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The latest news and updates in Connecticut agriculture

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Thanksgiving will be here in a few short weeks and you can find all the freshest ingredients for your holiday meal at a farmers' market near you. From pop-up harvest markets to weekly indoor farmers' markets, there is a bounty of local produce, meats, jams, jellies, dairy and more available.

Learn more about what you can expect to find at a winter or holiday market in our newest [CT Grown blog](#).

Connecticut Department of Agriculture Now Accepting Applications for Feral Cat Grant Program

Subscribe	Past Issues	The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Animal Population Control Program (APCP) is now accepting applications for the Feral Cat Grant Program	Translate ▼
		for Fiscal Year 2023. Applications must be completed and returned by mail with postmark no later than November 30, 2022. Applications are available for download at https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/Regulatory/Regulatory/Animal-Population-Control-Program. The Feral Cat Grant Program assists CT non-profit rescue groups with the sterilization and vaccination of feral cats. To be eligible for the grant your organization must be a registered non-profit and provide assistance in the control of feral cats. "Feral cat" means a cat of the species <i>Felis catus</i> that is unowned, that exists in a wild or untamed state, or has returned to an untamed state from domestication and whose behavior is suggestive of a wild animal. Sterilizations and vaccinations must be performed by a Connecticut Licensed Veterinarian participating in the Animal Population Control Program and you must complete the Feral Cat Grant Outcome Report. A list of practices and facilities with participating licensed veterinarians can be found here. Since 2007, the APCP has averaged a 98% compliance rate for benefits issued through CT non-profit organizations, for the sterilization and vaccination of feral cats. The voucher will provide a one-time sterilization benefit of \$80 for a male cat and \$120 for a female cat. Reimbursements for vaccinations given coincident with the sterilization are \$30 for 2. Questions about the Feral Cat Grant Program for the Fiscal Year 2023 can be directed to the Animal Population Control Program (APCP) by email agr.apcp@ct.gov or by calling 860-713-2507. USDA INVESTS \$3.3 MILLION IN TWO NEW PARTNERSHIPS TO EXPAND OUTREACH ON CROP INSURANCE TO UNDERSERVED PRODUCERS The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing about \$3.3 million in two new partnerships that will train and equip the next generation of crop insurance agents, adjusters and outreach educators about crop insurance options. These partnerships with the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) and the University of Arkansas' Southern Risk Management Education Center further efforts by USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) to broaden participation in crop insurance, especially among underserved producers. RMA and the IAC will strategically engage with minority-serving institutions and underserved stakeholder groups that will train, credential, and establish a pipeline of crop insurance agents and adjusters within underserved agricultural communities. The initiative's goal is to increase the representation of underserved insurance agents and loss adjusters providing service to underserved communities. RMA and the Southern Risk Management Education Center will strengthen outreach and technical assistance to underserved farmers and ranchers	

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strategic outreach and engage underserved agricultural populations about federal crop insurance.

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CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

[9 Connecticut farms selling local farm-raised turkeys for Thanksgiving](#), Stamford Advocate, 11/2

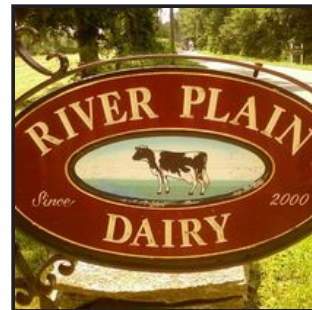
[CT farms, animal sanctuaries asking for donated pumpkins after Halloween](#), SF Gate, 11/2

[Food waste to animal feed: New plant in Berlin converts 60 tons of food scraps into dry feed for poultry and hog farms](#), Hartford Courant, 10/31

