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# CONNECTICUT WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT

The latest news and updates in Connecticut agriculture

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Connecticut's diverse agricultural community is ready to supply you with unique, delicious, and fragrant gifts for Valentine's Day.

Check out seven ideas [here](#) and then head to [CTGrownMap.com](#) to find a farm stand, farm store, or farmers' market to shop.



## Connecticut COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Connecticut is currently in phase 1b of the statewide rollout plan. Connecticut residents over the age of 65 will be eligible to schedule COVID-19 vaccination appointments starting today, as the state rolls into the next part of phase 1b of its vaccination program. Vaccinations for individuals over the age of 75 and those within phase 1a will continue.

“We understand that many are anxious to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and are working to ensure that the needs of our frontline essential agricultural workers are met as soon as possible,” said Bryan P. Hurlburt, Agriculture Commissioner. “Over the past year our agricultural businesses have implemented the guidance and necessary measures to slow the spread of COVID-19. Getting the facts on the vaccine and making your appointment when eligible is the next crucial step in protecting yourself, employees, neighbors, and community.”

All eligible Connecticut residents are required to make an appointment in advance of receiving the vaccine. To find available vaccination clinics throughout the state, residents can visit [ct.gov/covidvaccine](https://ct.gov/covidvaccine) and enter their zip code.

Appointments can be made utilizing the following tools:

- **VAMS online system:** VAMS is the Vaccine Administration Management System and can be used to schedule appointments at multiple clinics across the state. To make an appointment using this system, [click here](#).
- **Call Connecticut’s COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Assist Line:** Connecticut’s COVID-19 vaccine appointment assist line is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week. To make an appointment, call **877-918-2224**.
- **Hartford HealthCare:** Hartford HealthCare has multiple locations throughout the state, including large clinics in the Hartford area. To make an appointment

using this system, [click here](#).

- **Yale New Haven Health:** Yale New Haven Hospital has multiple locations throughout the state, including large clinics in the New Haven area. To make an appointment using this system, [click here](#).
- **Stamford Health:** Stamford Health is operating a clinic seven days per week at Stamford Hospital. To make an appointment using this system, [click here](#).
- **Walgreens:** Walgreens is currently offering the vaccine at 12 different locations and will soon be adding many more across the state. To make an appointment using this system, [click here](#).
- **CVS:** CVS is currently offering the vaccine in four locations (Colchester, Putnam, Waterford, and Windsor Locks) and will be expanding to 12 more locations in the next week. To make an appointment using this system, [click here](#).
- **Walmart:** Walmart will be offering the vaccine at seven locations across the state (Hartford, New Haven, North Windham, Norwalk, Torrington, Waterbury, and West Haven). To make an appointment using this system, [click here](#).
- Additional scheduling resources are available [here](#).

#### **Scheduling information coming soon (likely March):**

- **Frontline essential workers** (this final definition is forthcoming, but is likely to include healthcare personnel not included in phase 1a, first responders, agricultural workers, including farmworkers, food service and restaurants, U.S. Postal Service workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store & pharmacy workers, public transit workers, food banks and meal delivery services for the elderly, education and child-care workers, solid waste and wastewater workers, inspectors working on site in the above locations, and frontline public and social services.)
- **Individuals with an underlying medical condition with increased risk for severe illness\***
- *Congregate settings will be phased in throughout phase 1b*

For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 vaccination distribution plans in Connecticut, visit [ct.gov/covidvaccine](https://ct.gov/covidvaccine).

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### **SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

Connecticut's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is now accepting applications for the 2021 program year. The goal of the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is to solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in domestic and foreign markets. Specialty crops are defined as any fruit or vegetable, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture. Also included is honey, maple syrup, Christmas trees and processed foods/food products which are made of at least 50% specialty crops (excluding added water). An eligible plant must be intensively cultivated and used by people for food, medicinal purposes, and/or aesthetic gratification to be considered a specialty crop. The complete definition of specialty crops can be found on the USDA's [website](#).

Eligible applicants include commodity groups, agricultural organizations, colleges and universities, municipalities, state agencies, and agricultural nonprofits. The USDA requires that funds must benefit the industry as a whole and not a single organization, business, or commercial product. The USDA wants to see as many entities as possible benefit from these dollars during the three years in which the project can take place. As a result, individual farms or businesses are encouraged to apply and partner with other eligible applicants rather than apply themselves.

