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# CONNECTICUT WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT

The latest news and updates in Connecticut agriculture

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The CT Sheep, Wool, and Fiber Festival is returning this year! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 30 from 9am-4pm at the North Haven Fairgrounds in North Haven, CT. More than 75 vendors will be selling fiber of all types, yarns, roving, and tools for all fiber artisans. For more information, visit [www.ctsheep.org/ct-sheep-wool-fiber-festival](http://www.ctsheep.org/ct-sheep-wool-fiber-festival).

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*Left: Gloria Wraight, John Wraight, and Dan Greenwood. Right: Dan and Tina Greenwood purchased the Ellington farm on March 10.*

## CT FarmLink Creates Successful Connections

### *Program Helps Beginning Farmers Find Ellington Farm to Purchase*

John Wraight has watched development encroach on his family farm in Ellington and has wanted for years to make sure that his farm would be available for the next generation of farmers. CT FarmLink enabled John and his wife to find a farmer who aligns with their goals and can carry on stewarding the farm.

John grew up on the 36-acre Ellington farm that he listed on CT FarmLink in 2019. He remembers vividly learning about haymaking and helping his dad around the farm and holds onto memories of a tight agricultural community. Without heirs, John and his wife, Gloria, decided it was important to protect their farm to ensure it could stay in agriculture for generations to come. John explained why protecting his property was a priority to him and Gloria before selling it saying, "It was important to us that later in life we could drive past the property and still recognize it." It was crucial to them that the property was not only protected as farmland, but also that it was transferred to a farmer who would keep it actively farmed. After protecting their farm with Connecticut Farmland Trust, John and Gloria listed it on CT FarmLink to start their search for a farmer.

It took a couple years on CT FarmLink to find the right farmer for this farm, due to its lack of infrastructure that is needed by most farmers and the time required to return the property to active production. John and Gloria Wraight and Dan and Tina Greenwood were connected on CT FarmLink in late 2021 and on March 10, 2022, the Greenwoods purchased the farm.

Dan Greenwood and his wife, Tina, are beginning farmers – and parents of

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adventure not only for Dan and Tina, but also their three children. Their eldest will be graduating this spring from E.O. Smith High School where he's been studying vocational agriculture. The Greenwoods are looking forward to integrating a holistic approach into their livestock and pasture management. For anyone interested in following along with their new adventures on the farm, follow [@greenwoodholisticfarm](#).

Connecting farmland and the next generation of farmers, CT FarmLink is a free program funded by the Community Investment Act and administered by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, in partnership with Connecticut Farmland Trust and Land for Good. CT FarmLink's flagship resource is its interactive website to connect farmers looking to lease or buy farmland in Connecticut with available land. CT FarmLink also offers on-site consultations, and resources for farm owners and farmers who are participating on CT FarmLink. If you are a farmland owner or a farmer looking to buy or lease land, visit [www.CTFarmLink.org](http://www.CTFarmLink.org).

*Submitted by Maddie Dres, CT FarmLink Associate*

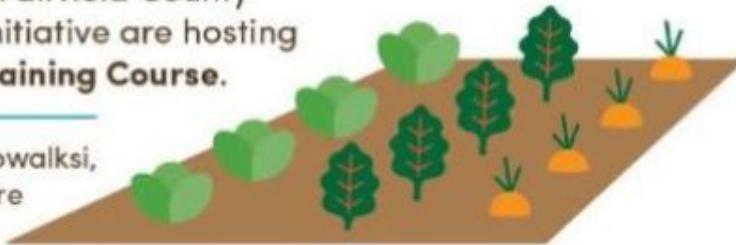
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# DO YOU WANT TO BE AN URBAN FARMER?

UConn Extension of Fairfield County and Green Village Initiative are hosting an **Urban Farmer Training Course**.

Taught by Jacqueline Kowalksi, UConn Urban Agriculture Extension Educator.



**May–October 2022 @ 122 Arctic St, Bridgeport, CT**

## Course Schedule

- Tuesdays, 6–8pm:  
Class Instruction (beginning 5/3)
- May 14 & May 15:  
Garden cleanup and planting weekend (Rain dates: 5/21, 5/22)
- Fridays, 4–6pm:  
Rotating participation in garden maintenance and harvest
- Saturdays, 9am–2pm:  
Rotating participation in farmers market vending (beginning 6/18)

## About the Course

- Meets once a week in person.
- Includes classroom topics and hands-on learning in the outdoor garden classroom.
- Opportunities to harvest, prep and sell vegetables produced in the class at a Bridgeport Farmers Market on Saturdays.

