

Agricultural Report

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2018 PASSPORT TO CONNECTICUT FARM WINERIES BEGINS

Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation

The 2018 Passport to Connecticut Farm Wineries (Passport) program began May 4, 2018 and runs through November 4, 2018.

The program, sponsored by the Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council (FWDC) and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg), encourages people to visit Connecticut wineries to enter to win a number of prizes.

In order to take part, Passport program participants pick up a blue passport booklet at any participating winery or The Connecticut Wine Festival and start visiting Connecticut wineries to collect stamps. Forty wineries are included in the 2018 Passport program, up from 37 in 2017.

Also new in 2018 is the reduced number of winery visits needed to qualify to win a prize. In 2017, participants had to visit 16 wineries to be included in the drawings. In 2018 participants just need to visit 12, but are encouraged to visit additional wineries to qualify for more prizes. Participants must be at least 21 years old to take part in the program.

The new Passport prize structure for 2018 includes more prizes and additional opportunities to win. The complete rules of the program can be found in the Passport.

The 2017 Passport program had 57 prize winners including Teri Thompson of East Lyme, CT and Christine Middleton of Oakdale, CT who both won the Grand Prize of a two-week trip for two to Spain.

In 2017, 65,000 copies of the Passport were produced and dis-

tributed to participating wineries and sponsors. Approximately 2,500 Passports were returned at the end of the season that qualified for prize drawings.

The last day to turn in Passports to enter to win a prize for the 2018 season is November 4, 2018.

The Passport program not only helps wine lovers find Connecticut vineyards, it also helps Connecticut wineries find new customers.

“Our information gets into the hands of approximately 65,000 people via the Passport itself,” said Linda Auger, of Taylor Brooke Winery.

“And of course the email and Facebook marketing done by DoAg is priceless.”

Auger said the Passport program has helped bring in customers from the other end of the State to her winery.

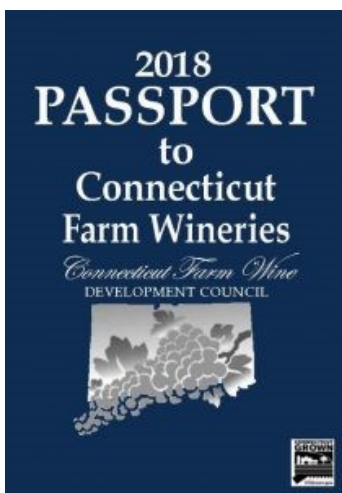
“I don’t think many of these people would have come all the way to Woodstock, had it not been for the Passport,” said Auger.

Joe Gouveia said the Passport program brings customers to Gouveia Vineyards in Wallingford.

“It brings new customers in that might not know of our vineyard,” said Gouveia.

The Passport program, like the Connecticut wine industry, has experienced tremendous growth in recent years.

According to UConn’s 2015 Update of the Economic Impacts of Connecticut’s Agricultural Industry report, the wineries sector saw a 130% increase in direct



Taylor Brooke Winery, Woodstock, CT. Photo courtesy of Taylor Brook Winery.

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.96	1.10
LARGE	.90	1.04
MEDIUM	.81	.94

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.82	2.29
LARGE	1.81	2.25
MEDIUM	1.38	1.47
SMALL	.82	.92

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	61.00	64.50
boners 80-85% lean	57.00	61.50
lean 88-90% lean	50.00	56.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	117.50	121.00
Choice 2-3	114.50	118.00
Select 1-2	110.00	114.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Choice 2-3	82.00	85.50
Select 1-2	75.00	80.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Choice 2-3	115.00	116.50
Select 1-2	113.50	114.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 98-124 lbs	110.00	110.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	232.00	270.00
110-130 lbs	225.00	240.00
150-200 lbs	175.00	200.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	80.00	115.00
160-200 lbs	72.00	100.00
200-300 lbs	70.00	90.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
20-30 lbs	120.00	165.00
30-40 lbs	130.00	150.00
40-50 lbs	180.00	192.00
50-60 lbs	160.00	195.00
60-70 lbs	185.00	225.00
70-80 lbs	190.00	195.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	185.00	210.00
130-180 lbs	210.00	245.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
80-100 lbs	195.00	195.00
100-150 lbs	220.00	295.00
150-250 lbs	295.00	375.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	47.00	54.00
	300-350 lbs	53.00	54.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	42.00	46.00
	300-350 lbs	47.00	47.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	37.00	45.00
	500-625 lbs	40.00	44.50

DAIRY REPLACEMENTS

By the head.

SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-8 MONTHS)		
SUPREME	1300.00	1400.00
APPROVED	1000.00	1350.00
MEDIUM	750.00	1050.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 72	30.00	31.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 88	30.00	31.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 56	24.00	24.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 88	24.00	24.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 125	20.00	20.00
APPLE, GALA, #1, 12-3LB, 2-1/2"	21.00	21.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, #1, 12-3LB	20.00	20.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 88	30.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 100	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 88	24.00	24.00
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, #1, 12-3LB	20.00	20.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	22.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	26.00	26.00
FIDDLEHEADS, PER LB	7.00	8.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB LOOSE, MED	25.00	25.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB, MEDIUM	23.00	23.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZA, 50LB	14.00	14.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZB, 50LB	16.00	17.00
TOMS, GHSE, ONVINE, 11 LB	16.00	16.00

BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC

Price Range. Per unit.

ASPARAGUS, CD, 11LB, BNCH, L	30.00	32.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, 45 LBS	28.00	28.00
CARROTS, CA, 48-1 LB, M-L	36.00	36.00
CUKES, 1/2 BU, 12	18.00	18.00
EGGPLANT, FL, 1-1/9	29.00	29.00
KALE, 12 BUNCHES	27.00	27.00
LETT, RMAINE, CA/AZ, 12-18OZ	42.00	42.00
MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	8.50	9.00

BOSTON SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

BOK CHOY, FL, 50 LBS	18.00	24.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, FL, 50 LB, M	14.00	15.00
CABBAGE, GRN, ORG, FL, 45LB, M/L	28.00	28.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, GA, 40 LB, M/L	18.00	20.00
COLLARDS, GA, 12 BNCH/CTN	12.00	14.00
CUKES, WAXED, FL, 1-1/9, M	22.00	24.00
DANDELION GRNS, FL, 12	18.00	18.00
ENDIVE, FL, 1-1/9, 24	18.00	18.00
ESCAROLE, FL, 1-1/9, 18	17.00	18.00
KALE, MULTI, CA, 24	24.00	24.00
LEEK, NJ, 12 BNCHS/CTN	16.00	16.00
LETT, BSTN GHS, CD, CLAM, 12-4	16.00	17.00
LETT, RED/GRNLF, CA/AZ, 24	26.00	30.00
MACHE, GHS, PA, 3 LBS	12.00	13.00
MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	6.00	7.00
MUSTARD, CRLY, GA, 12	14.00	14.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, 60BN/CTN	20.00	20.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ, 60 BN	20.00	20.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, CA, BU	60.00	64.00
PEPPERS, FL, 1-1/9, LARGE	18.00	18.00
POTATO, WHT, FL, 3/4-1-5/8", 50LB	60.00	65.00
POTATO, YLW, FL, 3/4-1-5/8", 50LB	63.00	65.00
RADISHES, CA, 24 BN/CRATE	14.00	15.00
RHUBARB, OR, OPNFIELD, 20 LB	40.00	40.00
SPINACH, FLAT, NJ, 24	12.00	12.00
SPINACH, SAVOY, CA, 24	20.00	24.00
SWISS CHARD, MX CLR, TX, 12	18.00	18.00
TOMS, CHRRY, FL, 12-1PT BSKT	13.00	14.00
TOMS, GRAPE, FL, 20 LB, LOOSE	18.00	18.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - May 14, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	40.00	50.00
61-75 lbs.	57.50	65.00
76-90 lbs.	90.00	95.00
91-105 lbs.	100.00	102.50
106 lbs. & up	105.00	112.50
Farm Calves	120.00	122.50
Starter Calves	32.00	35.00
Veal Calves	85.00	127.50
Feeder Heifers	85.00	115.00
Beef Heifers	67.00	110.00
Feeder Steers	97.00	122.50
Beef Steers	107.00	108.00
Feeder Bulls	100.00	107.50
Beef Bulls	82.00	84.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	26.00	37.00
Butcher Hogs each	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	60.00	210.00
Lambs each	50.00	240.00
Goats each	125.00	292.00
Kid Goats each	50.00	175.50
Canners	up to	53.50
Cutters	54.50	57.50
Utility Grade Cows	58.00	62.00
Rabbits each	5.00	25.00
Chickens each	5.50	130.00
Ducks each	6.00	22.00

Auction open Monday, May 28-Memorial Day

HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET

FARMERS' MARKET FLOWERS

Price published is \$/unit listed.

