haven, or twice a month like the Ellington winter farmers' market at the Indian Valley Family YMCA in Ellington.

The number of holiday/winter markets in Connecticut has grown from nine during the 2009-2010 season to 18 for the 2018-2019 season.

Several factors contribute to the increased popularity of winter farmers' markets: people want to eat Connecticut Grown food; farmers are using season-extension techniques to grow crops later into the season; and farmers are processing their Connecticut Grown produce into value-added products like pickles and jellies, which are preserved for sale at a later date.

Many people are aware of the importance of buying locally grown food. Purchasing Connecticut Grown food supports local farmers, who are an important part of the local economy.

Dianne Trueb, executive director of Ellington Farmers' Market Inc., said there has been a steady increase in the number of shoppers at the Ellington winter farmers' market over the past six years because people are interested in eating more Connecticut Grown food.

"People want to know where their food comes from," said Dianne.

Erin Carey, director of markets for CitySeed, Inc., said she has also seen a gradual increase in the num-

ber of shoppers at the CitySeed winter market since moving the market indoors in 2013.

"People are drawn to the market mostly to get fresh produce, meat, dairy, and seafood," said Erin.

Although the popular Connecticut Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and Senior (S) Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) checks are not accepted at winter farmers' markets, some winter farmers' markets are authorized to accept federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funds. Several winter farmers' markets in Connecticut also offer SNAP doubling programs.

The CitySeed winter market at the Metropolitan Business Academy offers a SNAP doubling program.

"SNAP customers can take advantage of our SNAP incentive doubling program to get up to \$10 for fruits and vegetables," said Erin.

Opening day for the CitySeed winter market is Saturday, January 5, 2019. The market will be open every Saturday through March 30, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Ellington winter farmers' market at the Indian Valley Family YMCA also offers SNAP doubling.



Shoppers at the CitySeed winter market at the Metropolitan Business Academy in New Haven.

Photo courtesy of CitySeed, Inc.

"We match SNAP, up to \$20 per week, per EBT card," said Dianne. "We are dedicated to providing healthy food choices and healthy eating education for all."

The Ellington winter farmers' market is open every other Saturday; December 8, 2018 - March 16, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A list of 2018-2019 winter farmers' markets, including which accept SNAP and which offer SNAP doubling, is available on the DoAg website at www.ct.gov/doag.

Most shoppers at winter

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.20	1.39
LARGE	1.14	1.28
MEDIUM	.86	.99

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.78	1.89
LARGE	1.70	1.79
MEDIUM	1.27	1.37
SMALL	.86	.96

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Choice/Prime 2-3	109.50	113.00
Choice 2-3	106.00	108.50
Select 1-2	100.00	106.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prime 3-4	83.00	83.00
Choice 2-3	79.00	81.00
Select 1-2	73.00	76.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	107.00	110.00
Choice 2-3	103.00	105.00
Select 2-3	102.50	103.50
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	43.00	47.50
boners 80-85% lean	38.00	49.50
lean 88-90% lean	34.00	39.50
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 96-118 lbs	47.00	52.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	150.00	180.00
110-130 lbs	130.00	165.00
150-200 lbs	130.00	150.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	60.00	80.00
120-160 lbs	50.00	75.00
160-200 lbs	60.00	90.00
200-300 lbs	50.00	80.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	145.00	170.00
60-80 lbs	160.00	190.00
80-100 lbs	180.00	215.00
100-120 lbs	200.00	235.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	175.00	190.00
130-180 lbs	200.00	235.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	230.00	275.00
150-250 lbs	295.00	335.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
52-56	200-300 lbs	48.00 57.00
	300-350 lbs	42.00 48.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	38.00 48.00
	300-350 lbs	38.00 46.00
	350-400 lbs	37.00 42.00
Sows, US 1-3		
	300-500 lbs	32.00 42.00
	500-700 lbs	31.00 39.00
Boars		
	500-700 lbs	5.00 5.00

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, CRTLND, XFCY, 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE, CRTLND, XFCY, 88	29.00	31.00
APPLE, CRTLND, NG, LOOSE	18.00	18.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, XFCY, 80	65.00	65.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, XFCY, 88	65.00	65.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, FCY, 64	30.00	30.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, FCY, 72	30.00	30.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, NG, LOOSE	45.00	45.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 72	28.00	28.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 80	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 100	26.00	26.00
APPLE, MAC, 125, #1	16.00	17.00
APPLE, MAC, 138, #1	16.00	17.00
APPLE, MAC, NG, LOOSE	18.00	18.00
APPLE, MACOUN, XFCY, 80	38.00	38.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 100	22.00	22.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 125	16.00	17.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 138	16.00	17.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	19.00	19.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	21.00	21.00
POTATO, YEL, 50 LB, CHEF	13.00	14.00
TOMS, VINERP, GHS, 25 LBS	20.00	20.00
TOMS, ONVINE, GHS, 11 LBS	22.00	22.00
TOMS, CHERRY, GHS, 10 LB	24.00	25.00

SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 88	32.00	32.00
APPLE, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 100	28.00	28.00
APPLE, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 125	24.00	26.00
APPLE, FUJI, PA, XFCY, 80	36.00	36.00
APPLE, FUJI, PA, XFCY, 88	36.00	36.00
APPLE, FUJI, NY, FCY, 64	30.00	30.00
APPLE, GALA, PA, XFCY, 80	36.00	36.00
APPLE, GALA, PA, XFCY, 88	28.00	36.00
APPL, GALA, NY, XF, 12-3LB, 2.5"	24.00	24.00
CABBAGE, NY, 50 LB, M-L	20.00	20.00
CABBAGE, NY, 50 LB, L	13.00	13.00
CABBAGE, RED, NY, 50 LB, M-L	20.00	21.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, NY, 50 LB, M-L	20.00	20.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	23.00	23.00
CUKE, LNG SDLS, CD, GHS, CTN	12.00	15.00
KALE, LACINATO, GA, 12	21.00	21.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, GHS, CD, 12-4OZ	26.00	26.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, AZ/CA, 24	55.00	58.00
LETTUCE, GRNLF, CA/AZ, 24	65.00	70.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, AZ/CA, 24	65.00	70.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, CA/AZ, 24	34.00	37.00
MESCLUN MIX, AZ/CA, 3 LBS	11.00	14.00
ONION, GLOBE, NY, 10 LB SACK	3.75	3.75
ONION, GLOBE, NY, 50 LB MED	15.00	15.00
PARSNIPS, MI, 20 LBS, M	22.00	22.00
POTATO, YEL, CRMER, WA, 50LB	50.00	60.00
POTATO, PRPL, CRMER, WA, 50LB	50.00	50.00
POTATO, LWHT, CRMER, WA, 50LB	30.00	30.00
RUTABAGAS, PEI/CD, 50 LB	20.00	21.00
SPINACH, FLT BABY, CA, 4 LBS	17.00	20.00
SPINACH, FLAT, TX, 24/BN/CTN	35.00	35.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - December 10, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	5.00	10.00
61-75 lbs.	15.00	20.00
76-90 lbs.	25.00	27.50
91-105 lbs.	32.50	35.00
106 lbs. & up	40.00	45.00
Farm Calves	n/a	n/a
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	72.50	80.00
Feeder Heifers	82.50	110.00
Beef Heifers	55.00	100.00
Feeder Steers	75.00	105.00
Beef Steers	66.00	103.00
Feeder Bulls	55.00	95.00
Beef Bulls	49.50	57.50
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	45.00	145.00
Lambs each	60.00	320.00
Goats each	85.00	240.00
Kid Goats each	100.00	215.00
Canners	up to	43.50
Cutters	44.00	47.00
Utility Grade Cows	48.00	50.00
Rabbits each	7.00	15.00
Chickens each	3.00	17.00
Ducks each	5.00	8.00

The holiday weeks' auctions will be held on Wednesday, December 26 and January 2, 2018, respectively.

FEEDER CATTLE SALE

Vintage Sales Stables. Price per cwt.

Feeder Steers - Med & Large 1		
250-300 lbs	140.00	140.00
300-400lbs	124.00	140.00
450-500 lbs	115.00	135.00
500-550 lbs	123.00	146.00
550-600 lbs	125.00	141.00
600-650 lbs	115.00	137.50
650-700 lbs	100.00	105.00
700-750 lbs	110.00	121.00
750-850 lbs	109.00	114.00
850-950 lbs	107.00	117.00
950-1000 lbs	90.00	90.00
Holstein Steers - Large 3		
350-400 lbs	40.00	40.00
400-450 lbs	47.00	50.00
450-500 lbs	50.00	74.00
500-550 lbs	42.00	60.00
650-700 lbs	52.00	52.00
700-750 lbs	63.00	63.00
750-800 lbs	58.00	60.00
800-900 lbs	61.00	64.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. December 7.

ALFALFA/GRASS		
PREMIUM	390.00	410.00
GOOD	295.00	380.00
GRASS HAYS		
PREMIUM	360.00	455.00
GOOD	275.00	340.00
STRAW	300.00	300.00

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farmers' markets are aware that some summer produce, like tomatoes and peppers, are not locally available unless grown under artificial heating and lighting conditions.

Winter farmers' markets are a great place to buy Connecticut Grown crops that have been frozen, dried, held in cold storage, or otherwise preserved.

Connecticut Grown frozen meats are readily available at many winter farmers markets.

Dried herbs and beans make great soups and stews. Pickles, jellies, sauces, and other locally grown preserved products are also available at winter farmers' markets.

Crops like winter squash, carrots, and potatoes can be harvested in the fall and stored in low humidity and low temperature conditions for sale during the winter months.