## Cost: \$200/person

To register contact GVI at:  
[communitygardens@gogvi.org](mailto:communitygardens@gogvi.org)  
or (203) 612-4107.  
Scholarships available.



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Institute of Food and Agriculture



## CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

[Sign of Spring: Pick Your Own Flowers at Halfinger Farms, 4/13, NBC Connecticut](#)

[SNAP-Ed Supports Nutrition Education, Gains Attention from National Food & Nutrition Services, 4/11, UConn Today](#)

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## Webinar 3: Tuesday, April 19

10 am to 12 pm

### *Creating meaningful soil health change: What can I do to make positive changes to my soil health?*

Join us for an interactive webinar discussing ways to increase soil quality.

With the use of their own personal farm stories,  
our speakers will address how to make positive soil health change.

#### Meet the Speakers:

##### **Kaitlin Farbotnik (New Jersey NRCS)**



Kaitlin Farbotnik is the State Conservation Agronomist and Grazing Specialist for New Jersey NRCS and is currently acting as the Northeast Regional Soil Health Specialist. Kaitlin enjoys working with planners and farmers to develop practical solutions for each farm's specific challenges and believes that every soil health system should be designed to be dynamic and adaptable. When not working her day job, Kaitlin is the fourth generation on her family farm where she and her husband raise grass-fed beef, pastured pork and pastured poultry for retail sale at farmer's markets and for their farm CSA.

##### **Matthew Denton (NRCS Soil Health Division)**



Matthew Denton is the NRCS Soil Health Division's East Region Team Leader and most recently served as Area Resource Conservationist in West Tennessee. Matthew currently resides on the family's "Century Farm" in Dyer, Tennessee with his wife and 2 daughters, where they manage a vegetable and row crop operation in addition to producing livestock including small ruminants and beef cattle. Soil Health has been a major component of his operation personally and in his career professionally, implementing and promoting all aspects of Soil Health management and integration.

**The webinar is open to service providers and farmers and will be comprised of time for instruction in addition to interactive breakout sessions.**

For more information, visit <https://livestock.extension.uconn.edu/>  
or contact Rachel Bespuda, Project Director at [rachel.bespuda@uconn.edu](mailto:rachel.bespuda@uconn.edu)  
REGISTER HERE - [s.uconn.edu/regarespring22](https://s.uconn.edu/regarespring22)



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Protecting the People Who Feed the World

#### **TOTAL FARMER HEALTH COACH OPPORTUNITY**

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is working with AgriSafe utilizing funds from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) as part

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The 12-month grant award includes providing a train-the-trainer program to supply mental well-being awareness and coping strategies to ag educators, new farmers, and youth via the *Cultivating a Healthy Mind* curriculum offered by AgriSafe.

As part of that program, AgriSafe is seeking health care professionals to join their team as a certified Health Coach to educate Connecticut farmers on Total Farmer Health. The initial training is 100% online allowing interested individuals the ability to complete the Total Farmer Health Coach Certification wherever they feel most comfortable and when it fits best in their schedule.

Learn more about the program and process to become a coach [here](#).

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## CONNECTICUT MILK PROMOTION BOARD ANNOUNCES FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Connecticut Milk Promotion Board (CTMPB), administered by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, is pleased to announce up to \$500,000 available in funding opportunities for programming in fiscal year 2022-23. These opportunities align with their core focus which includes the vision of increasing purchases and expanding the access of milk and dairy products to consumers, retailers, institutions, and other applicable outlets. The funding is intended to support the CTMPB's mission to develop, coordinate, and implement promotional, research, and other programs designed to promote Connecticut dairy farms and the consumption of milk and dairy products.

"These funding opportunities will enable us to continue building upon the work done over the past year which aligns with the strategic vision plan created with input from the state's dairy farmers and formally adopted by the board in 2020," said Paul Miller, Chairman of the CTMPB. "The board has honed our focus on funding to include consumer nutrition education, multi-media marketing, and farmer engagement programs to meet our five-year target of realizing an increase in dairy purchases and consumption throughout the supply chain in Connecticut."