PERENNIAL, 1 GAL	9.00	10.00
PERENNIAL, 2 GAL	12.00	12.00
HANGER, FLOWER, 10"	15.00	20.00
HANGER, FLOWER, 11"	12.00	15.00
HNGR, FLWR, 11", 2 FOR	25.00	25.00
HANGER, FLOWER, 12"	20.00	25.00
COMBO POTS, 6", EA	7.00	7.00
ASSTD 4.5" POTS, EA	3.50	3.50
ASSTD 4.5" POTS, TRAY	30.00	30.00
ASSTD 4" POTS, TRAY	20.00	20.00
48 PLANT FLAT, EA	10.00	20.00
48 PLT FLAT, 3 FOR	25.00	25.00
WINDOW BOX	15.00	15.00
WINDOW BOX, 2 FOR	25.00	25.00
GERANIUMS, /TRAY	25.00	25.00
GERANIUMS, 2 TRAYS	45.00	45.00
VEG PLTS, 6 PK, EA	2.00	2.00
PANSIES, /FLAT	8.00	8.00
PANSIES, WNDW X, EA	10.00	10.00
CAPE DAISY, /TRAY	20.00	20.00
CAPE DAISY, 2 6PKS	5.00	5.00
HIBISCUS PLT, EA	25.00	25.00

BOSTON MARKET CUT FLOWERS

Wholesale price. \$/unit listed.

ASTILBE, 10/BN, NL, M	14.00	14.00
CALLA, STD, NL, EA	3.00	3.50
DAFFODIL, NL, 10/BN, L	7.50	7.50
HYACINTH, NL, 5/BN, L	5.50	6.50
LILAC, PRPL, CA, /BN, L	40.00	40.00
LILAC, NTRL, NENG, L	24.00	24.00
PEONY, SEMDBL, NJ, 10, L	29.50	39.50
PEONY, SEMDBL, NL, EA, L	3.95	3.95
PNY, SEMDBL, NL, WH, EA	4.95	4.95
RANUNCULUS, CD, 10, L	16.00	16.00
SNAPDRGN, NENG, 10/, L	12.50	13.50
SWEETPEA, IT, 10/BN, L	13.50	15.00

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sales and a 165% increase in number of jobs from 2007 to 2015—the largest percent increase of all sectors for direct sales and jobs.

The report finds that Connecticut wineries are enjoying rapid growth and popularity in response to increased demand for local wines, which in turn has increased derived demand for local grapes. Sales for winery products were \$85.8 million in 2015, up from \$30 million in 2007.

Connecticut wineries have also benefited from an increase in the number of consumers interested in purchasing locally grown agricultural products, touring agricultural areas, and participating in on-farm dining and entertainment.

Some Connecticut wineries, which can offer stunning views and bucolic settings, now offer on-farm dining and extensive menus.

Hilary Hopkins Criollo, President of Hopkins Vineyard in New Preston, said their outdoor venue offers a scenic location in the Litchfield Hills and views of Lake Waramaug.

Visitors to Gouveia Vineyards also enjoy scenic views from the 207-acre farm, which is preserved in perpetuity for agricultural use only through the DoAg Farmland Preservation Program.

“Many people come here and bring a picnic lunch, and enjoy wine and the view with their picnic,” said Gouveia.

Connecticut farmers have been growing grapes and making wine since Colonial times. The Connecticut state flag even includes three fruit-bearing grape vines.

Commercial wine production began in 1978 with passage of the Farm Winery Act, which permitted winery owners to sell wine wholesale and to the public.

The Hopkins Farm was one of the first farms in the state to take advantage of the Farm Winery Act when Bill and Judith Hopkins transformed their dairy farm into a vineyard in 1979.

The Hopkins Farm was designated a Century Farm by the Connecticut Agricultural Information Council in 1977.