This is a reimbursement grant with awards up to \$75,000. For more information on the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program and a concept proposal application, please visit the website, [www.ctgrown.gov/grants](http://www.ctgrown.gov/grants) and click on Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, or contact Haley Rowland at 860-895-3095 or [haley.rowland@ct.gov](mailto:haley.rowland@ct.gov).

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## COVID-19 Resources for Agricultural Producers

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### COVID-19 CONSUMER RESOURCES

Connecticut Grown Farm Map: online, interactive listing of open farm stands, farm stores and farmers' markets to access Connecticut Grown produce, dairy, meat, shellfish, greenhouse and nursery stock.

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### COVID-19 PRODUCER RESOURCES

Find the latest guidance on best practices, resources and updates related to COVID-19 visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/doag-covid>

List your farm, farmers' market or farm stand on CTGrownMap.com by clicking [here](#).

**ALERT: Rollback to Phase 2.1 effective November 6, 2020**

**Find all updated guidance documents [here](#).**

[Equine Guidance](#)

[Equine Competition Guidance](#)

[Farmers' Markets](#)

[Farm Stores/Stands and CSAs](#)

[Food Safety](#)

[Pick-Your-Own/Cut-Your-Own](#)

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### CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

[A fisherman, ruined financially by the Long Island Sound lobster die-off, escapes a prison sentence for secretly sinking boats, 2/3, Hartford Courant](#)

[Farm in a box planned for Bridgeport's East End, 2/8, CT Post](#)

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# Connecticut Ag Day at the Capitol

*Tuesday, March 23, 2021: National Ag Day*

## VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

Outstanding Young Farmer - Century Farm  
& Ag Journalism Award Winners  
Details: [www.ctaginfocouncil.org](http://www.ctaginfocouncil.org)

### CONNECTICUT SEEKS OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER NOMINATIONS

The Connecticut Agricultural Information Council (CAIC) is seeking nominations for the 2021 Outstanding Young Farmer. Awarded annually during Ag Day at the Capitol, the Connecticut Outstanding Young Farmer Award recognizes the winner's progress in their agricultural career, their soil and water conservation practices, and their contributions to the well-being of the community, the state, and the nation.

Nomination applications must be submitted electronically via email by February 26, 2021. Self-nominations are allowed. Details and application [here](#).

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Ag Day at the Capitol celebration will take place virtually on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Details on the program will be posted at [www.ctaginfocouncil.org](http://www.ctaginfocouncil.org). CAIC is also accepting nominations for the Century Farm and Ag Journalism awards.



### FMNP FARMER CERTIFICATION MEETINGS

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is hosting virtual certification meetings for producers to participate in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) at Certified Connecticut Grown Farmers' Markets during the 2021-2023 seasons.

All fruit, vegetable, cut herb, and honey producers selling at Certified Connecticut Grown Farmers' Markets must attend a certification meeting to meet eligibility requirements to participate in the FMNP program.

The certification allows farms to accept the FMNP checks as payment for fresh fruits, vegetables, cut herbs, and honey from Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clients and income-eligible seniors over the age of 60. Join us to get your certification, learn more about available grant funding for your farm, and accepting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to expand your sales.

Below is the list of remaining meeting dates which will all be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

- Wednesday, February 17, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Monday, February 22, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Thursday, February 25, 2021, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Registration is now open at <http://bit.ly/3qK3cjV>. Questions can be directed to Erin Windham at [Erin.Windham@ct.gov](mailto:Erin.Windham@ct.gov) or 860-519-6083 or Haley Rowland at 860-895-3095.

Additional meetings may be added. Please check the agency website at [www.CTGrown.gov](http://www.CTGrown.gov) throughout February and March for updates.

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## REGISTER NOW FOR EIGHTH BIENNIAL HARVEST NEW ENGLAND ANGRICULTURAL MARKETING CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW

Registration is now open for the 8<sup>th</sup> biennial Harvest New England Agricultural Marketing Conference and Trade Show. The virtual program is set for two half days on February 24 and 25 and will be offered at no cost to attendees. Reserve your spot at the conference at [www.harvestnewengland.org](http://www.harvestnewengland.org).

This year's conference theme is ***Diversifying for Agri-Businesses: Strategies for Weathering the Storms***. Kicking off the educational workshops on Wednesday, February 24 at 8:45 am is best-selling author and seventh generation farmer, Forrest Pritchard from Berryville, Virginia. His presentation, entitled ***Lessons from 2020, Opportunities for 2021***, will examine what the past year taught us about business operation, marketing, and personal growth, and how farmers can use these lessons to make positive changes for 2021 and beyond.