The CTMPB has up to \$500,000 available for programming and expects to award contracts up to \$200,000 each in the first two bulleted program areas and no more than \$100,000 in the third bulleted program area:

- Partnerships with various types of retail, educational, and professional organizations that will lead to the increase in dairy consumption.
- Multi-media campaigns promoting the value of Connecticut's dairy farms and the accessibility of milk.

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Proposed applicants can apply for any combination of the above program areas and are not limited to applying for only one. Eligible entities include businesses, extension agencies, agricultural and non-profit organizations, universities, community colleges, educational institutions, agricultural science schools, research organizations, and contract media vendors. Interested applicants should review each funding guidance document to confirm their eligibility.

Funding is provided through dairy checkoff dollars, established through the national dairy checkoff order. CGS Sec. 22-authorizes the CTMPB to award grant funds from Connecticut's portion of checkoff dollars. All projects should be conducted in accordance with the national dairy checkoff order, which can be found at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/research-promotion/dairy>.

Additional details on the dairy grant funding opportunities can be found on [www.CTGrown.gov/grants](http://www.CTGrown.gov/grants). For more information on Connecticut Milk Promotion Board and Connecticut Dairy, visit [CTDairy.org](http://CTDairy.org)

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## 2022 CONNECTICUT COMPOST TOUR SERIES

### Tour #2: On-Farm Composting

Join farm owner Jessica Stone for a tour of the farm and compost operation. The farm is currently working with Northern Tilth who works with farms throughout New England providing technical guidance for on-farm composting operations. Northern Tilth is currently working with an NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant in Connecticut to study existing compost piles and then advise low-cost changes to reduce environmental losses and increase the finished compost quality and value. This tour will provide an overview of the on-farm composting, observations and discussions with the farm, and how they utilize compost.

**April 29: REGISTER**

### Tours #3 and #4: Home Composting/Beginner

(This is a hands-on field trip; please dress in clothing you don't mind getting dirty.)

The Keney Park Sustainability Project (KPSP) began in 2016 to provide hands-on training, on-site demonstrations, education outreach, and community collaboration that help families become more self-sustainable and environmentally conscious while preserving the historic Keney Park. Join KPSP staff for a tour of the site, and participate in a hands-on composting project.

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Tour the many types of composting systems KPSP supports from worm bins to tumblers all while learning about KPSP's other efforts from planting native

plants to producing maple syrup.

May 7: REGISTER

June 25: REGISTER

## Yale SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT

*The Forest School*

### Maple Syrup Production Tools and Techniques

#### Workshop: Yale-Myers Forest

**Date:** Saturday, April 23 (rain or shine)

**Time:** 9am-Noon\*

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Yale-Myers Forest – 150 Centre Pike, Eastford, CT 06242

\*For those who might want to attend, following the maple workshop will be an afternoon program on forest farming:  
<https://www.northeastforestfarmers.org/events>

**RSVP:** Not required, but please contact [schoolforests@yale.edu](mailto:schoolforests@yale.edu) if you would like to RSVP.



**Description:** This workshop will cover three aspects of maple syrup production: reverse osmosis, wood evaporator use, and filtering of finished syrup. Joseph Orefice of Yale Forests will lead the workshop with Tom Patterson of CDL-USA, who will provide expertise in use and care of reverse osmosis, evaporators, and filtering options. Adam Maikshilo, Soil Conservationist with NRCS, will discuss federal cost sharing programs to help maple producers purchase reverse osmosis and evaporation equipment.

This workshop is intended to provide new and experienced sugarmakers with opportunities to ask questions and learn about modern high-efficiency, and climate friendly, maple syrup equipment in a hands-on setting.