The Taylor Brooke Winery began selling wine made from grapes grown on their original 4.2-acre farm in 2003 after receiving a Connecticut Farm Winery Permit.

In 2004, they built a new barn that included a grape processing area and a wine tasting room which allowed them to begin retail sales from the tasting room.

In 2013 and 2015 the Taylor Brooke Winery received financial assistance through the DoAg Farmland Restoration Program for activities associated with bringing new land into production.

“We bought 13 acres in 2013 and planted 5,000 more vines the following year,” said Auger.

The Taylor Brooke Winery has also taken advantage of the DoAg Farm Transition Grant for financial assistance to support expansion of their wine making, bottling, and storage operations.

Auger said their winery has seen steady growth in jobs and sales over the past 14 years, and they are now taking advantage of a 2017 Connecticut law that established a Farm Brewery Permit.

“In 2016, we purchased an additional 26 acres adjacent to our other land and are building a brewery,” said Auger.

For more information about the Passport program visit www.ct.gov/doag or www.facebook.com/CTFarmWineries.

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41-R. 47+ acres, two hay fields, pond, stone walls, 540' frontage on Boston Turnpike (Rte. 44), 6 minute drive to UCONN. Property backs onto Willington Conservation Area and Nipmuck/Blue Trail. Horse/cattle, farming, vineyard potential. Asking \$295,000.00. 860-872-6637 or 860-614-5954.

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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 or 860-655-0958. If no answer, leave message. All calls returned.

42-R. Artisan cheesemaker searching for a farm or land to buy or land with a barn in Middlesex or New London counties. Please contact Julie at 516-801-0888.

44-R. John Deere 510 or 410 backhoe loader for parts or right side stabilizer cylinder. Tel. 860-208-0353 .

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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.

AG JOB CONNECTION

36-R. Vineyard Worker wanted who is willing and ready to learn Vineyard Management. Some pruning experience, general vineyard labor, valid CT DL. Clean DMV report. Ability to follow written and verbal instructions and lift 50 lbs. Lyme, CT. Contact Donna 917-858-9714.

UCONN EXTENSION OFFERS GREENHOUSE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL CONFERENCE

UConn Extension is sponsoring a one-day Greenhouse Biological Control Conference to be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at Room 100, WB Young Building, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. Speakers at will include the following:

- Michael Oleykowski of Syngenta will present *Developing an Effective, Integrated Control Program*.
- Debbie Palumbo-Sanders of Bioworks in Victor, NY will present *Biofungicides and Their Fit into Your IPM Program*.
- Kerri Stafford of Cavicchio Greenhouses in Sudbury, MA will present *Implementing Our Biological Control Program*.
- Annie White of Nectar Landscape Design Studio in Burlington, VT will present *Top Plants for Attracting Pollinators: Natives and Beyond*.
- Carol Glenister of IPM Laboratories in Locke, NY will present *Plants Talk Biocontrol: How to Use Plants to Manage Pests*.

A registration fee of \$40, payable by check only to the University of Connecticut, is due by June 14. Registration includes coffee, continental breakfast, lunch, informational handouts and parking.

Five pesticide recertification credits will be offered. For more information contact Leanne Pundt at 860-626-6855 or leanne.pundt@uconn.edu or visit www.ipm.uconn.edu.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO COMPLETE THE 2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is reminding New England farmers and ranchers that the window is closing on the opportunity to participate in the 2017 Census of Agriculture.

To date, NASS has received more than 1.5 million completed questionnaires, of which almost 23,000 are from New England. But both the national and New England return rates are currently lower than at this point in the 2012 Census.

NASS is encouraging New England producers who have not returned their completed Census questionnaires to do so as soon as possible to avoid phone and in-person follow-up.

The Census differs from other NASS surveys. The Census of Agriculture is the only comprehensive source of agriculture data for every state and county in the nation.

The same law that requires response also requires NASS to keep all information confidential, to use the data only for statistical purposes, and to only publish in aggregate form to prevent disclosing the identity of any individual producer or farm operation.

NASS will release Census results in February 2019.

New England producers can respond to the 2017 Census of Agriculture online at www.agcounts.usda.gov or by mail.

For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture or for assistance with the questionnaire, call 888-424-7828 or visit www.agcensus.usda.gov.

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