Additional workshops will follow on Wednesday and Thursday that will include farmers and experts from across the region. Program topics include:

- Sharing Experiences on Navigating Farm Businesses Through the Pandemic (*regional farmer panel*)
- Increasing Profits Through Season Extension and Diversification by Adding Value to Your Farm Products
- Diversification: Business Planning Tools to Achieve Your Goals
- Considerations for Diversifying Your Farm Operation (*regional farmer panel*)
- Effective Marketing Solutions – How to Make the Best of a Difficult Situation

Information about all of the workshops, schedule and speakers, can be found at [www.harvestnewengland.org](http://www.harvestnewengland.org).

Harvest New England is also hosting a New England Farmers' Market Managers Seminar to be held in conjunction with the conference on February 22 and 23. Topics include market challenges and successes of 2020, creating effective

community partnerships, conflict resolution, creating a welcoming and inclusive environment, SNAP program participation. Complete program information can be found on [www.harvestnewengland.org](http://www.harvestnewengland.org).

## PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR NEW ENGLAND 4-H PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

Planning is underway by Eastern States Exposition and the New England 4-H community to create programming and opportunities for the youth organization to grow and thrive while keeping participants safe under COVID-19 protocols.

Gene Cassidy, President and CEO of Eastern States Exposition said, "During this unique time in our history, ESE is doing all it can to support and provide an appropriate venue for youth and agriculture, the core of our mission."

A variety of programs and competitions for youth are being considered including the introduction of a summer 4-H competitive event. Events will be carefully planned for participants and animals to be able to properly social distance in the barns and areas on the grounds. The group strives to explore innovative programming, to support youth and to educate them on career opportunities and workforce development.

ESE Trustee and committee member Nick Barishian said, "We have joined forces with all six New England 4-H Programs, 4-H Staff, 4-H Volunteers, and 4-H Youth from across New England to reimagine the New England 4-H Program to take its current best-in-class event, and bring it to an even better place truly living the 4-H motto to 'Make the Best Better.'" More information will be available as plans develop.

**BUILDING RESILIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL & FOOD SYSTEMS THROUGH INNOVATIVE AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**

Cohosted by USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) and Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) Mission Area

**REGISTER**

**WEDNESDAY**  
February 17, 2021 | 1:00 - 4:30 PM EST

If you have any questions, please contact:  
Alex Cordova at [alex.cordova@usda.gov](mailto:alex.cordova@usda.gov) (OPPE)  
Jessica Carlton at [jessica.carlton@usda.gov](mailto:jessica.carlton@usda.gov) (FPAC)

## USDA FORUM ON BUILDING RESILIENCE IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

You're invited to USDA's forum *Building Resilience in Agricultural & Food Systems through Innovative and Strategic Partnerships* on Wednesday, February 17, 2021

from 1:00-4:30 p.m. EST. Presenters include leaders from USDA, ag industry and community organizations followed by open Q&A discussion. This forum discussion will highlight how innovative and strategic partnerships between federal, state, local and private partners support the building of resilience in agricultural and food systems, with a focus on food systems and disaster recovery. Held in conjunction with USDA's Ag Outlook Forum, this Microsoft Teams Live Event is hosted by USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) and Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) Mission Area. The event takes place in conjunction with the Agricultural Outlook Forum, the USDA's largest annual gathering, bringing together more than 1,500 sector leaders to connect and discuss current and key emerging issues in agriculture.

This event will be conducted virtually using Microsoft Teams Live Event. **[Click here to register!](#)** The link to the event will be provided upon registration. Please note that registration to this event does not register you for the USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum. For more information, please click [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact OPPE's Alex Cordova at [alex.cordova@usda.gov](mailto:alex.cordova@usda.gov) or FPAC's Jessica Carlton at [Jessica.carlton@usda.gov](mailto:Jessica.carlton@usda.gov).

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### **WEBINAR: PFAS IN AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS**

Join USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NCRS) and the Livestock and Poultry Environmental Learning Community (LPELC) for a webinar on PFAS and its potential effects on agricultural production on February 19, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. EST.