#### **Agenda:**

- 9:00am - Welcome & introductions to the Yale Forest maple program
- 9:15am - **Reverse Osmosis:** options, effective use, and end of season care led by Tom Patterson of CDL-USA and Joseph Orefice of Yale Forests
- 10:00am - **High efficiency wood evaporator** operation led by Joseph Orefice of Yale Forests and Tom Patterson of CDL-USA
- 10:45am - **Syrup filtering** options, including use of a filter press
- 11:15am - Adam Maikshilo to go over NRCS **cost-share programs for maple equipment**
- 11:45am - Wrap up and evaluations

**COVID Protocol:** All participants will be required to register for this event onsite, and be required to provide proof of a COVID vaccination if requested. Attendees who are unvaccinated will be required to wear a mask during the workshop. All attendees must be 18 years or older per Yale University requirements.

**Note:** This workshop will take place at Yale-Myers Forest, which is part of Yale University but is located in Eastford, Connecticut. More information about Yale Forests can be found at: <https://forests.yale.edu/>

Special thanks to the USDA Acer Access and Development Program for supporting this workshop

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The USDA has opened the [Local Food Promotion Program \(LFPP\)](#) funds projects that develop, coordinate, and expand local and regional food business enterprises that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer to consumer marketing to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. Grants can be used for the planning stages of establishing or expanding a local and regional food business enterprise or to improve or expand a food business that supports locally and regionally produced agricultural products and food system infrastructure by performing feasibility studies, market research, training and technical assistance for the business enterprise and/or for producers working with the business enterprise. They also have a new Farm to Institution category! **Applications are due by May 16, 2022.**

[To learn more about the LFPP program follow the link here.](#)

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### EPA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR THE FARM, RANCH, AND RURAL COMMUNITIES FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This week, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced a [solicitation for nominations](#) to serve on its Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee (FRRCC). Established in 2008, the FRRCC provides independent policy advice, information, and recommendations to EPA's Administrator on a range of environmental issues and policies that are of importance to agriculture and rural communities.

To be considered for an appointment to the FRRCC, nominations should be submitted to [FRRCC@epa.gov](mailto:FRRCC@epa.gov) by May 16, 2022, with the subject line "FRRCC Membership 2022." Nominations should include a résumé or curriculum vitae and a statement of interest. Letters of support and recommendation will be accepted but are not mandatory.

In addition, Administrator Regan [has issued a formal response](#) today to the most recent set of [FRRCC recommendations](#) regarding food loss and waste, water policy, and pesticide policy, which were published in December 2021. This communication includes clear examples of how EPA is taking action to respond to priorities identified by the committee.

[Learn more about the FRRCC nomination.](#)

[Find more information about the FRRCC.](#)

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### USDA VALUE-ADDED PRODUCER GRANTS PROGRAM

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The Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and marketing of new

products. The goals of this program are to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities and increase producer income. You may receive priority if you are a beginning farmer or rancher, a socially-disadvantaged farmer or rancher, a small or medium-sized farm or ranch structured as a family farm, a farmer or rancher cooperative, or are proposing a mid-tier value chain. Grants are awarded through a national competition. Each fiscal year, applications are requested through a notice published in the Federal Register and through an announcement posted on Grants.gov. The program period varies for paper applications which must be postmarked by May 2, 2022. Applications are permitted via Grants.gov and must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on **April 25, 2022**.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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### **NORTHEAST DAIRY BUSINESS INNOVATION CENTER INVESTS IN PROJECTS**

The Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center (NE-DBIC) invests in projects that advance the regional dairy industry. A range of NE-DBIC funding opportunities totaling approximately \$3 million will be available for farmers, processors, and industry partners in 2022:

- **April** – [Dairy Marketing & Branding Services Grant](#): Funding for value-added dairy processors to access professional services to implement marketing tactics, brand improvements, and overall strategy.
- **June** – [Dairy Processor Innovation Grant](#): Funding for dairy processors to make key developments in operations, products, marketing, and other strategies to position their businesses for long-term success.
- **October** – [Dairy Farm Innovation Grant](#): Funding for dairy farms to take a holistic approach to implementing community- and climate-forward dairy production and business strategies.

[For more information follow this link.](#)

### **USDA FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARMER'S MARKET PROMOTION PROGRAM**

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The Farmer's Market Promotion Program (FMPP) funds projects that develop, coordinate, and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase

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access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products by developing, coordinating, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, online sales or other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.

