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# CONNECTICUT WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT

The latest news and updates in Connecticut agriculture

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**1,204 Acres**  
Farmland Permanently Protected

In 2021, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with partners, permanently protected 1,204 acres across 13 farms in the state, bringing the total number of farmland acres protected in perpetuity to 47,346.

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## CT State Plan for Hemp Production Approved by USDA

Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt announces that the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the Connecticut State Plan for Hemp Production. The approved plan supports the Connecticut hemp law and governs registration, production, and compliance for hemp cultivation beginning in 2022.

“USDA’s approval of our state plan for hemp production allows us to align our program with their final rule,” said Hurlburt. “This offers the opportunity for continued growth and diversification necessary for farm sustainability and we look forward to working with producers to administer the program.”

Any growers participating in Connecticut’s program with licenses that expired on December 31, 2021, need to reapply under the new program to grow hemp in 2022. [Applications are now being accepted and more information is available here.](#)

CT DoAg launched the hemp program in May 2019 and since the inception more than 328 acres have been harvested. In 2021, there were 98 licenses issued for 397 licensed lots, including 470,600 square feet of registered indoor hemp growing space and 85 acres planted.

A hemp producer webinar will be held on January 25 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. to review the changes. For more information on the webinar or hemp regulation in Connecticut, please visit the [Connecticut Hemp Program webpage](#). If you would like to be added to the CT DoAg listserv to receive updates on this program, please email [AGR.Hemp@ct.gov](mailto:AGR.Hemp@ct.gov) and request to be added.

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## CAES ANNOUNCES RENEWAL OF THE SPOTTED LANTERNFLY QUARANTINE FOR CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) in cooperation with USDA APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) continued to detect expanding populations of the spotted lanternfly (SLF) in Connecticut through 2021. The Director of CAES hereby announces the renewal of the Order of Quarantine for SLF that was established on July 1, 2021, **effective January 1, 2022**. More information about SLF, the quarantine order, and state quarantine requirements can be found below.

[Click Here For More Information](#)

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## COVID-19 RESOURCES

- [CT COVID-19 Knowledge-Base](#): COVID-19 resource to answer your questions on self-tests, testing sites, and more.
- [Self-Test Page](#): Information about self-tests.
- [CT COVID-19 Response](#): Current information including data tracker, testing and vaccine sites, reopening guidance and more.

**Agriculture businesses, non-profits, and other organizations should follow the sector rules that apply to them. Private business owners can implement or continue to require social distancing and other measures as deemed necessary.**

Find the most current sector rules guidance at [www.ct.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ct.gov/coronavirus).

The Department of Agriculture has archived information from various sources related to COVID-19, which can be found here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/Commissioner/Commissioner/COVID-19-Resources-for-Farmers>.

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Farms interested in hosting a mobile vaccination clinic for farm employees are encouraged to fill out the [DPH vans intake form](#).

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## THE BIDEN-HARRIS ACTION PLAN FOR A FAIRER, MORE COMPETITIVE, AND MORE RESILIENT MEAT AND POULTRY SUPPLY CHAIN

**The Biden-Harris Administration will dedicate \$1 billion in American Rescue Plan funds for the expansion of independent processing capacity.** USDA reviewed [nearly 450 comments](#) received over the summer in response to its request for input on how best to increase independent processing capacity. Through their analysis of stakeholder input, USDA identified an urgent need to:

- Expand and diversify meat and poultry processing capacity;
- Increase producer income;
- Provide producers an opportunity to have ownership in processing facilities;
- Create stable, well-paying jobs in rural regions;
- Raise the bar on worker health, safety, training, and wages for meatpacking jobs;
- Spur collaboration among producers and workers;
- Prompt state, tribal, and private co-investment; and

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To these ends, USDA has increased available funding and is releasing new program details to support the meat and poultry supply chain. To read the full statement from the White House follow the link below.

