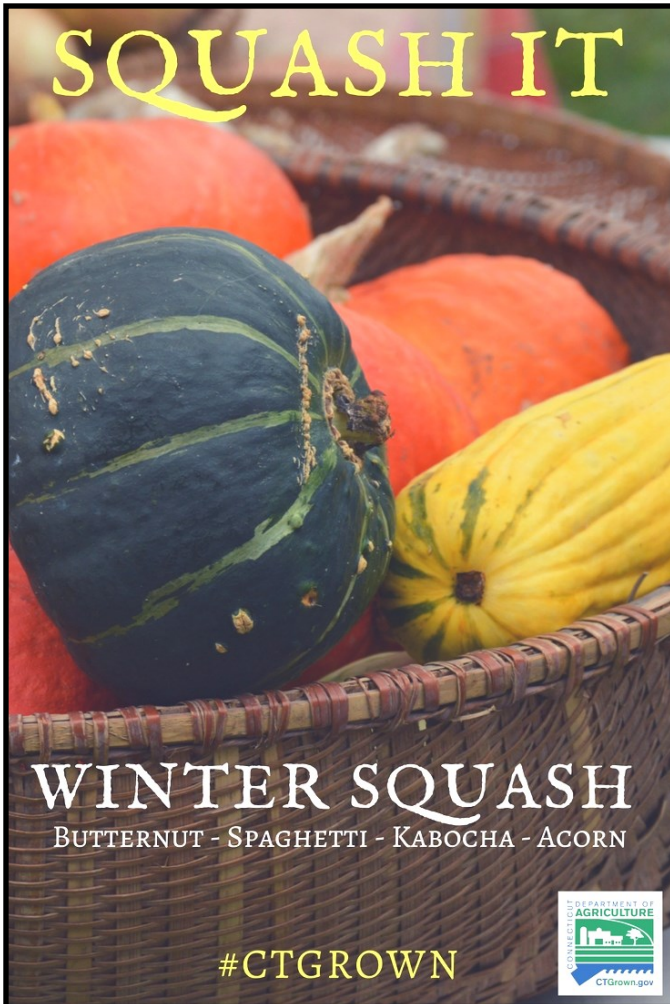


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#CTGROWN

The Dept. of Agriculture is promoting Connecticut Grown winter squash during November on its website and social media pages, including the following post on the department's Facebook page:

What's for dinner?

#CTGrown winter squash is a vibrant and economical source of flavor and nutrition for your fall meals.

Visit a Connecticut farm stand for acorn, spaghetti, butternut, kabocha, or hubbard squash.

Then then try one of the recipes featured on our Pinterest page at www.pinterest.com/GrowCTAg/ct-grown-winter-squash/

This farm product was grown/produced by the following farm:

OUR FAMILY FARM

(Farm Name)

in **MAIN STREET, HARTFORD** (Town), Connecticut.

TOMATOES

\$2/LB



**CONNECTICUT
GROWN**
CTGrown.gov

COMPLIANCE WITH CONNECTICUT GROWN LAW INCREASING AT FARMERS' MARKETS, IMPROVEMENT STILL NEEDED

More than 70 Dept. of Agriculture inspections at farmers' markets this season showed that while the bulk of growers and vendors were following state laws regarding use of the Connecticut Grown label to advertise their products, more compliance is needed.

Overall, 62.5% of the 72 growers inspected were in compliance with the law, which requires that price signs bearing the Connecticut Grown label must contain the farm's name and address, as pictured in the representative sample above.

Violation warnings were issued to 27 growers – 21 of which were not in compliance with the price sign requirements.

The other six violation warnings stemmed from improper labeling of egg cartons, which must contain the name, address and phone number of the producer, and have removed or obliterated all original labeling information such as trade name, grade, expiration/sell-by dates and the USDA shield.

Enacted October 1, 2015, Public Act 15-245, *An Act Concerning The Sale Of Farm Products As "Connecticut Grown,"* requires anyone selling a claimed Connecticut-grown farm product at a farmers' market to do so in the "immediate proximity" of the identifying Connecticut

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

XTRA LARGE	1.29	1.43
LARGE	1.24	1.38
MEDIUM	.98	1.11

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

XTRA LARGE	1.85	1.99
LARGE	1.83	1.97
MEDIUM	1.19	1.33
SMALL	.73	.86

CENTRAL DUCKLINGS

Week of Nov 6 2017. \$/lb/unit or as marked
to first receiver. Midwest U.S. and others pricing.