[To learn more follow this link.](#)

## Avian Influenza (AI)

### What is it?



- AI is a virus carried by migratory waterfowl (ducks and geese).
- Domestic poultry (chickens, turkeys, fowl) are susceptible and will become very sick.
- The virus is believed to originate in Eurasia and spread into Canada and the Atlantic Flyway through wild geese and ducks.
- Migratory bird flyways cross the United States. Connecticut is in the Atlantic Flyway.



If you have sick or dying birds, please contact [ctstate.vet@ct.gov](mailto:ctstate.vet@ct.gov) or 860-713-2505

## Biosecurity Basics

### Protect Your Flock From Avian Influenza



Cover chicken coops and runs to prevent contact with wild waterfowl and their droppings.



Wash hands before and after working with birds.



Change food and water daily.



Provide disposable boot covers and/or disinfectant footbaths for anyone having contact with your flock.



Clean and disinfect tools or equipment before moving them to a new poultry facility.



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## LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE CREDIT TO START OR GROW YOUR FARM? THE NATIONAL YOUNG FARMERS COALITION IS HERE TO HELP!



**LEARN ABOUT THE USDA'S LOAN PROGRAMS THROUGH  
THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA). OUR COALITION WON  
A MICROLOAN PROGRAM IN THE 2014 FARM BILL TO MAKE  
THESE LOANS MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR YOU!**

We know that it may not be easy to work with government programs due to historical and ongoing discrimination against BIPOC farmers. Young Farmers has a farmer on staff who can answer questions for BIPOC farmers about the loans and walk you through the application.

**CALL OUR FARMER TECHNICAL ASSISTANT  
SHAKERA RAYCOZA TO LEARN MORE AT  
SHAKERA@YOUNGFARMERS.ORG OR 518 643 3564 EXT. 1**

USDA FSA Loans feature low interest rates (rates 2-3% as of February 2022), and do not use credit scores to determine eligibility.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF LOANS:

#### MICROLOANS

- + Up to \$50,000 in Operating Loan funds and \$50,000 in Ownership Loan funds, for a total of \$100,000
- + Repayment terms are 1-7 years
- + Same uses as Operating and Ownership loans
- + A streamlined application process with less paperwork

#### OPERATING LOANS

- + Up to \$400,000
- + Up to 7 years to repay
- + Use funds for infrastructure, livestock, feed, seeds, equipment, labor, fertilizers, rent, family living expenses, etc.

#### OWNERSHIP LOANS

- + Up to \$600,000
- + Repayment terms are up to 25 years
- + Use funds to purchase or enlarge a farm, make a down payment, promote soil and water conservation and protection, or pay closing costs
- + Funds can also be used to purchase, improve, or build structures related to the farming business

*Farm operating expenses, including, but not limited to, feed, seed, fertilizer, pesticides, farm supplies, repairs and improvements which are to be expensed, cash rent and family living expenses. Other programs include farm storage loans, living expenses under the loans above, down payment loan, guaranteed loan program, and youth loans.*

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**PARA EMPEZAR O HACER CRECER TU GRANJA?  
NATIONAL YOUNG FARMERS COALITION  
(LA COALICIÓN NACIONAL DE AGRICULTORES  
JOVENES) ESTÁ AQUÍ PARA AYUDARTE.**



**CONOCE LOS PROGRAMAS DE PRÉSTAMOS DEL USDA A TRAVÉS  
DE LA AGENCIA DE SERVICIOS AGRÍCOLAS (FSA).  
¡NYFC CONSIGUIÓ UN PROGRAMA DE MICROCRÉDITOS EN LA LEY  
AGRÍCOLA DE 2014 PARA QUE ESTOS PRÉSTAMOS SEAN MÁS  
ACCESIBLES PARA TI!**

Sabemos que puede resultar difícil trabajar con los programas del gobierno debido a la discriminación histórica y actual contra los agricultores BIPOC. Young Farmers tiene un agricultor en el equipo que puede responder a las preguntas de los agricultores BIPOC sobre los préstamos y ayudarles con la solicitud.



**LLAMA A NUESTRA ASISTENTE TÉCNICA DE  
AGRICULTORES SHAKERA RAYGOZA PARA  
HABLAR MÁS A FONDO EN  
SHAKERA@YOUNGFARMERS.ORG O AL 518 643 3564 EXT. 1**

Los Préstamos FSA del USDA presentan tipos de interés bajos (tipos del 2-3% a partir de febrero de 2022), y no utilizan puntuaciones de crédito para determinar la elegibilidad.

**MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LOS DIFERENTES TIPOS DE PRÉSTAMOS:**

**MICROCRÉDITOS**

- + Hasta 50.000 dólares en fondos de Préstamos de Explotación y 50.000 dólares en fondos de Préstamos de Propiedad, por un total de 100.000 dólares
- + Los plazos de reembolso son de 1 a 7 años.
- + Los mismos usos que los de Explotación y Propiedad
- + Un proceso de solicitud utilizada con menos papeleo

**PRÉSTAMOS DE  
OPERACIÓN**

- + Hasta 400.000 dólares
- + Hasta 7 años de reembolso
- + Uso de los fondos para infraestructuras, ganado, alimentos, semillas, equipos, mano de obra, fertilizantes, alquiler, gastos de manutención de la familia, etc.

**PRÉSTAMOS EN  
PROPIEDAD**

- + Hasta 600.000 dólares
- + Los plazos de reembolso son de hasta 25 años
- + Los fondos se utilizan para comprar o ampliar una granja, hacer un pago inicial, promover la conservación y protección del suelo y el agua, o pagar los gastos de cierre
- + Los fondos también pueden utilizarse para comprar, mejorar o construir estructuras relacionadas con el negocio agrícola

Los gastos de funcionamiento de la granja, incluyendo, pero no limitándose a, alimentos, semillas, fertilizantes, pesticidas, suministros de la granja, reparaciones y mejoras que deben ser contabilizadas, alquileres en efectivo y gastos de manutención de la familia. Otros programas incluyen préstamos para el almacenamiento de productos agrícolas, gastos de manutención en el marco de los préstamos anteriores, préstamos para el pago inicial, programa de préstamos garantizados y préstamos para jóvenes.

## FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR FY2022 INNOVATIVE CONSERVATION PROJECTS IN CONNECTICUT

Thomas L. Morgart, Connecticut State Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced the availability of funding for FY2022 Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG). CIG seeks to spark the development and adoption of cutting-edge conservation technologies and approaches for farmers and other landowners.

Applicants must submit their applications via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) (search for Funding Opportunity Number USDA-NRCS-CT-CIG-22-NOFO0001157) by **11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on April 29, 2022**. For technical issues with Grants.gov, contact Applicant Support at 1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov. Awarding agency staff cannot support applicants regarding Grants.gov accounts. Please limit questions to those regarding specific information contained in this Notice of

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proposal will not be addressed.

Applicants are encouraged to visit the [CT State CIG website](#) to learn more about the CIG program.

## CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The 2022 scholarship application from Connecticut Agricultural Education Foundation is now live. **The application deadline is June 1, 2022.** This annual scholarship is for Connecticut students who are pursuing a career in agricultural education and/or have goals to further agriculture across the state.

[Learn more here.](#)

### Ag Market Pricing

#### Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT

*Prices provided on April 11, 2022*

#### New Holland Dairy Auction - New Holland, PA

#### CT Farmers' Market Prices

*Prices provided on October 22, 2021*

#### New Holland, PA Hay Report

#### Northeast Regional Eggs

#### USDA Mexico Canada Weekly Update

#### New England Shell Eggs

#### Wholesale Fruits & Vegetables - Boston

#### Pennsylvania Weekly Cattle Auction

Summary

#### Wholesale Ornamental Flowers - Boston

#### Pennsylvania Livestock Auction - Eighty Four, PA

### Advertisements

#### **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](http://www.bludon.com)

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or [www.bludon.com](http://www.bludon.com)

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50-R. The SIG Insurance Agencies offer a wide range of carriers, can save you up to 23% on your farm insurance and provide better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call us for all your insurance needs with locations in CT, RI, NY and NH. Contact our AG department at 866-346-3744, option 4.

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54-R. Transplanters, vacuum seeders, fertilizer applicators, garlic and potato planters and harvesters. High quality Italian-made precision equipment for the vegetable, tobacco, hemp, fruit, and floral markets. Call or email us today for details. Griffin Farm Equipment, LLC. 860-508-2426, [Griffinfarm@aol.com](mailto:Griffinfarm@aol.com); [www.griffinfarmtools.com](http://www.griffinfarmtools.com)

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55-R. 250 Bales clean golden yellow rye straw, cut 6/1, large bales. 203-506-6318.