[Read More](#)

## DEADLINES APPROACHING FOR NRCS FY2022 CONSERVATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing the fiscal year 2022 assistance opportunities for agricultural producers and private landowners for key programs, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP); Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP); Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) - Agricultural Land Easement (ACEP-ALE), Wetlands Reserve Easement (ACEP-WRE); Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP); and Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) program. While USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) accepts applications for these programs year-round, producers and landowners should apply by state-specific ranking dates to be considered for this year's funding. In Connecticut, these dates include:

- January 14, 2022 - Round 2 for both EQIP and AMA
- January 14, 2022 - RCPP Southern New England Heritage Forest
- January 28, 2022 -ACEP-ALE and ACEP-WRE
- February 18, 2022 -CSP

To learn more visit the link below.

[Visit USDA.GOV](#)

## FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAM

Food and Agriculture Service Learning Programs are intended to increase knowledge of agriculture and improve the nutritional health of children, and to bring together stakeholders from the distinct parts of the food system to increase the capacity for food, garden, and nutrition education within host organizations or entities, such as school cafeterias and classrooms, while fostering higher levels of community engagement between farms and school systems. The initiative is part of a broader effort to not only increase access to

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Those eligible include State agricultural experiment stations; colleges and universities; university research foundations; other research institutions and organizations; Federal agencies; national laboratories; private organizations, foundations, or corporations; individuals; or any group consisting of two or more entities described herein.

**A webinar will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.**

[Click here for more information and to apply](#)

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## **SIX COUNTIES APPROVED FOR FEDERAL AGRICULTURE DISASTER DECLARATION DUE TO HURRICANE IDA**

On Dec. 21, Governor Ned Lamont announced that he has received notice from U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack that an agriculture disaster declaration has been approved for portions of Connecticut due to the impact of the remnants of Hurricane Ida on the state in early September.

The declaration will make farmers in six of the state's counties – including Hartford, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, Tolland, and Windham – eligible to be considered for certain disaster assistance from the Farm Service Agency to cover production losses from the storm, such as emergency loans, provided that eligibility requirements are met. While Middlesex and New London are named as primary counties in the declaration, the other four are named as contiguous disaster counties, making farmers in all six of those named counties eligible for assistance.

Farmers will have eight months from the date of the secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. The Farm Service Agency considers each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm and the security and repayment ability of the operator. Farmers interested in applying for the assistance must contact [their local Farm Service Agency office](#).

In August, a similar federal agriculture disaster declaration [was approved](#) for Connecticut as a result of the damages caused by Tropical Storm Elsa, which impacted the state in early July. That particular declaration applies to all eight of the state's counties, and farmers statewide are still eligible to apply for assistance under it.

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## EDA GOOD JOBS CHALLENGE DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Good Jobs Challenge is designed to support the needs of an applicant's identified regional workforce system through a single integrated award. EDA will make awards to either the System Lead Entity of a regional workforce system or the Backbone Organization of a sectoral partnership as the lead applicant. These organizations may make sub-awards to other eligible recipients as necessary to the proposed project and as approved by EDA. **The deadline to apply has been extended to February 10, 2022.**

Eligible applicants for EDA's Good Jobs Challenge include a(n):

- District Organization;
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes;
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions;
- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or
- Public or private non-profit organization or association, including labor unions, acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State

Individuals or for-profit entities, including for-profit institutions of higher education, are not eligible.

For more information follow the link below.

[Learn more at EDA's website](#)

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## 2022 SEEDING FOR SUCCESS STIPEND FOR BEGINNING FARMERS OF COLOR

The opportunity: Southern New England Farmers of Color Collaborative (SNEFCC) wants to position farmers of color to be ready for new opportunities that will arise, and to provide them with the necessary skills and capabilities to build and sustain successful farm enterprises now and in the future.

SNEFCC will distribute a total of \$30,000 in stipend funds (\$10,000 per state) to eligible farmers of color in CT, MA, and RI. Stipend requests can range between a minimum of \$500 to \$1000 per farm business.

**Applications are due by January 26, 2022, 11:59 p.m. EST**

[Apply Here](#)



### RESPONDING TO CHANGE, PIVOTING FOR PROFITABILITY

Take charge of your business. Respond to disruption.

Maintain financial security.

Mondays: Jan. 31 - Feb. 28  
10am-12:30pm

Wednesdays: Jan. 12-26 & Feb. 9  
3:30pm-6:00pm

## 2022 TRAINING SERIES: RESPONDING TO CHANGE, PIVOTING FOR PROFITABILITY

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provide you skills and support for both short and long term improvement in business operations and financial security.