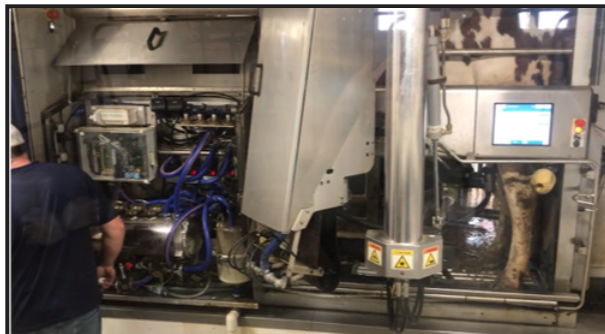
[Skip Vermont - Connecticut has more fall fun and colorful foliage](#), Fox 61, 10/28

TRANSITION GRANT IN ACTION: RIVER PLAIN DAIRY MODERNIZES MILKING

In 2019, the Cone Family of River Plain Dairy in Lebanon applied for a Farm Transition Grant, seeking financial support to transition the dairy operation from a two times daily manual milking farm to an automated on-demand Voluntary Milking System. Already having purchased the milking robot, the grant project included constructing a facility to house the milking system as well as support its technological components.



The build-out would result in a robotic and camera utility room, animal treatment room, new grain bin, larger capacity milk tank, centrifugal and positive displacement pumps, LED lighting, an energy efficient ventilation system, and 1000BaseT internet and Wi-Fi for seamless remote sensing and connectivity between robots, Dairy Activity System, and dairy cow RFID tracking collars.



Construction of the milking facility began in August 2019 and finished in February 2020. Jeffrey S. Cone, owner, of River Plain Dairy notes, "I believe the most difficult transition was for [me] to allow the robot to do the milking and not try to interfere. Managing the robot is a lot different than milking the cow

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Overall, installation of the facility has allowed River Plain Dairy to increase herd size by 25%, expanding from 45 to 60 cows. The robot milks one cow at a time and is available to the herd 24 hours per day. An app on his cell phone allows Jeffrey to view a variety of statistics about the day's milking, and each animal's production history is carefully measured and recorded automatically.

Jeffrey notes that his time is now spent in a management role, allowing him to focus on the future of the farm and spend more time with family. "I believe the investment of the robot is a smart and successful one. I also believe the robot will provide a freedom from the hard work that goes with milking cows, and usher in a breath of fresh air to the sustainability of River Plain Dairy. **Without the Transition Grant, the forward progress of River Plain Dairy would still be in question and possibly nonexistent.** This advancement of technology goes hand in hand with the knowledge base of the up-and-coming generation; providing a step into the future that they can thrive with."



River Plain Dairy is a member of Agri-Mark, Inc., a cooperative of dairy farm families in the Northeast, whose milk is used in the production of Cabot and McAdam dairy products.

Are you a producer or agricultural cooperative looking to expand, transition, diversify, or innovate your operation? The 2023 Farm Transition Grant informational guidance and application are now available. **Applications will be accepted through January 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.**

The FTG is a competitive matching reimbursement grant for Connecticut agricultural producers and agricultural cooperatives. The Farm Transition Grant is provided through the State of Connecticut Farm Transition Grant Program, established in 2005 through Public Act 05-228, An Act Concerning Farmland Preservation, Land Protection, Affordable Housing, and Historic Preservation.

Click here for more information on the Transition Grant, Upcoming Grant Writing Workshops, and Webinars.

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Connecticut Renewable Energy Assessment & Assistance Project



About the Program

This program provides assistance to eligible agricultural producers and rural small businesses who want to implement renewable energy system projects **at no cost!**

Join by Phone, Email, or Online

Participation in this program is limited! Join online at www.ctfarmenergy.org/CTREAA, scan the QR code with your phone, email Connecticut@ensave.com, or call (800) 732-1399.

Get a Resource Assessment

A customized resource assessment for your farm or business helps you determine what type of renewable energy is best for you.

Receive a Complete System Design for Your Site

Energy analysts will design a renewable energy system that optimizes your operation's resources and energy consumption patterns to eliminate your electric bills.

Assistance with Project Funding

Program representatives can help those who are eligible apply for incentives to help fund your renewable energy system through USDA Rural Development.