From the NRCS webinar description: Even though we may not realize it, use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a part of our everyday lives. These "forever" chemicals make up a family of over 4,000 human made compounds which have many beneficial properties such as repelling water, resisting heat and reducing friction. Since these chemicals are so persistent in the environment, they tend to accumulate over time. They can be found virtually everywhere from drinking water to plants and animals. The first PFAS webinar focused on its impacts on water and provided an overview of a few of the treatment options. This session will address PFAS in biosolids, soils, and manures. Biosolids have been land applied for decades and manures for centuries. Both have provided valuable nutrients for crop production and organics to help build soil tilth. Discussion will be centered around the potential impacts PFAS can have on agricultural production. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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### **WEBINAR SERIES: IMPROVING PASTURE MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION**

Tri-State SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education) Project is offering a webinar series on improving pasture management for sustainable livestock production, starting on Friday, February 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This project is a professional development opportunity for agricultural service providers



and farmers provided by the Northeast SARE state programs in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Webinars are open to service providers and farmers. By attending all webinars, participants will have a sound understanding of how to develop a personalized grazing plan.

For more information, visit <http://meatsystems.uconn.edu/> or contact Rachel Bospuda, Project Director, at [rachel.bospuda@uconn.edu](mailto:rachel.bospuda@uconn.edu). To register, click [here](#).

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### **USDA TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS DEBT COLLECTIONS, FORECLOSURES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ON FARM LOANS**

Due to the national public health emergency caused by coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced the temporary suspension of past-due debt collections and foreclosures for distressed borrowers under the Farm Storage Facility Loan and the Direct Farm Loan programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). USDA will temporarily suspend non-judicial foreclosures, debt offsets or wage garnishments, and referring foreclosures to the Department of Justice; and USDA will work with the U.S. Attorney's Office to stop judicial foreclosures and evictions on accounts that were previously referred to the Department of Justice. Additionally, USDA has extended deadlines for producers to respond to loan servicing actions, including loan deferral consideration for financially distressed and delinquent borrowers. In addition, for the Guaranteed Loan program, flexibilities have been made available to lenders to assist in servicing their customers.

For the full press release and more information, click [here](#).

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### **MULTI-BUSINESS DAIRY AGRITOURISM GRANT**

Our first competitive grant round through the Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center (NE-DBIC) is going live! The Multi-Business Dairy Agritourism Grant will fund projects to dairy farmers, processors and producer associations throughout New England, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Projects that support multiple farmers and processors will be eligible for grant funds of \$10,000 - \$25,000 for the development and marketing of geographically contiguous agritourism activities designed to raise awareness and consumption of regionally produced dairy products.

Interested in applying? The request for application is live now. Take a look and plan to apply when the application opens next week. Applications are due by March 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. EST. [Click here](#) for more information.

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### **BRASS CITY HARVEST REGIONAL FOOD HUB SEEKS PARTNERS**

The Brass City Harvest Regional Food Hub located in Waterbury, CT, is working to deliver fresh, local food to Connecticut consumers – especially seniors, the disabled, and low-income families.

They are seeking to forge new partnerships with the region's farmers, orchards, as well as producers and processors of meat, poultry, and dairy, to ensure access to fresh, local foods to increase food security.

Produce partners must meet Produce Safety Rule requirements, including one responsible person on the farm having completed the Produce Safety Alliance

Grower Training available through University of Connecticut Extension.

Brass City Harvest can also offer light processing and value-added food production for Connecticut farmers. To complement those efforts, they are also seeking a culinary professional to make prepared meals available for delivery or pickup.

Interested parties should visit [www.BrassCityHarvestWaterbury.com](http://www.BrassCityHarvestWaterbury.com) or contact Susan Pronovost, Executive Director, at 203-982-2272.

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### **\$284 BILLION IN PPP FUNDS AVAILABLE**

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) re-opened for small businesses and nonprofits impacted by the pandemic. This new round of federal funding includes \$284 billion in forgivable loans for new borrowers and certain existing PPP borrowers.

For additional information on terms, participating lenders, eligibility, and applications, check the [U.S. SBA PPP website](https://www.sba.gov/PPP).

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Looking to save jobs? CT DOL Shared Work Program offers a solution. The Shared Work program is an **economic relief program** available to Connecticut employers who are experiencing business downturns. It is a great alternative to laying off employees. For more information, please visit us at [SharedWorkCt.com](http://SharedWorkCt.com) and chat with our Virtual Assistant, Sherry.