Sessions can be mixed and matched to fit your schedule.

#### **You'll Learn How To:**

- Increase your bookkeeping efficiency
- Understand and use your balance sheet
- Use your past results to plan for risks
- Evaluate business changes' impacts on profit
- Quickly evaluate and respond when things don't go to plan

You will also come to understand common roadblocks and solutions to keeping up with financial work during busy times. Plus, you will have the opportunity to work with your own numbers as part of a cohort or one-on-one with a professional business advisor.

#### **Who It's For:**

These trainings are designed for farmers and food business owners with moderate or greater experience in operations and who have an established financial recordkeeping system in place. Priority will be given to businesses in RI, MA, and CT.

Fishermen, aquaculturists, and small processors using local farm and sea ingredients are welcome and encouraged to attend.

#### **Details:**

Series 1: Mondays - Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, and 28: 10 AM to 12:30 PM

Series 2: Wednesdays – Jan 12, 19, 26, and Feb 9: 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM

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**Women's Business**  
Development Council

#### **EQUITY MATCH GRANT**

The Women's Business Development Council has a special announcement:

Round 4 of the **Equity Match Grant** will open between January 17, and

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The Equity Match Grant Program is designed to help women-owned businesses grow! Grants between \$2,500 and \$10,000 will be awarded for clearly defined projects that will have a measurable impact on the business, its growth, and profitability. The grant funds cannot be used towards operating expenses, payroll, or real estate improvements.

In January, the Equity Match Grant info sessions and application questions will be added to the website!

To learn more about the program follow the link below.

[Learn More Here](#)



### **SOLID GROUND STIPENDS FOR NEW AND BEGINNING FARMERS *En Español Debajo***

The following opportunity is intended for new and beginning farmers with less than 10 years of experience operating their own business. These funds are intended to help new and beginning farmers purchase better tools and make upgrades to their operation instead of relying on low cost/low quality inputs. UConn Extension and its partners are eager to see these funds have a meaningful impact on farm businesses and farmer well-being.

#### **Who is eligible:**

- Connecticut farm operators that have been operating their own business for less than 10 years
- Aspiring Connecticut farm business owners that plan to launch their business in 2022 and have more than one season of farming experience on someone else's farm
- Market gardeners in Connecticut with at least one season of experience selling their products

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new and beginning farmers for the following purposes:

- Purchase of inputs such as seeds, compost, soil amendments, mulch, equipment rental, small equipment purchases, materials for integrated pest management.
- To offset producer costs associated with conservation practices, land preparation, land leasing, and Wi-Fi connectivity.
- Assistance beyond the types mentioned above that are relevant to pivoting the business due to COVID-19.

**Stipend Level:**

Stipend requests can be \$500 minimum up to \$2000 maximum per farm business.

**Timeline:**

***Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 21, 2022.***

For more information on the program, and to apply, follow the link below.

[Learn More Here](#)

## USDA LAUNCHES LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced USDA is deploying \$100 million under the new Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program to make available nearly \$1 billion in loan guarantees; these loan guarantees will back private investment in processing and food supply infrastructure that will strengthen the food supply chain for the American people.

USDA is making the funding available through the American Rescue Plan Act. The program is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to address food system challenges dating back decades and further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. These investments will help essential processing and supply chain infrastructure that will ultimately deliver more opportunities and fairer prices for farmers, they will give people greater access to healthier foods, and they will help eliminate bottlenecks in the food supply chain.

### Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program

Through the Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program, USDA will partner with lenders to guarantee loans of up to \$40 million to help eligible entities expand meat and poultry processing capacity and finance other food supply chain infrastructure. Lenders may provide the loans to eligible cooperatives,

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USDA Rural Development (RD) will administer the loans. Funding may be used to:

- start-up or expand food supply chain activities such as aggregating, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling or distributing food.
- address supply chain bottlenecks.
- increase capacity and help create a more resilient, diverse and secure U.S. food supply chain.

USDA is accepting electronic applications from lenders through the [Food Supply Chain Online Application System](#) until funds are expended. Paper applications will not be accepted. To access the online application system, lenders must submit a request to [rdfoodsupplychainloans@usda.gov](mailto:rdfoodsupplychainloans@usda.gov). For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/foodsupplychainloans](http://www.rd.usda.gov/foodsupplychainloans) or see the notice published in the Dec. 9 [Federal Register](#).

