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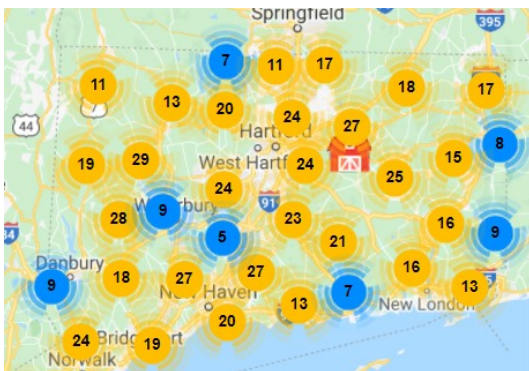
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Farmers and Market Masters: Now is the time to add or update your listing with [CT NOFA](#) and [CT DoAg's Farm and Food Guide](#). [Click here to update the map with your farm](#)

important farm and farm store information for the public.

Your listing will appear as part of the celebration of CT farms on CTGrown.org

Connecticut Department of Agriculture Receives \$82,000 Grant to Fund New Farm to School Programming

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$12 million in Farm to School Grants this year, announcing awards to 176 grantees, the most projects funded since the program began in 2013. The department is also releasing new data demonstrating the recent growth of farm to school efforts nationwide. Nearly two-thirds (65%) of school districts and/or local entities responsible for school meals participated in farm to school activities during school year 2018-2019, more than half (57%) of which began within the past three years.

This year's Farm to School Grants will help expand the access to fresh, local foods and hands-on agricultural learning for children across 45 states and the District of Columbia. The awarded projects will serve more than 1.4 million students at more than 6,800 schools. Grantees include schools, state agencies, non-profits, tribal nations, agricultural producers and groups, and – for the first time ever – institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program.

Connecticut Department of Agriculture received a \$82,336 grant award to partner with UConn Extension, the Department of Education, and Food Corps to undertake a comprehensive research and planning process with schools, producers, and distributors focused on procuring CT Grown farm products; engage four school districts in high need communities to pilot district level food services procurement support and grower outreach along with school activities to enhance these relationships; and develop new curriculum and promotional tools during CT Grown for CT Kids Week, Ag Day at the Capitol, and through two new promotional campaigns highlighting diverse voices and food cultures in Connecticut.

The latest data - released July 15, 2021 - from the 2019 Farm to School Census highlight the impact of farm to school efforts on local communities. In school year 2018-2019, school districts purchased nearly \$1.3 billion in local fruits, vegetables, and other foods, totaling approximately 20% of all school food purchases. The newly updated Farm to School Census website features state and local breakdowns of participation and spending.

Farm to school efforts introduce more locally grown produce into school cafeterias and expose children to agriculture and nutrition education through



SPOTTED LANTERNFLY MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES RELEASED

The CT Agricultural Experiment Station has posted management guidelines for Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) in Connecticut. These can be accessed directly by the link below.

<https://portal.ct.gov/CAES/CAPS/CAPS/Spotted-Lanternfly---SLF#Management>

Last year SLF was confirmed in West Haven, Greenwich, and New Canaan. Tree-of-Heaven is the primary host, however grapes, hops, apple, maple, walnut, and willow are also host plants. SLF nymphs are more likely to feed on a wide variety of host plants, whereas adults tend to be more selective and usually feed from Tree-of-Heaven.

As of July 1, 2021, CAES issued a Notice of Quarantine with defined restricted areas for SLF effective July 1, 2021, and remaining in effect until December 31, 2021, after which it may be renewed, rescinded by the Director, or replaced by the promulgation of regulations. To view the quarantine order, click this link: [Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Order](#).

COVID-19 PRODUCER RESOURCES

As Connecticut's coronavirus response efforts continue to roll out, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) announces that all COVID-19 guidance documents specific to agriculture have been rescinded. This falls in line with Governor Lamont's announced plans to eliminate most of the state's COVID-19 restrictions for every sector by May 19, 2021.