Farm and Rural Small Business Eligibility

Agricultural producers with at least 50% of gross income coming from agricultural operations and small businesses located in rural areas with populations less than 50,000 are eligible.



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

For more information call EnSave at (800) 732-1399 or visit ctfarmenergy.org/CTREAA

CT RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSESSMENT & ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Are you a CT farm or AG based rural small business interested in renewable energy for your operation but don't know where to start? The Connecticut Farm Energy Program is pleased to announce with support from U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, the new Connecticut Renewable Energy Assessment & Assistance Project with technical assistance from EnSave, Inc. This project can provide you with a customized resource assessment for your farm or business that helps you determine what type of renewable energy is best for you.

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PRESENTING THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPO 2022

Register today for this ag expo showcasing the latest in ag innovation, farm equipment, tractors, farm implements, seed & crop protection products, farm supplies & services.

Friday, November 18, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Aquaturf, 556 Mulberry Street, Southington, CT

Registration includes:

- Trade Show
- State-wide Networking
- Buffet Lunch
- Connecticut Wine & Beer Tasting
- Taste of Connecticut
- Pesticide CEU Credits

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- 10:30AM – 11:30AM - ***Soil-Biodegradable Plastic Mulch for Specialty Crop Production***, Shuresh Ghimire, PhD, UConn Extension
- 1:30PM - 2:30PM - ***Integrated Pest Management for Fruit Growers***, Mary Conklin, Educator, UConn Extension

Ticket Pricing

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	• Non-members can receive \$5 off per ticket by purchasing before November 4th or by registering 3 or more attendees To Exhibit Click here, call 860-768-1100 or email traceym@cfba.org For More Information or Questions Click here, call 860-768-1100 or email traceym@cfba.org Event Partners • Connecticut Farm Bureau • Connecticut Department of Agriculture • Farm Credit East, ACA • UConn Extension Register Here FIRST NORTHEAST DISABILITY AND AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE The Northeast Disability and Agriculture Conference is a first-time regional event designed to educate and empower the agricultural community. Through workshops and presentations, farmer attendees will learn how to better advocate for themselves, and service provider attendees will learn how to identify potential distress risks within the community. Together attendees will learn how to build a network sharing skills and resources to improve accessibility and reduce industry incidents of suicide. The conference team is excited to offer a hybrid experience; in-person and limited virtual participation, on February 4, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Harkness Memorial State Park (275 Great Neck Road, Waterford, CT).The daylong event includes a Keynote speaker, breakout sessions, group discussion, resources, and meals. <i>In recognition of the needs of farmers with disabilities, a post conference stipend will be given to the first 50 farmers who identify as having a disability, have registered in advance, and attend the full conference.</i> Sign up here to reserve your spot today! 2023 Northeast Disability & Agriculture Conference The event is coordinated by Healing By Growing Farms, a social impact farm community that fosters a holistic healing approach reconnecting predominantly	

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us at www.healingbygrowing.com.

Their aim for the conference is to be sensitive and responsive to the needs of farmers, agricultural service providers and the community. They would GREATLY appreciate your feedback to help them design conference content, better identify gaps in disability awareness and needed services for participants by participating in **THEIR SURVEY**.

For questions, please contact: healingbygrowingconferenceteam@gmail.com.



WORKING LANDS ALLIANCE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Please join Working Lands Alliance (WLA) for their 2022 annual meeting and luncheon to celebrate farmland preservation in Connecticut! The meeting will be on **Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 12 to 2 p.m.** at Thomas Hooker Live located at 1 Sequassen St., Hartford, CT, 06106.

This year WLA will host a panel discussion that will be facilitated by Dean Indrajeet Chaubey of the University of Connecticut's College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources. As we enter this new phase of "normal", a panel discussion will explore how we can continue to advance resilient agricultural strategies. Attendees will hear from individuals who are creating innovative strategies and opportunities for farmers and service providers alike to create a resilient agricultural sector during these uncertain times.