## CT DAIRY FARMER PROMOTION GRANTS AVAILABLE

A wonderful opportunity for Connecticut Dairy Farmers to start the new year with the fresh promotion of dairy and dairy farming.

Connecticut Milk Promotion Board and New England Dairy are offering a competitive dairy promotion grant program to Connecticut dairy farm families and employees. Funding for this project was paid for by the Connecticut Milk Promotion Board.

Funded projects will be eligible for grant funds of up to \$5,000 to improve public perception of dairy farming and/or increase consumption of local dairy products. The total grant funding available is \$15,000. Grants are available for projects that will be completed before May 13, 2022.

Have a great idea, but not sure if it's grant-worthy? Send us a quick description and we will be happy to help! Contact New England Dairy Farmer Relations specialist Jennifer Schenkel at [jschenkel@newenglanddairy.com](mailto:jschenkel@newenglanddairy.com)

**Deadline for submission is January 13, 2022.** Click the link below to apply.

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**FOR SCHOOLS  
+ SCHOOLS FOR  
ROOTS!**

Put Local on Your Tray is here to help schools and farms connect to source local roots for our Rooting for Winter campaign.

Did you know that 20 lbs. of mixed roots vegetables can make approx. 125 1/2 cup servings!

CT Grown carrots, turnips, potatoes and more range from .75¢ to \$3lb. That is a big range to work with when talking with farmers.



Check out more and Root for Winter at

<https://putlocalonyourtray.uconn.edu/rootingforwinter/>



Contact [nicholas.e.tedesco@uconn.edu](mailto:nicholas.e.tedesco@uconn.edu) with any questions & to connect with a local school market



**JOIN US FOR A  
FARMLAND MIXER!**

**LOOKING  
FOR THAT  
FARM LAND?**

**Tuesday, January 11**

**6:30-7, pre-session to learn about the buying process**

**7-8:30- Meet landowners, service providers, and find land!**

**Sign up at:**  
[s.uconn.edu/farmlandmixer](https://s.uconn.edu/farmlandmixer)

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## VIRTUAL FARMLAND MIXER

**Tuesday January 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

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If you are a farmer in the state that is looking for land to lease or buy, this is a great opportunity for you to talk to landowners and get other resources from service providers about how to prepare to lease or buy land.

To begin, Will O'Meara, farmer and CT Field Agent at [Land For Good](#), will give a short optional presentation on land access and various methods of getting onto farmland.

At 7:00 p.m., the mixer portion of the program will begin which will include pitches of available farm properties in Connecticut.

Landowners registering for the event should expect to give a five minute pitch describing their land base, infrastructure, and type of opportunity they are offering (lease, lease to own, purchase, etc.)

Assistance is available to help prepare your offer and to assess the suitability of your farmland.

[Sign Up Here](#)



**QUICKBOOKS AND ACCOUNTING FOR FARMERS AND FOOD PRODUCERS**

This winter's program on QuickBooks and basic farm accounting is a hybrid of self-directed learning, individual support, and remote classes with farm financial record keeping professionals. It is designed for farmers and local food producers who are either new to QuickBooks or need to improve their current recordkeeping practices.

For the months of January and February, participants will have access to the following:

- [The Farmer's Office](#), an online source of accounting and QB videos and resources designed for farmers (usually \$49/month access)

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Recordkeeping Best Practices.

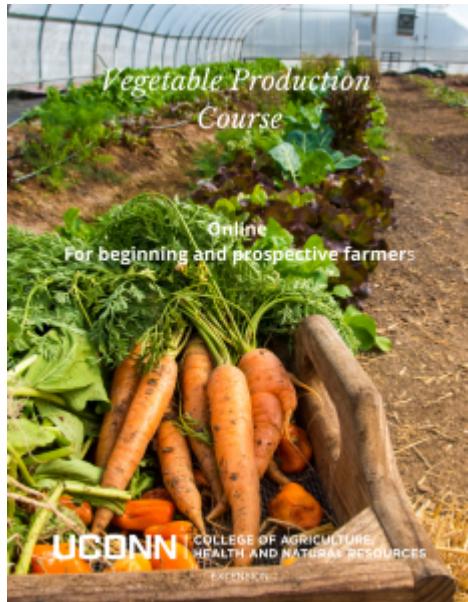
- Office hours with Farmer's Office author Julia Shanks to ask questions specific to your business
- Eligible attendees can receive additional 1x1 support in financial recordkeeping, planning or analysis upon attendance of at least 3 classes. This assistance is available until June 2022. See below for qualification information.

