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# CONNECTICUT WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT

The latest news and updates in Connecticut agriculture

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### Connecticut Farm-to-Chef Week

Join Us August 28, 2021 for the Kick-Off!

City Seed's Wooster Square Market

Conte West Hills Middle School, New Haven 9AM-1 PM

Feat: Cooking Demos by Poreyah Benton of Vegan Ahava and Chrissy Tracey of Bon Appetit and Vegan Vibes Meal Prep

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Kick-off CT Farm-to-Chef Week on August 28 at City Seed's Wooster Square Farmers' Market for cooking demonstrations with chefs using CT Grown ingredients from market



## Jane Lewis, DVM, DACVPM Named Connecticut State Veterinarian

Connecticut Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt has announced the appointment of Jane Lewis, DVM, DACVPM as State Veterinarian within the Bureau of Regulatory Services.

With 26 years of veterinary medicine experience, Dr. Lewis will now be responsible for protecting and monitoring animal health throughout the state. She was recently admitted as a Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Preventative Medicine, a specialty focused on the surveillance, prevention, management, and control of diseases; investigation of outbreaks and implementation of corrective actions; preparation, response, and recovery from natural and man-made disasters; reduction of occupational and environmental health hazards; advancement of food safety, security, and defense; and creation and implementation of policies and regulations.

“Dr. Lewis’ acceptance as a Diplomate is a notable accomplishment which aligns with both the State Veterinarian job duties and the One Health concept,” said Commissioner Hurlburt. “The depth of her resume with experience ranging from private clinical practice to teaching and government service makes her an ideal fit for this role.”

was the Animal Disease Traceability program manager, Cervid program coordinator, One Health coordinator and Swine Health inspection coordinator. She completed training as a Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician in 2018 and is expected to complete her Master of Science in Food Safety at Michigan State University later this year.

“I’m thrilled to be filling the role of Connecticut State Veterinarian in my home state,” said Dr. Lewis. “I’m looking forward to working with Connecticut veterinarians and producers to protect animal and public health and support animal agriculture.”

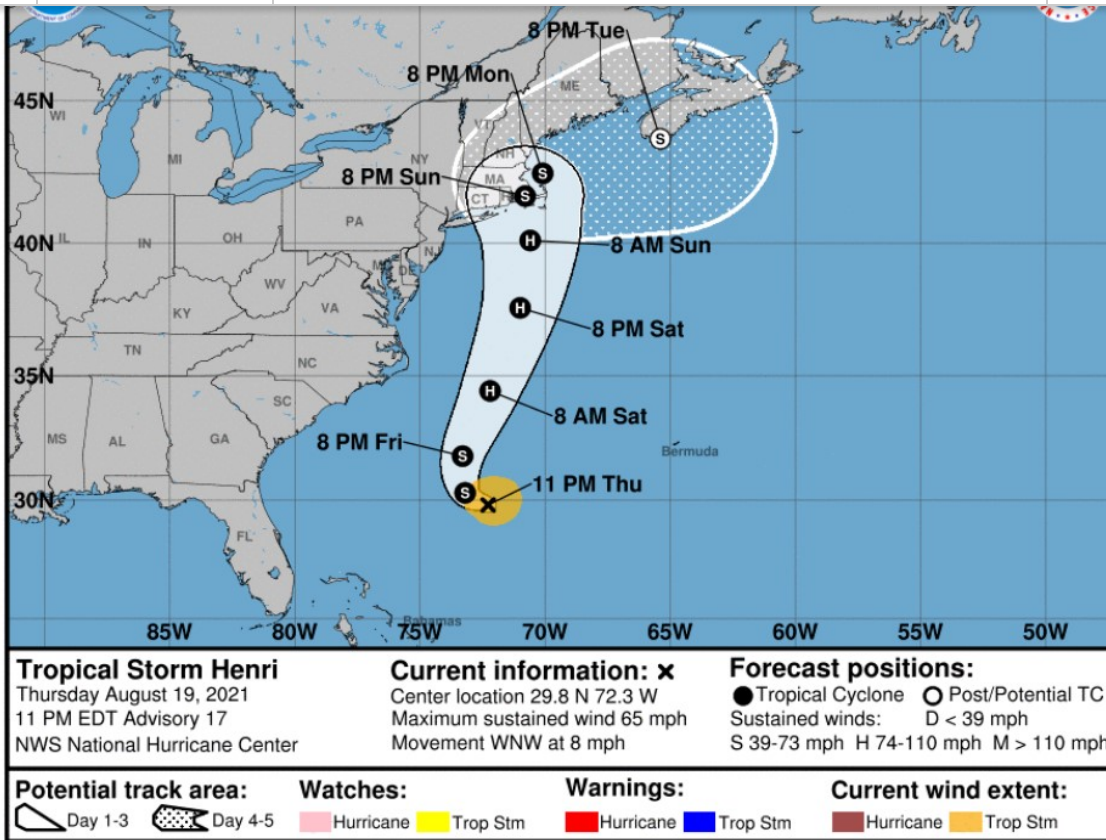
Prior to joining NYS, Dr. Lewis was a Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer with the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service where she enforced federal poultry regulations to ensure products were unadulterated and properly labeled, monitored commercial practices and humane handling, and supervised on-line food inspectors.