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### **Ag Market Pricing**

[Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT](#)  
*Prices last provided on February 8, 2021*

[New Holland Dairy Auction - New Holland, PA](#)

[Northeast Regional Eggs](#)

[New Holland, PA Hay Report](#)

[New England Shell Eggs](#)

[USDA Mexico Canada Weekly Update \(New!\)](#)

[Pennsylvania Weekly Cattle Auction Summary](#)

[Wholesale Fruits & Vegetables - Boston](#)

[Pennsylvania Livestock Auction - Eighty Four, PA](#)

[Wholesale Ornamental Flowers - Boston](#)

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### **Advertisements**

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## For Sale

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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)

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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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3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. [Sonpal's Power Fence](#) 860-491-2290.

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5-R. Pollination services for small scale farms. Call Hilltop Apiaries for information at 860-408-9039.

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24-R. Seven foot International 3-point hitch cultivator. \$300. 860-779-2107.

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32-R. Modine Power-Vented propane heater, 240K BTU. Greenhouse/high tunnel heater. Brand new, still in box. \$1,600 Call 860-576-2277.

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39-R. Honeybees: 5-frame NUCS, DEEPS only, available 1st week May. [Jones Apiaries LLC](#), 860-677-9391

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40-R. Bobcat 853 skidsteer. 1994 with 7,500 hours. Comes with 5' power angle snowplow \$9,500. Backhoe attachment available \$3,500. 860-648-1355

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41-R. Straw - small square bales, 45-50 lbs. 860-675-9252, please leave message.

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43-R. 24' Aluminum Body with rail gate, 16' Aluminum beverage body, tractor tires and rims 15.5R38. 203-623-2694

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## Wanted

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

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## Job Opportunities

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Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF) seeks a full-time Communications Director to manage and execute all SAFSF internal and external communications in our core areas of work, in collaboration with the entire SAFSF staff. This is a newly created position that requires an individual who has experience working with a broad range of communications tools and channels and who can work effectively across a wide range of communications activities. The individual hired will also help clarify the role, the relationships, and the responsibilities of the position within the SAFSF staff as they learn on the job.

Read the full job description [here](https://tfaforms.com/4879050). All interested applicants must apply online at [tfaforms.com/4879050](https://tfaforms.com/4879050) no later than 11:59 pm PT on Monday, February 22, 2021.

All SAFSF employees work remotely; candidates may live anywhere within the United States.

The [State of Connecticut](#), [University of Connecticut](#), Animal Care Services Department has an opening for a permanent, full-time Animal Care Technician position. The work schedule is Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. which may include holidays and rotating mandatory weekend overtime. The hourly salary is \$21.12 and offers a full benefits package including medical and dental insurance.

Application deadline is February 16, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. For more information, or to apply online, [click here](#).

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

### Upcoming Events

*(click the image to be redirected to the event website)*

**SOLID GROUND**  
**AG MECHANICS TRAINING SERIES - 2021**

- JAN 30TH** **POWER TOOL SAFETY & BASIC CARPENTRY**  
MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLETOWN CT - 9AM-3PM  
Get hands-on practical knowledge on a variety of power tools and how to use them safely. Foundation carpentry skills that will allow you to adapt to your farm projects.  
[https://mailchi.mp/ct.gov/ctagreportfeb112021-4733298?e=\[UNIQUID\]](#)
- FEB 6TH** **BASIC ELECTRICAL FOR 12-VOLT SYSTEMS**  
MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLETOWN CT - 9AM-3PM  
Learn theory, testing and troubleshooting of direct current 12-volt circuits. Workshop contains instruction and hands-on practice on educational simulators, soundproof and troubleshoot electrical issues with equipment. [https://mailchi.mp/ct.gov/ctagreportfeb112021-4733298?e=\[UNIQUID\]](#)
- FEB 20TH** **SMALL ENGINE MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS; 4-STROKE**  
MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLETOWN CT - 9AM-3PM  
Gain hands-on experience working on 4-stroke engines with the best items, support items and more. Make on-site and trouble-shooting skills to get right to work on your own farm equipment. [https://mailchi.mp/ct.gov/ctagreportfeb112021-4733298?e=\[UNIQUID\]](#)
- MAR 13TH** **BASIC ELECTRICAL; AC 120 RESIDENTIAL WIRING**  
MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLETOWN CT - 9AM-3PM  
Gain skills and basic knowledge about wiring in homes, as well as testing and troubleshooting to prevent fire and injury to residential wiring. [https://mailchi.mp/ct.gov/ctagreportfeb112021-4733298?e=\[UNIQUID\]](#)