**Class Schedule:**

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m., January 11-February 15 (6 classes held over Zoom)

**Available for:**

- Massachusetts Farmers
- New York State Beginning Farmers
- Massachusetts Specialty Food Producers that produce a value-added product where at least 50% of the ingredient's volume, weight, or value come from local farms.

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## 2022 VEGETABLE PRODUCTION CERTIFICATE COURSE

UConn Extension is offering a Vegetable Production Certificate Course, beginning on January 20, 2022.

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participants will learn answers to the basic questions about farm business planning, planning and preparing for vegetable farm, warm and cool-season vegetable production techniques, season extension, identification of biotic and abiotic issues, and marketing.

The price of the course is \$149.

Please contact the course coordinator, Shuresh Ghimire ([Shuresh.Ghimire@uconn.edu](mailto:Shuresh.Ghimire@uconn.edu), 860-870-6933) with any questions about this course.

**Registration deadline: January 14, 2022**

[Register Here](#)

## ACQUIRING YOUR FARM ONLINE TRAINING SERIES

A virtual training series for aspiring, new and beginning farmers preparing to access farmland in New England. Learn how to identify your goals and set financial parameters, review pros and cons of owning versus leasing, conduct a land search, assess farm properties, discover keys to successful communication, and more.

The six-session training series will provide a thorough introduction to the complex issues of farmland access and tenure - and put you in a position to make a plan and take next steps toward getting on farmland and gaining more secure tenure.

### Topics include:

- Farmland tenure
- Identifying your goals
- Affording farmland & financial preparedness
- Owning vs. leasing
- Finding farmland
- Communication & negotiation

**Join us this winter!** Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. each day:

January 19, 2022

January 26, 2022

February 2, 2022

February 9, 2022

February 16, 2022

February 23, 2022

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amount that fits one's budget. Those who pay the suggested rate will help support the participation for others. The suggested registration fee is \$50. Registration gives you access to the full series, as well as class worksheets, resource handouts, and session recordings to watch at your convenience.

For more information, call 603-357-1600 or email [info@landforgood.org](mailto:info@landforgood.org). To register now click the button below.

[Register Here](#)



### DAIRY FOOD SAFETY & CERTIFICATION GRANT

This grant will provide dairy farmers, processors, and/or producer associations with funds needed to take actionable steps to improve the safety of dairy products. Projects funded through this program will support increased production safety standards with the goal of accessing new markets. Projects that increase the marketability of dairy products will be prioritized. Activities covered by this grant include accessing technical assistance, audits, food safety plan development, training, testing fees, and certain infrastructure upgrades.

Grants available of \$10,000 - \$40,000.

**Deadline to apply: February 3, 2022.**

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## DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR CERTIFIED ORGANIC AND TRANSITIONING OPERATIONS TO APPLY FOR PANDEMIC SUPPORT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the deadline for agricultural producers who are certified organic, or transitioning to organic, to apply for the Organic and Transitional Education and Certification Program (OTECP). This program provides pandemic assistance to cover certification and education expenses. **The deadline to apply for 2020 and 2021 eligible expenses is now Feb. 4, 2022**, rather than the original deadline of Jan. 7, 2022.

Signup for OTECP, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), began Nov. 8.

[Read More](#)

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## RMA PUBLISHES PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE APPLE CROP INSURANCE POLICY

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced publication of a proposed rule in the *Federal Register* to amend the Apple Crop Provisions. The proposed changes are based on stakeholder feedback and recommended changes from a contracted study on the apple crop insurance program. Following feedback from the proposed rule, USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) will publish a final rule that is expected to be effective for the 2023 crop year.