The Annual Meeting will also include the presentation of the 2022 Farmland Preservation Pathfinder Awards. Established in 2003, these prestigious awards recognize individuals and groups in Connecticut that have significantly advanced farmland preservation through leadership, communications,

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many individuals and groups who have shown an impressive commitment to protecting our vital farmland in Connecticut.

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FARMER TAX EXEMPTION PERMIT RENEWAL INFORMATION UPDATE

The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services (DRS) is currently undergoing a multi-year, multi-phase information technology (IT) modernization initiative. As part of the initiative, DRS has begun replacing the Taxpayer Service Center (TSC) with [myconneCT](#), a new, safe, secure, and user-friendly online system. Additionally, DRS is expanding its online taxpayer services to more Connecticut taxpayers.

The following groups may now use myconneCT to submit their application renewals electronically by logging into myconneCT at portal.ct.gov/DRS-myconneCT:

- Farmers
- Fishermen
- Materialmen
- Small Wineries

Use myconneCT to file taxes, make payments, view filing history, and communicate with the agency simply and more efficiently on virtually any mobile device, including laptops, tablets, and smartphones, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If a farmer has not yet filed their renewal application with DRS, an additional mailing was sent the week ending October 21 with a letter explaining the process. If a farmer requires immediate access to their new permit, the letter explains how to apply online to receive a permit electronically.

All permits will be set to a September 30 expiration date. All farmers who have already received a renewed permit from DRS do not need to take any further action. DRS will be issuing an updated permit with an expiration date of September 30, 2024.

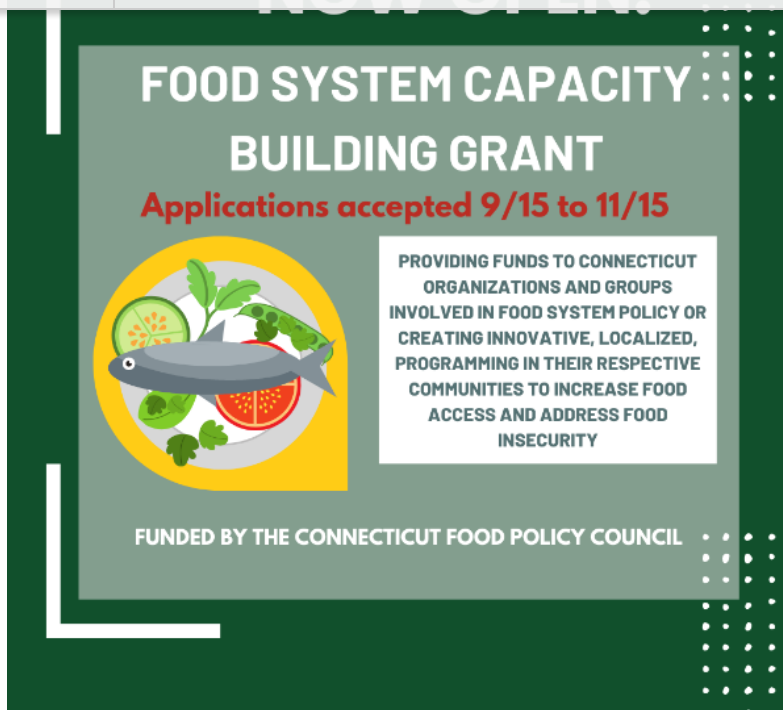
If anyone has questions regarding a permit renewal, they may contact DRS directly at 860-297-4996. General questions may be sent via email to drs@ct.gov. Please do not include any attachments or images as it will be returned undeliverable. An online tutorial providing instruction on how to renew permits through the DRS website may be accessed [here](#).

