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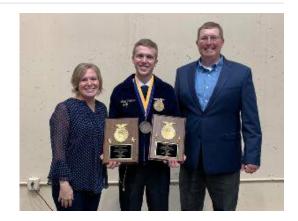
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Caleb Peckham of Woodstock, CT, joined an elite group of individuals while putting Killingly High School's FFA program on the map after being named National Winner, America Star in Agricultural Placement at the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis last week.

Congratulations to Caleb, shown here with his parents, Chrissy and Matthew Peckham of Elm Farm, who were also recognized with honorary American FFA degrees earlier this



Unique Opportunity to Facilitate Direct Marketing Capacity for Farmed Shellfish

Connecticut Sea Grant and Connecticut Department of Agriculture announce a unique opportunity to facilitate direct marketing capacity for farmed shellfish during COVID-19. As part of a federal grant, Connecticut Sea Grant will purchase a fixed number of portable refrigeration storage units to enable the shellfish aquaculture industry to engage in direct marketing.

The refrigeration units to be tested are portable refrigerated units that can be set on the back of a pickup truck and function on 12V battery power for use in remote locations or be plugged into 110V while at a fixed business location. The units would be provided on a zero-cost, long-term loan basis.

In return, industry members would be required to provide economic cost-benefit analysis to inform the rest of the industry on the feasibility of direct sales using such units. A simple template will be made available, and the CT Sea Grant Extension staff will assist industry members who request help completing the analysis. The goal of this proposal is to support the shellfish sector still suffering from the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to position it to be more resilient in the future.

Interested licensed industry members must apply for this program via email to: tessa.getchis@uconn.edu by **5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2021**. The email should include the following:

- 1. Applicant full name and business name.
- 2. Why the portable refrigeration unit is needed.

5. State that you (the applicant) agree to provide proof of insurance coverage for the unit under their custody prior to use of unit.

- 6. State that you (the applicant) agree to provide a cost-benefit analysis for use of the unit at the end of the project period.
- 7. State the you (the applicant) agree to surrender unit at the end of the 10-year product life span.

If demand exceeds availability of units, applications will be reviewed by a panel of Sea Grant and Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture staff for need and merit to determine who will receive units.



CT DAIRY TO HOST VIRTUAL FARMER ENGAGEMENT MEETING

The Connecticut Milk Promotion Board will be hosting a virtual farmer engagement meeting for all interested Connecticut dairy farmers on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This will be an opportunity to hear how milk promotion dollars are being utilized at the state, regional, national, and international level to increase consumption of milk and dairy products. Join us to hear presentations from Camelo Communications, DMI, and New England Dairy. There will also be an opportunity for questions and answers from farmers.

To attend, please <u>register online</u>. if you have questions, please contact Rebecca Eddy at Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov or Allison Hughes at Allison.Hughes@ct.gov.

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.

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/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 <u>DPH vans intake form</u>.

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

Turkey Prices are on the Rise, 11/3, WFSB

Growing Hemp on Government-owned Land? One Connecticut Cultivator is Doing it, 11/1, MSN

Connecticut Plant Scientists Warn of New Invasive Species, 11/1, WSHU Public Radio

Writer of Hallmark Movie Set on CT Christmas Tree Farm Got Advice from UConn Tree Expert, 11/1, The Chronicle

'Agricultural Ambassadors:' Shelton's Joneses Earn Big E Recognition, 10/31, Stamford Advocate

<u>Middletown High School Agriculture Science & Tech Program Taking Applications</u>, 10/25, Middletown Press



CT GROWN FOR CT KIDS GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN

Applications are now being accepted for the newly launched Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Grant Program administered by Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) in collaboration with the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and the Connecticut Farm to School Collaborative (FTSC). The pilot program will be funded for two years with a total of \$500,000 through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Established under P.A. 21-0002,S. 364, Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Grant (CTG4CTK Grant) will be administered by Department of Agriculture through a combination of financial and technical assistance to help develop farm-to-school programs that will increase the availability of local foods in child nutrition programs, allow educators to use hands-on educational techniques to teach students about nutrition and farm-to-school connections, sustain relationships with local farmers and producers, enrich the educational experience of students, improve the health of children in the state and enhance the state's economy.

Eligible entities will be able to apply for up to \$24,999 in funding with no match

Grown Purchasing Programs.