Having earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Cornell University in 1994, Dr. Lewis was Associate Professor and Program Coordinator of Veterinary Technology at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. During her time as program coordinator, the percentage of graduating students passing the Veterinary Technician National Exam increased from 44% to 95%.

Lewis’ private clinical practice experience includes sole proprietorship of a large animal mobile veterinary practice providing general medicine and surgery of food and fiber animals and routine herd health programs; associate veterinarian at a small companion animal hospital; and relief or part-time veterinarian for various small animal hospitals to provide general medicine services with a focus on cats, dogs, and rabbits.

“I also want to thank Dr. Mary Jane Lis for her service as State Veterinarian for 21 years,” said Commissioner Hurlburt. “We appreciate her commitment to our animal health team and wish her well in retirement.”

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## EMERGENCY DISASTER PLANNING FOR PET & LIVESTOCK OWNERS

Hurricane season is underway. With the potential arrival of Tropical Storm Henri this weekend, pet, livestock, and poultry owners are urged to review their disaster plans and prepare accordingly, now. The following resources should help guide you in your planning for this event and future events:

[Pets and disasters](#)

[Livestock Preparedness Fact Sheet](#)

[Large Animals and Livestock in Disasters](#)

[USDA Disaster Resource Center](#)

### Report Crop Damage or Loss to USDA Farm Service Agency

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture reminds farmers and agricultural producers who may experience crop damage or loss due to weather events to declare a loss to their United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office within three days following the event. Crop losses can be modified after the initial reporting as necessary.

Reports should include:

- Crops damaged
- Total acre(s) planted per crop(s)
- # of acres destroyed or % of crop destroyed per crop
- Livestock damage

It is critical that producers keep accurate records to document damage or loss and report those losses to their local [USDA Service Center](#) as soon as possible. For more information on disaster assistance, visit [farmers.gov](#).

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## COVID-19 PRODUCER RESOURCES

**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>.

## REGISTER FOR ON-FARM MOBILE VACCINATION SITE

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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## CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

[Eastern Conn. farmers battle obstacles from weather to the pandemic to produce](#), 8/12, Norwich Bulletin

[Middletown Eases Restrictions on Small Farm Businesses](#), 8/12, CT Examiner

[Oystermen overcome pollution, pandemic to thrive in LI Sound](#), 8/14, Seattle Times

[Farmers push to bring whole milk back to schools](#), 8/17, WFSB

[Corn, Zucchini, Tomatoes: Making the most of summer's bounty](#), 8/19, Record Journal

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**CT Grown Tents**  
10' x 10' King Canopy Tents

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Pickup only

The advertisement features a white canopy tent on a green background. The tent has the 'CONNECTICUT GROWN' logo on its top valance, which includes the tagline 'A story of life'. Below the logo, the website 'CTGrown.org' is printed. The text to the right of the tent provides details about the product and where to purchase it.