**COST PER WORKSHOP \$25 - Lunch is included. SPACES ARE LIMITED SO REGISTER TODAY!**  
If the cost is prohibitive, you may request a stipend for the request under fund, by emailing [saunders@uconn.edu](mailto:saunders@uconn.edu)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT COORDINATOR, IN THE STATE DEPT. ROOMS OR CLOTH-FACE COVERINGS THAT COVER A PERSON'S NOSE AND MOUTH ARE REQUIRED TO BE WORN AND AN EYE PROTECT MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT. PLEASE DONOR ATTEND IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL. YOU WILL RECEIVE A REFUND.**

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**WEBINAR SERIES**  
**LOCAL AND REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEMS RESPONSE TO COVID-19**  
BUILDING BETTER BEYOND

- MARKETING INNOVATIONS WHEN COMMUNITIES EAT AT HOME**  
October 19 | 1 PM EST
- FORMAL AND INFORMAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPORT LOCAL AND REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEMS**  
February 15 | 1 PM EST
- RETAINING & ENGAGING NEW LOCAL CUSTOMERS: TENSIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES**  
November 16th | 1 PM EST
- ONLINE PLATFORMS: PIVOTS AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**  
March 15 | 1 PM EST
- EMERGENCY FOOD, CHARITY, AND THE LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM**  
December 21 | 1 PM EST
- INTEGRATING NATIONAL CONSUMER SURVEY RESULTS INTO FUTURE PLANNING**  
April 19 | 1 PM EST
- INNOVATIONS IN STATE POLICIES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL FOOD SECTORS**  
January 25 | 1 PM EST
- NEXT STEPS TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM IN TIMES OF UNCERTAIN CONSUMER BEHAVIOR**  
May 17 | 1 PM EST

<https://lfsocovid.localfoodeconomics.com/>

## AG SERVICE PROVIDER WORKSHOPS WINTER 2021

register at: [bit.ly/NCTFAworkshops](https://bit.ly/NCTFAworkshops)

Presented by the New CT Farmer Alliance

- **AFFORDING FARMLAND**  
w/ Land for Good  
January 18, 4-5:30pm
- **NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARM TO SCHOOL**  
w/ Put Local on Your Tray  
February 1, 4-5:30pm
- **FARM LOANS 101**  
w/ Farm Credit East and the USDA's Farm Service Agency  
February 15, 4-6pm
- **POLICY 101: BEING A FARMER ADVOCATE**  
w/ Working Lands Alliance, CT Farm Bureau, and the CT Food & Ag Resiliency Coalition  
February 21, 4-6pm
- **CHOOSING A BUSINESS STRUCTURE: ENTITY FORMATION FOR FARMERS**  
w/ Legal Food Hub  
March 1, 4-5pm
- **UConn Extension: SERVICES & SUPPORT FOR FARMERS**  
w/ The UConn Soil Lab, Fruit Crops Specialist, and Solid Ground  
March 8, 5-6:30pm

Questions? Reach out to [newctfarmers@gmail.com](mailto:newctfarmers@gmail.com)

### New England Dairy Nutrition Conference (Virtual)

Thursday March 11, 2021  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
**FREE WEBINAR**

RSVP for Zoom Link to: [sue@nyista.mobi](mailto:sue@nyista.mobi)

NFAFA is partnering with UConn, U of Maine, URI, UMASS, UNH, UNM and Cornell for a Virtual Dairy Webinar on Thursday, March 11. This event will provide top notch speakers on timely topics impacting dairy herd management.

**Co-Housed By ...**

**AGENDA**

- 10:00 am Call to Order, Feature agenda, meeting procedures
- 10:15 am Labor Management  
What New England Dairy Herds need to know in 2021  
Justin Daniels, Ph.D. University of Rhode Island
- 11:00 am Cover Crops: Successful Management and Use  
Richard Smith, Ph.D. - University of New Hampshire  
Curtis Williams, Ph.D. - Cornell University
- 12:00 noon Open House Reception & Lunch
- 12:45 pm Factors to Consider for Profitable Genotyping of Cows  
Dill Walker, Ph.D. - The Ohio State University
- 1:30 pm Feeding and Managing for Milk Components  
Tom Doherty, Ph.D. - Cornell University
- 2:15 pm Collaborative: The Paradigm of the Future  
James F. Wilson, Ph.D. - University of New Hampshire
- 3:00 pm Adjourn

**Thank you SPONSORS**

→ Are you a landowner looking for someone to use your land?

→ Are you a farmer looking for land to buy or lease?

## FARM LAND MIXER

**Save the Date**  
**Tuesday February 16**  
**6:30-8:30**

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