FROZEN WHOLE, 4-5 LBS	2.01	2.21
FRESH WHOLE, 4-5 LBS	2.25	2.27
BREAST, BNLS, 10-18 OZ	7.50	9.00
LEGS, BONE IN, PER LB	4.50	5.10
GIZZARDS, PER LB	2.25	2.30
WINGS, PER LB	1.00	1.15
LIVERS, PER LB	1.82	2.15
FEET, PER LB	1.05	1.50

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	57.00	63.00
	300-350 lbs	55.00	59.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	48.00	60.00
	300-350 lbs	49.00	55.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	36.00	46.00
	500-800 lbs	42.50	48.00
Boars	400-950 lbs	2.00	13.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. DAIRY REPORT

November 8, 2017

FRESH COWS			
SUPREME	1600.00	1900.00	
APPROVED	1100.00	1600.00	
MEDIUM	800.00	1150.00	
SHORT BRED COWS (1-3 MONTHS)			
APPROVED	1175.00	1400.00	
MEDIUM	850.00	925.00	
SPRINGING COWS			
APPROVED	1150.00	1350.00	
MEDIUM	750.00	1000.00	
SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MOS)			
SUPREME	1500.00	1600.00	
APPROVED	1000.00	1500.00	
MEDIUM	725.00	1150.00	
BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MOS)			
SUPREME	1400.00	1425.00	
APPROVED	850.00	1350.00	
MEDIUM	600.00	900.00	
SHORT BRED HEIFERS (1-3 MOS)			
APPROVED	925.00	1250.00	
MEDIUM	525.00	775.00	

EASTERN REGION - MISC. POULTRYWeek of Nov 6 2017. cents/lb/unit to first receiver.
The Eastern Region (ER) includes: CT, DE, FL, GA,
MA,MD, ME, NC, NH,NJ, NY, PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

DUCK,FROZ,LONG ISL,4-5LBS	231	235
DUCK,FRESH,LONG ISL,4-5LB	236	242
ROASTER,5+LB,ER,12/BOX,ICE	80	80.25
ROASTER,5+LB,ER,6-9/BOX,VAC87		93
SQUAB,11 OZ, ER, DOZ/BOX	102.06	126.29
SQUAB,13 OZ,ER,DOZ/BOX	110.97	140.77

