

# Connecticut Weekly AGRICULTURAL REPORT

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Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner



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Recipient of the 2017 Outstanding Young Farmer Award, Arthur Spielman IV, and his family.

## AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL Showcases Diversity and Economic Impact of Connecticut Agriculture *Rebecca Eddy Murphy, Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation*

The third Wednesday in March is said to be “the best day of the year” at the Connecticut State Capitol in Hartford.

Agriculture Day at the Capitol (“Ag Day”), scheduled for March 21, 2018, is a showcase of agricultural displays highlighting the diversity of production and showcasing the important roles agriculture plays in Connecticut’s history and economy, all while contributing to the state’s recreation, hospitality, and tourism sectors.

Organized by the Connecticut Agricultural Information Council (CAIC) and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Ag Day offers agricultural non-profits, agricultural producer associations, cooperatives, federal and state agricultural agencies, and Connecticut municipalities the opportunity to educate members of the General Assembly and their staff on the importance of agriculture.

“This event for decades has been a highlight of the year for farmers and other stakeholders who look forward to advocating for agriculture by meeting legislators and telling their stories,” agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky says. “It is truly a celebration of the diversity and success of agriculture in Connecticut.”

According to the most recent Economic Impacts of Connecticut’s Agricultural Industry, Update 2015, released by UConn’s Zwick Center for Food and Resource Policy, Connecticut agriculture includes 6,000 farms, and 22,000 jobs along with an economic impact on the state economy of \$4.0 billion.

At a time when legislators are seeking cost savings and budget cuts, Ag Day serves as a reminder of the importance of Community Investment Act, which funds farmland preservation, dairy sustainability, and Connecticut Grown initiatives

among others.

Throughout the Hall of Flags, North Lobby, and Rotunda, exhibitor displays tell their own stories, highlighting programs, services, and success stories. This year more than 45 organizations are expected to attend.

Each organization has the opportunity to provide items for the legislator bags, which in the past have included maple syrup, eggs, honey, promotional items, and literature. Many also serve samples of foods featuring Connecticut Grown ingredients, including seafood chowder, ice cream, apples and omelets.

The Outstanding Young Farmer (OYF) Award is presented annually by the CAIC, a coalition of state farming groups. Candidates are selected based on their achievements in their agricultural enterprises, involvement in the agriculture industry and their community, and their work on soil and water conservation projects.

In the last decade, six Connecticut OYF winners have been National Top 10 Finalists, with Joe DeFrancesco of Farmer Joe’s Gardens, LLC, and Joe Geremia of Geremia Greenhouses both named national winners.

The CAIC also selects the recipient of the annual Century Farm award, given to a farm that has been in family operation for more than 100 years and has outstanding potential to be successful for another 100 years.

The 2017 recipient, which will be recognized at Ag Day, is Kasheta Farms in South Windsor. Started in 1905, its main crop was broadleaf tobacco. Today, Kasheta Farms harvests approximately 400 acres of grain corn, 100 acres of sod, 20 acres of broadleaf tobacco, and 20 acres of pumpkins and gourds.

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**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.93	2.07
LARGE	1.91	2.05
MEDIUM	1.14	1.27

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	2.27	2.39
LARGE	2.26	2.35
MEDIUM	1.45	1.64
SMALL	.71	.84

**LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

	LOW	HIGH
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS</b> Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	64.00	69.50
boners 80-85% lean	63.00	68.50
lean 88-90% lean	52.00	59.50
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	125.00	128.00
Choice 2-3	123.00	126.00
Select 1-2	115.00	123.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	84.00	93.00
Choice 2-3	85.00	88.00
Select 1-2	77.50	84.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	124.00	125.00
Choice 2-3	120.00	123.00
Select 1-2	116.00	119.00
<b>CALVES</b> - Graded bull		
No 1 100-130 lbs	115.00	120.00
No 1 92 lbs	105.00	105.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS:</b> Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	252.00	285.00
130-150 lbs	190.00	225.00
150-200 lbs	170.00	190.00

<b>SLAUGHTER EWES:</b> Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	125.00	140.00
120-160 lbs	90.00	125.00
160-200 lbs	80.00	115.00
200-300 lbs	80.00	105.00
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS:</b> Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	165.00	195.00
80-100 lbs	210.00	240.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES:</b> Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	190.00	215.00
130-180 lbs	225.00	245.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES:</b> Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	250.00	295.00
150-250 lbs	370.00	395.00

**USDA NATIONAL RETAIL BEEF**

Per pound.