For interested parties, there will be a webinar and question and answer session on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. This will be recorded and posted on <u>CTGrown.gov/grants</u>. A video recording walking through how to submit your application via Salesforce will also be posted. The deadline for final submissions is December 20, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Additional details can be found at the <u>CT Grown for CT Kids Grant Program page</u>.



REGISTER TO ATTEND WORKING LANDS ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING

Working Lands Alliance (WLA) will be hosting their 2021 Annual meeting on Wednesday, November 10, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. using the Zoom platform.

prosperous future for the state's agricultural sector.

The program will highlight 2021 achievements and share priorities heading into 2022. Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt from the CT Department of Agriculture and Commissioner Katie Dykes from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection will join for the first part of our meeting. In addition, a panel of farmers and legislators will discuss how we can work together to advance farmland protection, farmland access, climate-smart agriculture, and farm viability opportunities for farmers across the Nutmeg State.

You can register for the meeting <u>here.</u> Questions should be directed to Chelsea Gazillo, cgazillo@farmland.org or 860-969-4386.

The Working Lands Alliance is a broad-based, statewide coalition dedicated to preserving Connecticut's productive farmland. Formed in 1999, they work to increase the pace of farmland preservation in the state and ensure our farm economy remains viable.



PROMOTE YOUR UPCOMING EVENTS ON CT GROWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Did you know you can add events to our community calendar? It's a quick and easy way to get your events in front of the Connecticut Grown audience. Your events will be featured on the CT Grown events calendar, in email newsletters, and more! Let us market you.

To add your events to our calendar, fill out this form to receive a username, password, and instructions!

Fill Out the Form



NEW FARMER CIRCLES

The New CT Farmer Alliance (NCTFA) is proud to introduce three brand new farmer circles. Farmer Circles are peer learning communities for farmers interested in discussing a particular topic in an informal, supportive environment. The program is run by NCTFA, CT NOFA, and UConn Extension, with the help of a grant from USDA.

Flower Farming:

Facilitated by Isabelle Barron of Best Friends Flowers

First Wednesdays of the Month, 6:30 p.m.: Launching November 2021

This will be a circle for flower farmers who have at least a few years of experience under their belts. We will create a space to check in, ask for advice, and share knowledge on a different topic each circle, and generally build a supportive community of local growers.

Hemp Production:

Facilitated by Luis Vega of WEPA Farms

Second Tuesday of the Month, 10:00 a.m.: Launching November 2021

The revival of hemp as an agricultural crop leaves many questions. Many CT farmers have started to grow it for different purposes, may it be for CBD or for hemp stalks. This new crop opens many questions and challenges we can use some old solutions for. This Farmer's Circle will be a space to discuss the trials, successes and challenges we face cultivating this new (to us) crop.

Farming on Stolen Land: From Research to Action

Facilitated by Cass Darrow of Massaro Community Farm

Mondays, January-February 2022, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Collaborate in learning about the histories of the particular lands we farm in pursuit of reparative relationships with land and kin alike. Some preliminary questions include: What is the current settler-Indigenous relationship like on the respective lands where we work and live? In what active efforts are local Indigenous groups engaged? How might non-indigenous farmers support this work? What would meaningful coalition-building look like for us as farmers in the pursuit of land-back, reparations, food sovereignty for all, etc.?

Sign up for these new circles, or any of the existing ones, on the <u>NCTFA</u> website.



UCONN SHEEP SURVEY

Do you own sheep in Connecticut? Participate in this survey from UConn Extension and the UConn Department of Animal Science to help them design and develop useful resources and programs for Connecticut sheep producers.

Take the Survey



Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

NORTHEAST SARE NOW ACCEPTING FARMER GRANT PROPOSALS

Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (Northeast SARE) invites farmers and growers in our region to the Farmer Grant Program. **Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. EST on November 16, 2021.** Funded projects, which are now capped at \$30,000, will be announced in late February 2022.

The Call for Proposals, including detailed instructions on how to apply, is posted <u>here.</u>

Farmer Grants are intended for farmers and growers who want to explore new concepts in sustainable agriculture through experiments, surveys, prototypes, on-farm demonstrations or other research and education techniques. These grants are not intended to provide start-up funds or be used to finance farm equipment or expand farm operations. Successful proposals explore new paths to sustainable agriculture or plan projects that are useful to other farmers.