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/Commissioner/COVID-19-Resources-for-Farmers>.

COVID-19 Long-Term Recovery Resource Page

The State of Connecticut has rolled out a Recovery Grant Funding Resources Page. This page compiles all known federal, state and philanthropic COVID-19 recovery grant opportunities in one place and includes a link to information on how to apply, as well as the deadline for the grant. An additional non-funding resources landing page will be rolling out shortly.

Link to page: <https://business.ct.gov/CT-Recovers/Grants-and-Funding-Opportunities-for-Connecticut-Recovery>.

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](#).

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

[CitySeed Farmers' Market returns to downtown New Haven](#), WTNH, 7/10

[South Glastonbury pumpkin farm loses crops to tropical storm Elsa](#), WFSB, 7/12

[Four Root and Walden Farms Win Grants to Expand their Farming Operations](#), CT Examiner, 7/12

[More Rain Concerns Connecticut Farmers After Flooding Issues](#), NBC CT, 7/12

[July rainfall creates challenges for blueberry farmers](#), WFSB, 7/14



Governor Ned Lamont and Connecticut emergency management officials are reminding Connecticut residents that with the height of hurricane season just around the corner, they should take the steps necessary to prepare for any type of severe weather that may impact the state. The Atlantic hurricane season runs each year from June 1 to November 30, with the principal threat period for Connecticut occurring between mid-August and mid-October.

The Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security has **issued a memo** to their counterparts at the municipal level with guidance for the 2021 hurricane season.

Residents are encouraged to download the state's **CTPrepares** app for their mobile devices. The app, which can be downloaded at no charge from the **Apple iTunes store** and the **Google Play store**, provides Connecticut residents with information that is useful in emergency situations, and also gives preparedness tips in advance of an emergency

In addition, USDA offers agriculture specific tips and resources to help you prepare and recover from hurricane events. Learn more [here](#).



USDA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL AID TO AG PRODUCERS AND BUSINESSES

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced additional aid to agricultural producers and businesses as part of the USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative. Earlier this year, Secretary Vilsack announced plans to use available pandemic assistance funds to address a number of gaps and disparities in previous rounds of aid. As part of the Pandemic Assistance

businesses left behind. Implementation of the assistance announced today will continue within 60 days to include support to timber harvesters, biofuels, dairy farmers and processors, livestock farmers and contract growers of poultry, assistance for organic cost share, and grants for PPE.

Read the full release [here](#).

PANDEMIC LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM

On July 13, 2021 USDA announced the Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP). PLIP provides financial assistance to support producers of eligible swine, chickens, and turkeys depopulated from March 1, 2020, through December 26, 2020. To be eligible, depopulation of poultry or livestock must have been due to insufficient processing access resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Livestock and poultry also must have been physically located in the United States or a territory of the United States at the time of depopulation.

USDA's Farm Service Agency will accept applications July 20 through September 17, 2021. Visit farmers.gov/plip to learn more about additional eligibility requirements and how to apply.



ANNUAL GUIDE TO FARM FRESH FOOD IN NORTHEASTERN CT RELEASED

Heart CT Grown announces that their annual Guide to Farm Fresh Food for Northeastern CT is out now in a digital version. The guide lists over 100 farmers in 23 towns located in the Northeastern corner of the state.

In addition to including listings of farmers, a special interest section at the guide shows you farmers' markets, Fun for Kids on Farms, ag events, other places to find NECT products, and how to use SNAP/EBT dollars to buy local!

To view the digital guide, click [here](#).

LETTER OF INVITATION: HYDROPONICS GREENHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

The City of West Haven, Connecticut is soliciting pre-qualification submissions from interested applicants to design, develop, and operate a hydroponic greenhouse or other controlled environment agriculture (CEA) operation on one or more relevant locations in the municipality. West Haven intends to work with the selected applicant to ensure their success in the development process, and in their operation as a commercial enterprise and community partner. The City is looking for a partner to amend its zoning regulations, and specify locations where such a facility would be a good fit.