GRND BEEF 90% plus	5.99	6.99
GROUND BEEF 70-79%	1.93	2.49
GROUND CHUCK	2.88	4.99
GROUND SIRLOIN	4.49	4.49
LONDON BROIL	2.99	3.99
ROAST, CHUCK	2.99	4.29
ROAST, BNLS RIBEYE	6.99	6.99
STEAK, CHUCK	3.99	4.99
STEAK, FLAT IRON	7.99	7.99
STEAK, NY STRIP	5.99	10.99
STEAK, BNLS RIBEYE	6.99	9.99
STEAK, B/IN RIBEYE	8.99	9.99
STEAK, BNLS SIRLOIN	4.99	6.99
STEAK, SKIRT	7.99	7.99
STEW MEAT	3.95	4.99
TENDERLOIN	6.49	13.99

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

Boston 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	30.00
APPLE,CORTLAND,XFCY, 80	28.00	30.00
APPLE,CORTLAND,XFCY, 88	30.00	30.00
APPL,CRTLAND,FCY,12-3LB	22.00	22.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 56	24.00	24.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 125	20.00	20.00
APPLE, GALA, US FANCY, 88	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GALA, US FANCY, 100	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GALA, #1, 12-3LB, 2-1/2"	24.00	24.00
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	20.00	20.00
APPLE,HNYCRSP,XFY,TRAY100	56.00	58.00
APPLE,MAC,XFCY,TRYPK 72	30.00	31.00
APPLE,MAC,XFCY,TRYPK 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE,MAC,XFCY,TRYPK 88	26.00	31.00
APPLE,MAC,XFCY,TRYPK 100	24.00	26.00
APPLE,MAC,USFCY,TRYPK 80	21.00	21.00
APPLE,MAC,USFCY,TRYPK 88	21.00	21.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 64	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 72	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY 125	20.00	21.00
APPLE, RED DEL, #1, 12-3LB	20.00	20.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEEET,CHIOGGA,25 LB,M-L,LSE	14.00	14.00
CIDER, 4- 1 GALLON	22.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	26.00	26.00
POTATO,RNDRED,#1,SZA,50LB	12.00	13.00
POTATO,RNDRED,#1,SZB,50LB	13.00	14.00
PTAT0,RDWHT,NONSZA,10-5LB	14.00	15.00

**BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC**

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, WAXFANCY, 100	49.00	49.00
APPLE, GALA, WAXFANCY, 100	45.00	45.00
APPLE, BRAEBURN, WAXFY, 80	38.00	38.00
APPLE, RED DEL, WAXFCY, 80	34.00	34.00
ASPARAGUS, 11 LBS, BNCHD	35.00	35.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, 45 LBS	28.00	28.00
CARROTS, CA, 24-2 LB, M-L	29.00	30.00
CUKES, 1/2 BU, 12	18.00	18.00
KALE, 12 BUNCHES	27.00	27.00
LETTUC, RMAINE, CA/AZ, 12-18OZ	24.00	24.00
MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	8.00	9.00
MUSHROOMS, PA, 12- 8 OZ	17.00	17.00
SPINACH, BABY, CA, 4 LBS	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, ACORN, M, 1-1/9	30.00	30.00
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, M, 1-1/9	30.00	30.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, M, 1-1/9	30.00	30.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, M, 1-1/9	32.00	32.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, M, 1-1/9	31.00	31.00
STRAWBERRIES, CA, 8-1 LB	24.00	24.00
SWEET POTATO, 40 LBS	32.00	40.00
SWEET POTATO, 12-3LB MESH	30.00	32.00

**USDA CUTFLOWERS**

February 3, 2018. Price per unit.