## **USDA ANNOUNCES NEW PANDEMIC MARKET VOLATILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the details of the Pandemic Market Volatility Assistance Program as part of meetings with farmers and a tour of farms with Senator Leahy. In June, Secretary Vilsack committed to providing additional pandemic assistance for dairy farmers in an exchange at a hearing with Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Leahy. Through the program, USDA will provide about \$350 million in pandemic assistance payments to dairy farmers who received a lower value for their products due to market abnormalities caused by the pandemic. The assistance is part of a larger package including permanent improvements to the Dairy Margin Coverage safety net program.

Additional details about the program are available and will be updated at the [AMS Dairy Program website](#).



## SHEEP DAIRY SUPPLY CHAIN GRANT

The NE-DBIC is currently accepting applications from sheep and goat dairy farmers, processors, and industry associations for the Goat & Sheep Dairy Supply Chain Grant. The application is now open to applicants from across the Northeast region: Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania in addition to New England states. Grant range: \$15,000–\$50,000 with a 25% match commitment. This funding is for projects that accomplish at least one of the following objectives related to goat and/or sheep dairy products:

- Increase consumer awareness
- Develop market channels and distribution opportunities
- Support innovative strategies to increase consumption
- Increase business revenues

Projects must benefit the applicant and additional enterprises within their supply chain. Think: partnerships to reach new markets, business diversification, research and development, operational improvements, or your other creative ideas!

Extended deadline to apply: September 30. Learn more [here](#).

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## PUBLIC ACT 490

*Come learn about*

**Public Act 490: Connecticut's Current-Use Tax Law for Farmland,  
Forest Land and Open Space Land**

*Tips for applying for, maintaining and transferring PA 490 land*

**Live Webinar**

**Wednesday September 8th, 2021**

**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Open this link [to register](#)

**1 CEU CT Certified Forest Practitioners - CT DEEP**

**2 AICP-CM credits CT Chapter of the  
American Planning Association**



Registration fee: \$40 for non-CFBA members

**Registration fee includes copy of CFBA 2020 PA 490 Guide**

For more than 35 years Connecticut Farm Bureau Association has been the trusted source for guidance and information on Public Act 490.



Questions?

Call 860 768 - 1100 or email [joann@cfba.org](mailto:joann@cfba.org)

### **CT FARM BUREAU TO HOST WEBINAR ON PUBLIC ACT 490**

Join Connecticut Farm Bureau Association on Wednesday, September 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for a live webinar on Public Act 490: Connecticut's Current Use Tax Law for Farmland, Forestland, Open Space and Maritime Heritage Land.

CFBA Executive Director Joan Nichols will present tips on apply for, maintaining, and transferring PA 490 land. Join, upgrade, or renew your CFBA membership to attend at no cost. Non-CFBA members are welcome at \$40. All attendees will receive a complimentary 2020 PA 490 Guide.



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**URBAN FARMERS TRAININGS**  
**HARTFORD**  
 AUGUST 21ST AND AUGUST 28TH  
 AT KENEY PARK SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT & KNOX INC  
 9:00AM TO 4:00PM  
 REGISTER AT [S.UCONN.EDU/URBANFARMERHARTFORD](https://s.uconn.edu/urbanfarmerhartford) BY AUG 14!

**COVERING THE TOPICS OF:**

- COMMUNITY FARMING
- SOIL & PLANT HEALTH
- SEED SAVING & PLANT GENETICS
- REGENERATIVE SOIL AMENDMENTS
- METHODS OF INDOOR SOIL-LESS GROWING
- MICRO-GREEN GROWING

**PRESENTED BY**

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- SAMAD GARDEN INITIATIVE
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**CT DAIRY FARMER PROMOTION GRANTS AVAILABLE**

announce that we 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.