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4 OZ	16.00	18.00
APPLE,CORTLAND,XFCY, 72	28.00	28.00
APPLE,CORTLAND, NG, LOOSE	17.00	18.00
APPLE,CORTLAND,12-3 LB,2-1/223.00	23.00	23.00
APPLE, EMPIRE, NG, LOOSE	18.00	18.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, FCY, 64	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, FCY, 72	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, FCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, FCY, 88	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, #1, 12-3LB	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, NG	18.00	18.00
APPLE,HNYCRSP,FCY,TRAY10032.00	32.00	32.00
APPLE,HNYCRSP,FCY,TRAY,80	32.00	32.00
APPLE,HNYCRSP,FCY,TRAY,88	32.00	32.00
APPLE,HNYCRSP,FCY,TRAY,72	32.00	32.00
APPLE,HNYCRSP, NG, LOOSE	40.00	45.00
APPLE,MACOUN, XFCY, 80	32.00	32.00
APPLE,MACOUN, XFCY, 88	32.00	32.00
APPLE,MACOUN, NG, LOOSE	24.00	24.00
APPLE,MAC,USFCY,TRYPK 100	21.00	21.00
APPLE,MAC, NG, LOOSE	18.00	18.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 72	23.00	23.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 80	23.00	23.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 100	23.00	23.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 125	20.00	20.00
APPLE, RED DEL, #1, 12-3LB	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, NG	18.00	18.00
APPLE, SPENSER, NG	18.00	18.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	13.00
BEETS,CHIOGGA,25 LB, LSE	16.00	16.00
BEETS, GOLD, 25 LBS, LOOSE	14.00	14.00
BEETS, RED, 25 LBS, LOOSE	14.00	14.00
BRUSSELS SPROUTS, 25 LBS	50.00	50.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, M-L, 50 LBS	8.00	10.00
CABBAGE, RED, M, 50 LBS	8.00	10.00
CARROTS, S-M,10-5 LB FILM	14.00	14.00
CARROT, L, 25LB SACK,LOOSE	10.00	11.00
CIDER, 4- 1 GALLON	21.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	22.50	25.00
CORNSTALKS, 5 BUNDLES	7.00	8.00
CRNBRY, HOWE, M, 24-12 OZ	28.00	30.00
ORNMNTL CORN, 3/BN, 20	40.00	50.00
ORNMNTL GOURD, 20 LBS	15.00	15.00
ORNMNTL GOURD,SHEL,1/2BU	22.00	24.00
ORNMNTL GOURD,SHEL, BU	32.00	35.00
PARSNIP, M, 20LB FILM, LOOSE	22.00	23.00
PARSNIP, M, 20LB FILM, 18-1LB	23.00	24.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, XL, 24" BIN	175.00	200.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, M-L, 36" BIN	270.00	300.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, M-L, BUSHEL	20.00	24.00
SQUASH, ACORN, L, 1-1/9	18.00	18.00
SQUASH, ACORN, M, 1-1/9	14.00	16.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, M, 1-1/9	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, M, 1/2 BU	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, M, 1-1/9	16.00	18.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, M, 1-1/9	15.00	16.00
STRAW BALE, STD, PER BALE	8.00	10.00
STRAW BALE, MINI, PER BALE	6.00	6.00
TOMS, GHSE, ONVINE, 11 LBS	16.00	16.00
TOMS,CHRY,GHS,ONVINE, 5LBS	12.00	13.00
TOMS,CHERRY,GHS, 8-10OZ	20.00	24.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - November 13, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	42.00	46.00
61-75 lbs.	52.00	55.00
76-90 lbs.	85.00	92.50
91-105 lbs.	95.00	100.00
106 lbs. & up	102.00	105.00
Farm Calves	107.50	110.00
Starter Calves	35.00	40.00
Veal Calves	120.00	150.00
Feeder Heifers	110.00	150.00
Beef Heifers	85.00	110.00
Feeder Steers	65.00	70.00
Beef Steers	87.00	98.00
Feeder Bulls	90.00	140.00
Beef Bulls	74.00	76.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sow w/ 8 piglets	1@	250.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	50.00	210.00
Lambs each	170.00	270.00
Goats each	137.00	325.00
Kid Goats each	170.00	270.00
Canners	up to	45.50
Cutters	46.00	50.00
Utility Grade Cows	51.00	54.00
Rabbits each	4.00	15.00
Chickens each	3.00	30.00
Ducks each	6.00	15.00

**LANCASTER, PA,
LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	44.00	49.00
boners 80-85% lean	44.00	49.00
lean 88-90% lean	38.00	45.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	115.00	117.00
Choice 2-3	108.00	112.00
Select 1-2	103.00	108.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Choice 2-3	73.00	78.50
Sel 1-2	64.00	72.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	111.00	115.00
Choice 2-3	104.00	110.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 90-130 lbs	135.00	150.00
FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium & Large 1		
300-400 lbs	112.00	130.00
400-500 lbs	95.00	122.00
500-600 lbs	90.00	120.00
600-700 lbs	110.00	129.00
700-800 lbs	109.00	109.00
800-900 lbs	102.00	126.00
900-1000 lbs	107.50	114.00
1000-1100 lbs	95.00	96.00
FEEDER STEERS: Medium & Large 1		
200-300 lbs	140.00	145.00
300-400 lbs	127.00	150.00
400-500 lbs	110.00	135.00
500-600 lbs	112.00	137.00
600-700 lbs	117.00	130.00
700-800 lbs	110.00	127.00
800-900 lbs	115.00	132.00
900-1000 lbs	105.00	127.00

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Grown sign.

The Department offers free price cards bearing the Connecticut Grown label and space to list the farm's name and address to anyone selling at farmers' markets, where sale of out-of-state produce is prohibited.

Growers are also allowed to make their own signs, stating that all products being sold are Connecticut Grown and listing the farm's name and address.