RMA is proposing to make changes to the apple crop insurance program that:

- Enable producers to elect different coverage levels and percent of price elections by type, which allows producers to manage individual coverage and price risk more effectively.
- Allow producers' premiums to be reduced in response to orchard management practices, such as removing or grafting trees, that typically occur after the acreage reporting date and decrease an orchard's productivity.

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- Exclude apples sold for the slicer market from being considered “fresh apple production.”
- Introduce a fresh fruit factor to account for the reduced market value of production insured under the Quality Option sold for a grade other than U.S. Fancy.

RMA is soliciting comments on these proposed changes. The comment period will close on Feb. 14, 2022. Interested parties can submit comments by following the link below.

[Leave a Comment](#)

## ADD YOUR BUSINESS TO CT GROWN MAP

The Department of Agriculture, in coordination with CT NOFA, offers a variety of online listings on the [CT Grown Map](#) page. All agricultural businesses, farm stands, and farmers' markets are welcome to apply. There is no fee to participate and applications are accepted year round. To apply to be listed, visit the [CT Grown Map Google Form](#).

## Ag Market Pricing

[Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT](#)  
*Prices provided on November 29, 2021*

[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](#)

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### **Wanted**

42-R. EZTRAIL kicker bale wagons, any condition. Cash paid. Call or text George, 860-918-5442.

### **Job Opportunities**

CitySeed is expanding, and seeking a part-time Development Associate to join the team. [Learn more](#).

Brass City Harvest in Waterbury, CT is seeking a culinary kitchen leader. To learn more about the position, click [here](#).

UConn Extension, in partnership with the [Connecticut Farm to School Collaborative \(CTFTSC\)](#), is actively seeking to fill a temporary Project Assistant position for 6 months in 2022 starting asap. This is a part-time, partially remote position. Deadline to apply is January 17. [Click here for more information on the position.](#)

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a temporary, project-based position without benefits. 20 hours/week, up to 50% in-person at Tolland County Extension Center in Vernon. Deadline January 31 at 5 p.m. [Click here for more information on the position.](#)

UConn Extension is looking to hire a 4-H Youth Development Food and Agricultural Literacy - Assistant/Associate Cooperative Extension Educator. Closing date: January 31. Details: <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/18891>.

**Interested in Advertising?** Click [here](#) for details on rates and submission.

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

 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**2022 Farm Viability Grant**  
Connecticut Department of Agriculture

**Application Period:**  
Monday, November 29, 2021 - Monday, February 14, 2022

<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	<b>Maximum Award:</b>
Municipalities	\$49,999
Groups of Municipalities	
Regional Councils of Governments	<b>Match Requirement:</b>
Agricultural Non-Profits	40% of the total project cost

**Projects must respond to one of the following areas of need in CT Agriculture:**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Agriculture  
Urban Agriculture  
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**Webinar:**  
**Connecticut Urban Agriculture Opportunities Roundtable**

**For:** Stakeholders in agriculture, urban agriculture, food-related community-based organizations and NGO's, food producers, new farmers

Please join us for a comprehensive introduction to funding opportunities in Urban Agriculture in Connecticut for producers; new, beginning or interested farmers; nonprofits and more.

We will discuss opportunities to grow, develop and begin farming in urban and suburban areas in Connecticut; so if you are a farmer, have a dream of someday farming, or if you are a nonprofit that supports food production in Connecticut, we invite you to join us for these interesting and informative webinars.

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Wednesday, January 19, 2022 | 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm EDT

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**Session Includes:**

7:00pm: **Welcome and Introductions:**  
Bryan Hurlburt, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Agriculture  
Dr. Jason White, Director, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station  
Indrajit Chauhan, Ph.D., Dean and Director, UConn College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources

7:25pm: **Overview of USDA Urban Agriculture Programs**  
Joe Heller, Natural Resources Specialist, Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production, USDA

7:45pm: **Perspectives from Experts in Urban Agriculture**  
Jacqueline A. Kowalski, MA, Extension Educator, Urban Agriculture, UConn Extension

Jeff Martin, Extension Educator, Food Systems & Locally Grown Specialist, UConn Extension

Dr. Leigh Whittinghill, Department of Forestry and Horticulture, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

Cyrene Thibodeau, Agricultural Marketing & Inspection Representative, Connecticut Department of Agriculture

8:00pm: **Questions and Answers**



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