Erin said there are lots of root vegetables for sale at the CitySeed winter market along with greens, squashes, and fruits.



The Ellington winter farmers' market located at the Indian Valley Family YMCA.
Photo courtesy of Ellington Farmers Market Inc.

Winter farmers' markets are also good places to gather with neighbors during the cold winter months. Some winter markets like the CitySeed winter market offer musical entertainment, cooking demonstrations, and other activities.

"We also try to have a different workshop or event happening at each market to help draw customers in, as well as kid's activities, live music, prepared foods, and value-added products," said Erin.

The Ellington winter farmers' market offers educational programs including a birds of prey demonstration and staying healthy with herbs.

Craft vendors are abundant at winter farmers' markets selling locally made products like candles, soap, and pottery.

In addition to produce, meat, dairy, and seafood the CitySeed winter market offers breads, pastries, handmade soap, and dog treats.

With all of the activities and products sold at winter markets it's easy to forget that farmers' markets are intended to be venues for farmers to sell their products to generate income.

Dianne said the farmers at the Ellington winter farmers' market are thrilled to have an outlet to sell direct to customers during the winter months.

The CitySeed winter market also provides farmers access to an indoor retail sales environment.

"It's a great way for [farmers] to be able to sell year-round in the Greater New Haven area," said Erin.

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Whether you're an agricultural producer wanting to conserve water or address water, air, or animal waste issues; reduce erosion; improve wildlife habitat; obtain a seasonal high tunnel; or just plain improve conservation on your farming operation, it's time to find out if you're eligible for financial assistance through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program for those engaged in livestock, forestry, or agricultural production – including organics. It offers financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land. It also provides payments for implementing practices that have a positive environmental impact, while protecting long-term production and sustainability.

Eligible crop production includes, but is not limited to, field-grown ornamentals, fruits, orchards, plant materials in greenhouses, row crops, vegetables, and vineyards.

Although NRCS accepts applications year-round, to be eligible for current year funding you must ensure your application is submitted to your local NRCS office by December 21, 2018.

Contact your local USDA Service Center for additional information: Danielson – (860) 779-0557; Hamden – (203) 287-8038; Norwich – (860) 887-3604; Torrington – (860) 626-8852; Windsor – (860) 688-7725.

HOLIDAY AND WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

Below is a list of 2018/2019 winter farmers' markets which is also available on the DoAg website at www.ct.gov/doag.

Market Name	Location	Street Address	Dates	Market Day(s)	Market Times	SNAP
Colchester	Cold Spring Farm	46 Lake Hayward Rd	Nov. 4 - March 24	Sundays	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	
Coventry	Coventry High School	78 Ripley Hill Rd	Nov. 18 - March 19	Sundays	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	
Danielson	Westfield Congregational Church	210 Main St	Nov. - March Holiday Market Dec. 22	1st & 3rd Saturdays	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	
Ellington	Indian Valley Family YMCA	11 Pinney St	Dec. 22, Jan. 5 & 19, Feb. 2 & 16, March 2 & 16	Saturdays	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Accepted
Guilford	Northeast corner of Rts 77 & 80	2351 Durham Rd	Feb. 3, March 3, April 7	1st Saturdays	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	
Lebanon	Lebanon Senior Center	37R West Town St	Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 23	Saturdays	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	
Ledyard	Ledyard Senior Center	12 Van Tassel Dr	Nov. 10 - Feb. 23	Saturdays	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	
Litchfield	Litchfield Community Center	421 Bantam Rd	Dec. 15 & 22; Jan. 12 & 26; Feb. 9 & 23; March 2, 16 & 30; April 13 & 27	Saturdays	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	
New Canaan	Old Center School Parking Lot	South Ave/ Maple St/ Main St.	Dec. 15	Saturdays	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	
New Haven	Metropolitan Business Academy	115 Water St	Jan. 5 - March 30	Saturdays	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Accepted
New Haven - Edgewood Park	Edgewood Park	Corner of Whalley Ave & West Rock Ave	Dec. 16	Sundays	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Accepted
New Haven - Wooster Square	Russo Park	Corner of Chapel St and DePalma Ct	Dec. 15	Saturdays	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Accepted
New Milford	East Street School Gym	50 East St	Dec. 15, 22, & 29; Jan. 5, 12, 19, & 26	Saturdays	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Accepted
Niantic	Smith's Acres Greenhouse	4 West Main Street	Jan. 6 - mid April	Sundays	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	
Stonington	Velvet Mill	22 Bayview Ave	Oct. 20 - April 27	Saturdays	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	
Storrs	Mansfield Public Library	54 Warrenville Rd	Dec. 22, Jan. 5 & 19, Feb 2 & 16, March 2 & 16, April 6 & 20	Saturdays	3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	
Suffield	Suffield High School	1060 Sheldon St	Dec. 1 - Feb. 9	Saturdays	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Accepted



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