The City has a variety of sites of different sizes (1-8 acres) available for development, each with different advantages. Selected applicants will meet with City representatives to discuss development sites further. The City is amenable to accommodating the interests of the selected candidate within its capability and interest.

To view the full request for proposals to submit an application by July 30, please click [here](#).



Connecticut Farm-to-Chef Week

Join Us: Aug. 29-Sept. 4, 2021



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2021 CT FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK REGISTRATION OPEN

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture announces that registration is now open for dining venues wishing to participate in the 2021 CT Farm-to-Chef Week happening August 29 through September 4.

This annual statewide event open to all restaurants and foodservice businesses in Connecticut invites participating venues to create a unique Farm-to-Chef

to-Chef Program, which connects farmers and producers of Connecticut Grown products with chefs and other culinary professionals.

To register your restaurant(s) or dining venues, [fill out this 2021 Farm-to-Chef Week Registration form](#).

To sponsor this year's Farm-to-Chef week, [fill out this 2021 Farm-to-Chef Week Sponsorship form](#).

Read some [frequently asked questions](#) about Farm-to-Chef.

For any questions please contact Cyrena Thibodeau at cyrena.thibodeau@ct.gov or 860-895-3094. Additional information and a full list of participating venues and menus will be posted on CTFarmtoChef.com.

SBA LOAN DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR CONNECTICUT BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is reminding small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private nonprofit organizations in Connecticut that Aug. 2 is the filing deadline for federal economic injury disaster loans due to Tropical Storm Isaias and high winds on Aug. 4-5, 2020.

The loans are available in the following counties: Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, Tolland and Windham in Connecticut.

Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. Apart from aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, and ranchers.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at Disasterloan.sba.gov and should apply under SBA declaration # 16794, not for the COVID-19 incident.

UCONN EXTENSION OFFERS BIOLOGICAL CONTROL WEBINAR FOR ORNAMENTAL GREENHOUSE GROWERS

On Monday, July 19, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST, UCONN Extension and USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will host a webinar with Suzanne Wainwright Evans on biological controls for ornamental greenhouse growers. One pesticide recertification credit is

Registration is required for this webinar. Click [here](#) to register.

For more information contact: Rosa E. Raudales at rosa@uconn.edu or Leanne Pundt at Leanne.pundt@uconn.edu.

Ag Market Pricing

[Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT](#)
Prices last provided on July 12, 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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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

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

option 4.

53-R. Hereford cow/calf pairs. 2 years old with stout bull calves, bred back. Old Beech Farm. 860-693-2052.

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

Wanted

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

Job Opportunities

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture Farmland Preservation Program is seeking qualified State Certified General Appraisers with the required education credentials and the experience to be part of our approved panel of Independent Fee Appraisers. They conduct appraisals for the land valuation of conservation easements pertaining to the purchase of development rights to farmland, in compliance with The Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), and USDA-NRCS appraisal specifications.

Fee Appraisers must have a Connecticut Certified General Appraiser License and have completed the proper coursework required by USDA-NRCS appraisal specifications, to conduct appraisals for the Agricultural Land Easement component of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP-ALE). For further information you may contact Denise O'Meara, Property Agent 2, at 860-713-2511.

American Farmland Trust is seeking a Soil Health Program Manager to implement existing AFT soil health and regenerative agriculture projects within the Climate and Agriculture Program in New England, develop and implement strategies to facilitate adoption of regenerative agriculture on farmland; help develop new programming that furthers AFT's broader mission as it relates to soil health and agriculture, and provide leadership and support to partner organizations in the region related to soil health and regenerative agriculture. For more information and application, please click [here](#).

The University of Connecticut, 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

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

Upcoming Events

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

Save the Date!

Plant Science Day 2021
Wednesday, August 4

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Hamden, CT 06518



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