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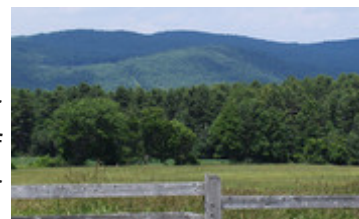
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PROTECT YOUR AGRICULTURAL LAND WITH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Are you a farmer with a deep connection to your land or interest in protecting the future of the nation's food supply? Maybe you're an agricultural landowner or eligible entity interested in protecting the integrity of your property? Why not consider safeguarding your land with a conservation easement through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). **NRCS accepts applications year round; however, applications for FY2023 funding are being accepted from now until January 31, 2023.**



The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) protects the agricultural viability and related conservation values of eligible land by limiting nonagricultural uses which negatively affect agricultural uses and conservation values, protect grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring or conserving eligible grazing land, and protecting and restoring and enhancing wetlands on eligible land. Under the **Agricultural Land Easements** (ALE) component funds are provided to eligible entities that use ACEP funding to purchase permanent agricultural land easements that not only protect the future of the nation's food supply, but also support environmental quality, wildlife habitat, and historic preservation and protection of open spaces. Landowner applicants who are interested must apply through an eligible entity – such as a land trust, municipality, or the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. NRCS will prioritize applications that protect agricultural uses and

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	Land eligible for agricultural easements includes cropland, grassland, and pastureland; non-industrial private forest land may be enrolled when associated with active agricultural land. Native American Tribes, state and local governments, and non-governmental organizations that have farmland or grassland protection programs are eligible to partner with NRCS to purchase conservation easements. Enrolling agricultural land helps secure the future of the nation's food supply, prevents it from being developed or going to a non-agricultural use, and provides public benefits including environmental quality, historic preservation, wildlife habitat, and protection of open space. Applications must be submitted by January 31, 2023, to: Carol Grasis Assistant State Conservationist for Programs USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service 344 Merrow Road, Suite A Tolland, CT 06084-3917 Not sure how to begin? Visit our website where you will find information on benefits, how to apply, all the forms you will need, and more. To speak to someone about filling out eligibility forms with the Farm Service Agency (FSA), or to obtain an application, contact your local USDA Service Center: Danielson – (860) 779-0557; Hamden – (203) 287-8038; Norwich – (860) 887-3604; Torrington – (860) 626-8852; Windsor – (860) 688-7725; Connecticut State Office, Tolland – (860) 871-4028. FALL DAIRY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY NE-DBIC New England Dairy Business Innovation Center is preparing to release guidance on grants for this fall. Below is a list of funding opportunities coming this fall. <u>Grants for Dairy Processors</u> • Existing Dairy Processor Expansion Grant (January): This grant will be split into multiple funding tiers to accommodate processors of all scales. Projects will focused on acquiring specialized equipment needed to increase the processing capacity of regionally produced milk and other activities to support expansion to meet demand. Grant opportunity released in January. • Dairy Processor Innovation Grant (January): Projects funded through this program will support long term business investments that increase dairy processor business consumer appeal and marketability of value-	

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chain, operations, employee welfare, consumer experience, utilization of materials or systems that reduce carbon footprint, and beyond. Grant opportunity released in January.

For more information visit their site below.

[Visit NE-DBIC](#)



FMSA PRODUCE SAFETY RULE / PRODUCE SAFETY ALLIANCE APPROVED GROWER TRAINING COURSE (IN PERSON)

The Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Grower Training Course has been designed to provide a foundation of Good Agricultural Practices knowledge that includes emphasis on co-management of food safety and environmental management goals, while outlining the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule. The PSA Grower Training Course is one way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement outlined in § 112.22(c) that requires *'At least one supervisor or responsible party for your farm must have successfully completed food safety training at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by the Food and Drug Administration.'*

UPDATE

Revised Course Fee: \$50

We have received approval from the Department of Agriculture to cover the registration fee under produce safety funding from the FDA.

November 30, December 1, 2022; December 2, Snow Date
8:30 am through 3:30 pm
 Middlesex County Extension Center
 1066 Saybrook Road

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Registration Deadline Friday, November 18

Space is limited to 30 participants.

REGISTRATION: Course fee is \$50 (previously \$200). The preferred method of registration/payment is through the CAHNR Conferences site, paying with a credit card. Please include both a work and cell/home phone number and regularly used email address in case of emergency or cancellation.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Please go to <https://s.uconn.edu/fsmaproducesafetycourse> to register. VISA and MasterCard are accepted.