CARNATIONS, PER STEM, CB	.28	.34
MUSCARI,NL, 10/BN, LONG	4.50	5.00
PEONIES, SEMI DBL, NZ, 5/BN	13.50	14.00
TULIPS, FRNCH, CA,10/BN, LNG	15.00	15.00
TULIPS, STD, CD, 10/BN, LNG	6.00	6.00
TULIPS,PARROT,NL, 10/BN, LNG	9.00	10.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - March 12, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
<b>Bob Calves:</b>		
45-60 lbs.	30.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.	52.00	56.00
76-90 lbs.	64.00	67.50
91-105 lbs.	70.00	75.00
106 lbs. & up	77.50	80.00
Farm Calves	82.50	85.00
Starter Calves	20.00	25.00
Veal Calves	90.00	127.50
Feeder Heifers	100.00	115.00
Beef Heifers	65.00	84.00
Feeder Steers	120.00	125.00
Beef Steers	72.00	83.00
Feeder Bulls	115.00	125.00
Beef Bulls	72.00	79.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	2@	57.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	130.00	220.00
Lambs each	180.00	230.00
Goats each	220.00	350.00
Kid Goats each	100.00	220.00
Canners	up to	61.00
Cutters	62.00	65.00
Utility Grade Cows	66.00	70.00
Rabbits each	10.00	15.00
Chickens each	4.00	27.50
Ducks each	2.00	7.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	58.00	61.00
	300-350 lbs	54.00	62.00
	350-400 lbs	58.00	60.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	51.00	57.00
	300-350 lbs	48.00	56.00
	350-400 lbs	48.00	49.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	39.00	48.00
	500-900 lbs	42.00	47.00
Boars	375-500 lbs	5.00	5.00

**DAIRY REPLACEMENT COWS**

N. Holland, PA, March 7. By the head.

<b>FRESH COWS:</b>		
APPROVED	1100.00	1450.00
MEDIUM	700.00	1050.00
<b>SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):</b>		
APPROVED	825.00	1175.00
MEDIUM	625.00	825.00
<b>BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS)</b>		
APPROVED	700.00	975.00

**WHOLESALE ORGANIC CERTIFIED ORGANIC POULTRY AND EGGS**

Price per carton for eggs. Price per lb for chicken.

<b>EGGS, BROWN SHELL</b>		
XLARGE, DOZEN	2.61	3.60
XLARGE, 1/2 DOZEN	1.80	1.95
<b>EGGS, BROWN SHELL</b>		
LARGE, DOZEN	2.30	3.50
1/2 DOZEN	1.71	1.90
<b>YOUNG CHICKEN</b>		
WHOLE FRYER	1.70	3.32
BNLS BREAST	5.69	10.58
B/IN BREAST	3.60	6.16
WHOLE LEGS	1.88	4.76
THIGHS	1.95	3.92
WHOLE WINGS	n/a	n/a

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Telling the story of agriculture is significant on many levels and the Ag Journalism awards recognize outstanding coverage of Connecticut agriculture by the news media.

For many years Connecticut's FFA program has been an active participant and contributor to the success of Ag Day with a large contingent attending each year to assist with the building of legislator bags and to learn first-hand how state government works. In addition, corsages for each of the legislators are provided by the students of Southington High School FFA Chapter.

As final preparations take place, CAIC and the Department of Agriculture look forward to another year of showcasing the diversity of Connecticut's agriculture. For more information, please visit [www.ctaginfocouncil.org](http://www.ctaginfocouncil.org).

#### **Ag Day Schedule of Events**

- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Tour Agricultural Displays and Sample Connecticut Grown Products
- 12:00 p.m.: Ceremony & Awards Presentations  
Opening Remarks & Reading of Ag Day Proclamation  
Presentation of Outstanding Young Farmer Award  
Recognition of 2017 Century Farm Award Recipient  
Agricultural Journalism Awards  
Closing Remarks
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Tour Agricultural Displays and Sample Connecticut Grown Products

#### **EXHIBIT AT THE 2018 BIG E**

The Connecticut Building at the Big E offers a unique opportunity for agricultural businesses, non-profits, and other entities with an agricultural mission to showcase the diversity of Connecticut agriculture. The 2018 Big E is scheduled to run from September 14 – 30, 2018. Connecticut Day will take place on Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is accepting vendor applications for the agriculture booth spaces in the Connecticut Building with the purpose of providing Connecticut farms, small agricultural businesses, and agricultural non-profit organizations the opportunity to market and promote their products and/or service.

Applications are available at [www.ctgrown.gov](http://www.ctgrown.gov) and are due by Friday, March 30, 2018. Please call 860-713-2538 or email [Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov) for more participation information.

#### **THERE'S STILL TIME TO RESPOND TO THE 2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE**

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) needs a Census of Agriculture response from ALL the nation's producers. In order to get an accurate representation of American agriculture – of all farmers and ranchers across the country – NASS will continue to accept completed census questionnaires through spring.