All growers inspected are given a copy of the inspector's report and the text of the law at the conclusion of the visit.

The law calls for violators to receive a warning for a first violation and a \$100 fine for each subsequent violation.

While compliance with the law is improving, awareness of its specific requirements still needs to be increased at the state's more than 125 farmers' markets, said Dr. Bruce Sherman, Director of the department's Bureau of Regulatory Services.

"This was the second full season that markets have operated under this law, and our focus remained on educating growers," Sherman said. "Our goal is simply to ensure that everyone is playing by the same rules, and that the consumer has no question whether a product is actually Connecticut Grown."

Inspections also include areas such as proper food handling and storage requirements regarding meat, poultry, dairy, baked goods eggs and shellfish.

No public health violations were found last season.

With an increasing number of farmers' markets featuring live-animal exhibitions, the inspections also cover whether animals are being shown in compliance with state regulations, including a rabies-warning sign for certain species.

Market masters at all farmers' markets were supplied with information about the labeling law and the

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inspection process before the season, and the results of the inspections were shared with market masters at a daylong meeting earlier this month in Hartford held by the Department.

The Market Master Muster at the Lyceum Conference Center included a presentation on the Department's grant programs by marketing representative Jaime Smith, and a roundtable discussion of a variety of market and grower issues moderated by Sue Pronovost, President of the Connecticut Greenhouse Growers' Association and Executive Director of Brass City Harvest in Waterbury.

Dept. of Agriculture inspector Katie Yuhas presented the results of the Connecticut Grown inspections.

She suggested that growers can help avoid any labeling violations by using pre-printed Connecticut Grown pricing cards or an ink stamp that contains the farm's name and address.

Other than the Connecticut Grown labeling inspections, Yuhas said the Department last season investigated a small number of formal complaints alleging misrepresentation of product origin at farmers' markets.

Yuhas reminded market masters that all growers selling at farmers' markets are required to submit crop plans to the Department and to each market at which they sell.

The plans, which detail what crops and in what quantity a farm is growing, may be used in complaint investigations.

A comprehensive Farmers' Market Reference Guide detailing all applicable state laws and regulations is available on the department's website at:

<http://www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=3260&q=448674>

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NEW ENGLAND OBSERVATIONS FROM THE USDA/NASS CROP PROGRESS & CONDITION REPORT FOR 11/6 THROUGH 11/12

New England averaged 6 days suitable for field work last week as weather turned much colder.

Temperatures down into the teens were reported, with the region receiving the season's first light snow towards the end of the week.

Several areas reported frost in their fields, along with damage to farm equipment due to high winds. Regional weekly temperature ranged from 8 degrees below to 3 degrees above normal.

Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.00 to 1.13 inches throughout the region. Despite the inclement change in weather, farmers were still harvesting corn for grain and soybeans.

More than 90% of the cranberry crop has been reported as usable, but crop quality seems to be down from last year. Harvest of non-citrus tree fruits has wrapped up for the most part, along with fall tillage.

Many operators began spreading manure and lime on fields and soil testing for next season.

Colder temperatures were in the forecast for this upcoming week, so field activities for the week included spreading lime and manure on fields, cleaning and putting away farm equipment, and soil testing fields for the next season.

Read the full report and other publications at:

www.nass.usda.gov/nh

Right: Farmers' market masters and others attending a Market Masters Muster earlier this month at the Lyceum Conference Center in Hartford, held by the Department of Agriculture to discuss a variety of issues and programs, including the department's enforcement of state laws regarding use of the Connecticut Grown label.

HEALTHY SOILS = HEALTHY FOOD WORKSHOP NOV. 27 IN LEBANON

Well-known Lebanon farmer Bryan O'Hara will be the keynote speaker at a soil-health workshop to be held Nov. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lebanon Fire Safety Complex, 23 Goshen Hill Road.

Other speakers include Ray Archuleta of the Soil Health Academy School and Adam Squire of Unbound Glory Homestead

The workshop is sponsored by the Connecticut Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc., USDA and Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education.

Registration is \$25. Please make checks payable to: CT RC&D and mail to: CT RC&D, 1066 Saybrook Road, PO Box 70, Haddam, CT 06438

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