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22-1. Honeybees: 5-frame Deep nucs only, available first week May. Jones Apiaries, LLC, 860-677-9391.

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22-3. SnowBlower – 48" PTO. Like new only used twice \$3,095 new. Asking \$2,500 best offer. 860-604-3452

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22-5. Lynn Blackmer, your local Nationwide Farm Insurance agent. AFIS Certified. Nationwide Farm Master Certified. Serving CT, RI & MA. Any type/size farm. CT Farm Bureau members may qualify for discount. Cell: 860-377-8947 [lblackmer@caluoriinsurance.com](mailto:lblackmer@caluoriinsurance.com) Appointments available any time.

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22-6. Trailer-1965 Miller, tip up 22ft. Air brakes solid steel, brakes works fine but old. Need 2 tires and light update. Retiring \$1,500. 860-875-8056.

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22-7. Farm sold, many pieces of equipment for sale. 860-488-0324.

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22-8. Eight-year-old Hereford cow ready to breed, reasonable offers accepted. Call 860-487-7739 after 6 pm.

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22-9. New England Hereford Breeders interested in consigning Quality Registered Herefords into our Annual Sept. Sale should contact Wayne Budney, Four Winds Farm, 860-573-2829.

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22-10. Growing mix-3.8 cu. ft. Greenhouse soil Dzen Farms 860-648-1355

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22-11. New Holland 259 hydraulic hay rake, \$2,500; International 435 baler, housed, \$3,500; Both good condition, ready to make good hay. Tim, 203-627-2398, [nbffarm@gmail.com](mailto:nbffarm@gmail.com)

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## Wanted

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## Job Opportunities

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The USDA Farm Service Agency is seeking a Program Technician. This position is located in Norwich, New London County, Connecticut. In this role, the candidate will assist the Farm Loan Chief, Farm Loan Branch specialists, Farm Loan Team managers, and District Directors on farm loan program procedural matters; provide training to individuals and groups in the preparation and processing of loan documents and on loan procedural changes; and provide technical assistance to the Branch in processing bankruptcy and farm foreclosure cases. For more information, or to apply, please [click here](#). Closes April 18, 2022.

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The USDA Farm Service Agency is currently accepting applications from individuals interested in providing contracted crop adjusting services throughout Connecticut for the 2022 crop year. Loss adjuster applications are due Friday, April 29, 2022 and can be submitted in person or by mail to your local county FSA office, or electronically to [nathan.wilson@usda.gov](mailto:nathan.wilson@usda.gov). Applications and a complete position description may be found at any FSA county office in Connecticut or online [here](#).

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### Upcoming Events (*click on image below for info*)

#### **SALES & AUCTION**

Middlesex Livestock Auction announces the following sales and auction:  
Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.: Farm & Landscape Equipment Auction  
Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 11 a.m.: Spring Feeder Cattle Sale

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avoid injury![Translate ▾](#)**AN URBAN FARMER?**

UConn Extension of Fairfield County and Green Village Initiative are hosting an Urban Farmer Training Course.

Taught by Jacqueline Kowalski, UConn Urban Agriculture Extension Educator,

**May–October 2022 @ 122 Arctic St, Bridgeport, CT**

**Course Schedule**

- Tuesdays, 6–8pm: Class Instruction (beginning 5/3)
- May 14 & May 15: Garden cleanup and planting weekend (Rain dates: 5/21, 5/22)
- Fridays, 4–6pm: Rotating participation in garden maintenance and harvest
- Saturdays, 8am–2pm: Rotating participation in farmers market vending (beginning 5/15)

**About the Course**

- Meets once a week, in person.
- Includes classroom tools and hands-on learning in the outdoor garden classroom.
- Opportunities to harvest, prep and sell vegetables produced in the class at a Bridgeport Farmers Market on Saturdays.

**Cost: \$200/person**

To register contact CVI at: [communitygardens@gvix.org](mailto:communitygardens@gvix.org) or (203) 612-4707. Scholarships available.



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w/ Cynthia Flores

**Sub Edge Farm**

Farmington, CT

April 28

10am-12pm OR

1pm-3pm



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