All operations are important and every response matters. NASS is committed to giving producers every opportunity to be represented in these widely-used data. Federal law man-

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### **FOR SALE**

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16-R. Farm stand for rent May and June. 30x30 building with attached greenhouse. Established customer base for annuals, bedding plants and perennials. Contact Alex Arisco @ 203-271-0549.

21-R. Round hay bales – 52" X 48" – Triple plastic wrapped, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, dry, haylage, grass, alfalfa. \$40.00 and up. 860-884-2889.

24-R. Hay for sale from fertilized fields. \$4.50 per bale. 203-453-9865.

26 –R. Diesel trucks: F350 F450 1989 7.3 4X4 dump, Army trucks. D-8 Cat, Dynahoe 200. 203-598-0807.

27-R. For Sale: 35 x 100 gabled greenhouse – included tables for hydroponics, fans, lights. For more information, call Marshall at 860.810.4440.

### **WANTED**

7-R. Livestock wanted: Dairy cattle, heifers of any age, beef cows, bulls, steers, feeder cattle, veal, groups of sheep and goats. [RyanM01@comcast.net](mailto:RyanM01@comcast.net) or 860-655-0958. If no answer, leave message. All calls returned.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

6-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tetreault Realty (860) 644-5667.

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dates that everyone who received the 2017 Census of Agriculture questionnaire complete it and return it even if not currently farming.

NASS will follow-up via mailings, phone calls, and farm visits with producers who have not yet responded. To avoid these additional contacts, farmers and ranchers are encouraged to complete their census either by mail or online at [www.agcounts.usda.gov](http://www.agcounts.usda.gov) as soon as possible. For questions about or assistance filling out the census, producers can call toll-free (888) 424-7828. For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture, visit [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov)



Peter Orr

### FMNP FARMER RECERTIFICATION MEETINGS

All fruit, vegetable, and honey producers currently certified with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) must attend a recertification meeting to maintain the certification required to accept FMNP checks. Below is the final meeting dates and location.

- Tuesday, March 20, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. CT Ag Experiment Station, 153 Cook Hill Road, Windsor.

Please RSVP no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting to Mark Hood at 860-713-2503 or [Mark.Hood@ct.gov](mailto:Mark.Hood@ct.gov).

### PETER ORR MEMORIAL

Peter Michael Orr, co-owner of Fort Hill Farms in Thompson, CT, died on March 5, 2018.

He was born May 24, 1957, in Norfolk, VA, the son of the late James F. Orr and Dorothy Lunas Orr. He grew up in Hadlyme, CT, and graduated from Xavier High School. Peter received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Connecticut and a Master of Science degree in agronomy from the Pennsylvania State University.

He was employed as a research scientist by Pfizer Inc. until 1992 when he and his wife, Kristin O'Leary Orr, founded Fort Hill Farms, which today includes the family dairy farm in Thompson.

Fort Hill Farms is a member of The Farmer's Cow cooperative of six eastern Connecticut dairy farms, and the Agri-Mark Dairy Cooperative. Peter was the chairman of the Sustainability Committee at Agri-Mark Dairy Cooperative.

Peter was working on a project to build an anaerobic digester at Fort Hill Farm to make his family's farm more sustainable and viable. He also had planned to modernize the farm to include a new barn with robotic milking systems.

Peter was a member of the Connecticut Milk Regulation Board and the Connecticut Milk Promotion Board, administered by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, and had been an active member of the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development. Peter was also the co-chairman of the Connecticut Farm Bureau Dairy Committee.

Donations in his memory may be made to Thompson Congregational Church, PO Box 308, Thompson, CT, 06277 or the Peter Orr Scholarship Fund through the FFA at PO Box 447 Thompson, CT 06277.

### TOLLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU EQUINE NUTRITION & LIABILITY PROGRAM MARCH 30, 2018

The Tolland Country Farm Bureau will hold a program on equine nutrition and liability issues on Friday, March 30, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at Pleasant View Farm, 452 South Road, Somers, CT. The program will feature Nichole Rambo, Ph.D., an equine nutritionist with Tribute Equine Nutrition. Additional information on equine liability issues will be presented by a liability representative from Nationwide Insurance.

The program is free for CT Farm Bureau members or \$15 for non-members. For more information please contact [tollandcountyfarmbureau@gmail.com](mailto:tollandcountyfarmbureau@gmail.com) or call 860-742-5725.

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