This program is one more way to sustain a vibrant dairy community and champion the work of Connecticut dairy farm families. Funded projects will be eligible for grant funds of up to \$5,000 annually to improve public perception of dairy farming and/or increase consumption of local dairy products. The total grant funding available is \$20,000. Grants are available for projects that will be completed before May 13, 2022.

For more information, or to apply, please visit [CTdairy.org](http://CTdairy.org).

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### **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](#).

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### **Ag Market Pricing**

[Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT](#)  
*Prices last provided on August 16, 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](#)

[Pennsylvania Weekly Cattle Auction Summary](#)

[Wholesale Fruits & Vegetables - Boston](#)

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

[Wholesale Ornamental Flowers - Boston](#)

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### **Advertisements**

#### **For Sale**

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

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46-R. Lynn Blackmer, local Nationwide Farm Insurance Agent. AFIS certified. Nationwide Farm Master Certified. Serving CT & RI. Any type/size farm. CT Farm Bureau members may qualify for discounts. Cell: 860-377-8947. [lblackmer@caluoriinsurance.com](mailto:lblackmer@caluoriinsurance.com) Appointments available any time.

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47-R. Kuhn GMC 600 II HD, 3 point hitch disc mower, 7'10" working width, ready to mow. \$5,500. Durham, 860-638-9689.

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50-R. The SIG Insurance Agencies offer a wide range of carriers, can save you up to 23% on your farm insurance and provide better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call us for all your insurance needs with locations in CT, RI, NY and NH. Contact our AG department at 866-346-3744, option 4.

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54-R. Transplanters, vacuum seeders, fertilizer applicators, garlic and potato planters and harvesters. High quality Italian-made precision equipment for the vegetable, tobacco, hemp, fruit, and floral markets. Call or email us today for details. Griffin Farm Equipment, LLC. 860-508-2426, [Griffinfarm@aol.com](mailto:Griffinfarm@aol.com); [www.griffinfarmtools.com](http://www.griffinfarmtools.com)

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55-R. 250 Bales clean golden yellow rye straw, cut 6/1, large bales. 203-506-6318.

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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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The Northwest Conservation District (NWCD) is seeking a qualified person to conduct outreach to the farming community in cooperation with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), our partner agency. Responsibilities will include working in conjunction with NRCS staff to provide outreach to ag producers for conservation planning and support. The candidate will also be expected to work closely with watershed organization managers in northwest Connecticut to coordinate the promotion of practices that create healthy soils and clean water quality in the region.

This position is full-time (40 hours a week) and is partially funded through a grant from the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). Please note the position is for a 12-month period with the anticipation, but no guarantee, that the grant will be renewed for a second or third term. Please send cover letter and resume to Cynthia Rabinowitz, Executive Director,

Applications are due by October 1, 2021.

UConn Extension is seeking applicants for a full-time (11-month), non-tenure track Assistant/Associate Extension Educator, primarily based at the Fairfield County Extension Office in Bethel, CT. Extension Educators are community-based faculty who make a difference in communities by connecting community needs with university resources. Position level/rank will be commensurate with experience working with Extension. The successful candidate shall create an active 4-H youth development program with a focus on STEM, food, and agricultural literacy.

More information and application instructions are available at [s.uconn.edu/urban4-hposition](https://s.uconn.edu/urban4-hposition)

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### Upcoming Events

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JUNE 1- SEPT. 30

8 regional routes  
70+ farm CT stops!

Ride to support farmers & food security!

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Guest speakers will cover energy efficiency and renewable energy program options along with State & Federal incentives including: Energize CT, USDA REAP, ZRFC, Metering, Tax Incentives, and C-PACE. Learn about the CT Farm Energy Geothermal Pilot and the CT Farm Energy Audit Program. The webinar will include a Q&A.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/CTFarmEnergy>  
Questions? Call 860.345.3977 or email [amanda@ctfarmenergy.org](mailto:amanda@ctfarmenergy.org)

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