Apply Today



YALE FORESTS OFFERING WORKSHOPS FOCUSED ON SILVICULTURE

Workshop #1: Yale-Myers Forest

Date: Saturday, November 13, 2021 (rain or shine)

Time: 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Location: Yale-Myers Forest, 150 Centre Pike, Eastford, CT

Workshop #2: Green Mountain Forest

Date: Sunday, November 14, 2021 (rain or shine)

Time: 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Location: Great Mountain Forest Office, 200 Canaan Mountain Road, Falls

Village, CT

COVID Protocol:

All participants will be required to register for this event onsite, and be required to fill out a Yale University vaccination attestation form. Social distancing will be practiced. Attendees who are unvaccinated or unwilling to fill out a vaccine attestation form will be required to wear a mask at all times during the workshop. Vaccinated attendees will be required to wear a mask if indoors. All attendees must be 18 years or older per Yale University requirements.

Attire:

Attendees should dress appropriately for fall in New England. Comfortable, sturdy, closed-toed shoes should be worn, as we will be walking throughout the forest to different sites.

Agenda:

12:00 p.m. - Welcome & Introduction to Silviculture 12:30 p.m. - Managing pre-commercial maple stands

1:30 p.m. - Managing active sugarbush stands

2:30 p.m. - Hands-on silviculture exercise

3:45 p.m. - Wrap-up & evaluations

RSVP: Please contact schoolforests@yale.edu



URBAN GREEN AND COMMUNITY GARDENS GRANT PROGRAM

CT DEEP (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) is pleased to announce the Urban Green and Community Garden (UGCG) 2021 Grant Application is now available.

The deadline for electronic submittal of the application package has been extended and **must be received by November 19, 2021**.

The Department's Urban Green and Community Gardens Grant Program provides funding assistance to develop or enhance urban open spaces for public enjoyment and/or environmental education.

Promotion of open space in an urban setting may include, but may not be limited to:

- The development of a community garden
- Reclaiming and enhancing existing open space for the public's use

Grants are awarded to projects that demonstrate the highest ability to benefit urban communities in close proximity to population centers.

For more information, or to apply for the grant, click <u>here</u>.



USDA AGRICULTURE MARKETING SERVICES PANDEMIC RESPONSE & SAFETY GRANT INFO SESSION

The USDA is now accepting applications for the <u>Pandemic Response and Safety (PRS) Grant Program</u> through November 22. Have questions about the PRS Grant Program? The Farmer's Market Coalition partnered with USDA in their latest webinar to answer your questions.

Watch the recording. This webinar ran live on October 13, 2021.



DAIRY BUSINESS VIABILITY & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

This grant will fund dairy processors, producer associations, supply chain businesses, and technical assistance providers in order to enhance dairy farmer and processor business operations and strengthen market opportunities. Projects funded through this program will coordinate technical assistance to benefit multiple dairy producers and processors with the goal of increasing consumption, sales, jobs, and diverse markets for regionally produced dairy products. Technical assistance services could include enhancing business plans, facility operations, marketing, distribution, processing, and product offerings.

Grants available of \$10,000 - \$100,000.



DAIRY FOOD SAFETY & CERTIFICATION GRANT

This grant will provide dairy farmers, processors, and/or producer associations with funds needed to take actionable steps to improve the safety of dairy products. Projects funded through this program will support increased production safety standards with the goal of accessing new markets. Projects that increase marketability of dairy products will be prioritized. Activities covered by this grant include accessing technical assistance, audits, food safety plan development, training, testing fees, and certain infrastructure upgrades.

Grants available of \$10,000 - \$40,000.

Deadline to apply: February 3, 2022. Details <u>here</u>.



GRAZING TRANSITION, HOMEGROWN FORAGE ENHANCEMENT, & ALTERNATIVE FARM MANAGEMENT COHORT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

considering transitioning their farm to a grass-based production model, improving forage management, or other innovative on-farm practices.

Contracts available up to \$150,000.

Deadline to submit proposals: November 29, 2021. Details here.



PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO SMALL PRODUCERS, PROCESSORS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND FARMERS MARKETS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

The USDA Pandemic Response and Safety (PRS) Grant program applications must be submitted electronically through the grant portal at https://usda-prs.grantsolutions.gov/usda by 11:59 p.m. EST, Monday, November 22, 2021. Approximately \$650 million in funding is available for the PRS grants, which are funded by the Pandemic Assistance provided in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

The PRS Grant program will assist small businesses in certain commodity areas, including specialty crop producers, shellfish farming, finfish farming, aquaculture, and apiculture; specialty crop, meat, and other processors; distributors; and farmers markets. Small businesses and nonprofits in these industries can apply for a grant to cover COVID-related expenses such as workplace safety measures (e.g., personal protective equipment (PPE), retrofitting facilities for worker and consumer safety, shifting to online sales platforms, transportation, worker housing, and medical costs. The minimum funding request is \$1,500 and the maximum funding request is \$20,000.

The RFA and the PRS Grant Portal provide more details about eligibility for the grant. Eligible entities are required to obtain a free DUNS Number from Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) before applying for this program. USDA has created a custom PRS DUNS number portal at https://support.dnb.com/? CUST=PandemicResponse.

Apply" and more, are available on the <u>PRS Grant Portal</u>. <u>Stakeholder Toolkit</u> here.

For more information, you can also reach out to the PRS help desk, Monday-Friday, 9 am - 9 pm at 301-238-5550 or <u>usda.ams.prs@grantsolutions.gov</u>.



ADD YOUR BUSINESS TO CT GROWN MAP

The Department of Agriculture, in coordination with CT NOFA, offers a variety of online listings on the <u>CT Grown Map</u> 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 <u>CT Grown Map Google Form</u>.

Ag Market Pricing

Boston

Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT Prices provided on November 1, 2021	New Holland Dairy Auction - New Holland, PA
NEW! CT Farmers' Market Prices Prices provided on October 22, 2021	New Holland, PA Hay Report
Northeast Regional Eggs	USDA Mexico Canada Weekly Update
New England Shell Eggs	Wholesale Fruits & Vegetables -

Boston

<u>Pennsylvania Livestock Auction -</u> <u>Eighty Four, PA</u>

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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
- 2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com
- 3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. <u>Sonpal's Power Fence</u> 860-491-2290.
- 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 Appointments available any time.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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; www.griffinfarmtools.com
- 55-R. 250 Bales clean golden yellow rye straw, cut 6/1, large bales. 203-506-6318.
- 56-R. Piglets for Sale: \$100, FlamigFarm.com, West Simsbury, 860-658-5070.
- 57-R. Christmas greens, wreaths, roping, many sizes and varieties. Excellent for fundraisers. We deliver. 203-457-1344.
- 58. Eight year old Hereford Cow \$300 or B.O. good for Breeding or eating. Call in the evening. Frank 860-487-7739.

Wanted

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

Job Opportunities

UConn Extension has a position open for a Food and Agricultural Literacy 4-H Educator: The Department of 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 anticipated start date is January 2022. The successful candidate shall create an active 4-H youth development program with a focus on STEM, food, and agricultural literacy. For more information and to apply online, please click <a href="https://example.com/here-examp

The Carrot Project is looking for an Outreach Coordinator to support socially disadvantaged farmers (BIPOC, women, and new and beginning farmers) in Southern New England. You will work closely with the Client Services Specialist (CSS) and lead outreach efforts to support socially disadvantaged farmers in understanding and accessing The Carrot Project and USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs, coordinate with project partners, and develop new and support existing relationships with organizations working with farmers. Working from your home office, this is a full-time, well-benefitted position, funded at least until September 30, 2022. For more information and to apply online, please click here.

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<u>Upcoming Events</u> (click on image below for info)



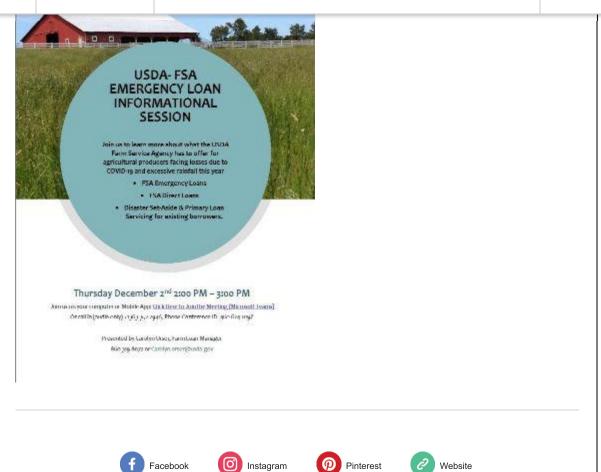












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