In order to obtain a certificate that provides evidence of compliance with the training requirements of the rule, you must be present for the entire two-day course, so do not make plans for the snow date!

For additional information, if you have a question regarding this course, or if you are an individual with a disability and need accommodations, contact: Indu Upadhyaya at (860) 871-0776 or indu.upadhyaya@uconn.edu. (Please be aware that advance notice is necessary as some accommodations may require more time for the University to arrange. A good faith effort will be made to provide accommodations up until the time of the workshop.)

[Register Here](#)**PROTECT YOUR POULTRY FROM HPAI**

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) advises all poultry

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	HPAI was confirmed at a backyard non-commercial flock in New London County in March 2022 and more recently on October 4 at a backyard non-commercial flock in New Haven County. Additionally, multiple detections have been confirmed within wild birds throughout Connecticut, primarily waterfowl and raptors. Poultry biosecurity materials and checklists can be found on the USDA's "Defend the Flock" website. Best practices include: • Discourage unnecessary visitors and use biosecurity signs to warn people not to enter buildings without permission. • Ask all visitors if they have had any contact with any birds in the past five days. • Forbid entry to employees and visitors who own any kind of fowl. • Require all visitors to cover and disinfect all footwear. • Lock all entrances to chicken houses after hours. • Avoid non-essential vehicular traffic on-farm. • After hauling birds to processors, clean and disinfect poultry transport coops and vehicles before they return to the farm. • Report anything unusual, especially sick or dead birds, to CT DoAg at 860-713-2505 or ctstate.vet@ct.gov or the USDA at 866-536-7593. In addition to practicing good biosecurity, poultry owners should keep their birds away from wild ducks and geese and their droppings. Outdoor access for poultry should be limited at this time. Signs of avian influenza include sudden increase in bird deaths, sneezing, coughing, nasal discharge, watery or green diarrhea, lack of energy, poor appetite, drop in egg production, swelling around the eyes, neck, and head, and purple discoloration of wattles, combs, and legs. Avian influenza does not present an immediate public health concern. Only one detection in a human has occurred in the United States, and the individual exhibited minor symptoms. As a reminder, the proper handling and cooking of poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165°F kills bacteria and viruses. APPLY NOW FOR FARMLAND RESTORATION GRANT The Connecticut Department of Agriculture announces that the 2023 Farmland Restoration Grant (FLRG) guidance is now available, and the application portal is live to accept applications.	

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production in the state by restoring lands into active agricultural production. The Farmland Restoration Program (FLRP) focuses on restoring and improving land with prime and important farmland soils, in accordance with a Farmland Restoration Program Plan and a Climate Smart Resiliency Plan (FLRP Plan). Applications are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2022.

For the purposes of this grant, farmland restoration is the act of bringing land into agricultural production for human food, animal feed, or livestock grazing.

The maximum grant awarded is \$20,000.00. Applications of any amount up to the maximum possible award will be considered for funding. There are two opportunities for funding under the Farmland Restoration Program. The opportunities for funding are for projects on either publicly owned land or for projects that are on privately owned land. Applicants will choose the grant that best fits their property to apply.

The following entities are eligible to apply for the Farmland Restoration Grant:

1. Agricultural producers, who are owners or tenants of an existing agribusiness within the State of Connecticut with at least one year of production experience.
2. Not for profits owning or leasing a property in use for agricultural production.
3. Municipalities leasing farmland, currently in use by a farmer. The lease must be no less than five years in duration, with a five-year option to renew in the terms.

Grant guidelines and forms can be found at www.CTGrown.gov/grants with additional details on match requirements and eligible expenses.

On Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. a virtual webinar will be held for interested agricultural producers and cooperatives to learn about the Farmland Restoration Program application process. The webinar will be held utilizing Webex. Please visit www.CTGrown.gov/grants to obtain the webinar link. The session will be recorded and posted to the agency website if you are unable to attend the live event.

Questions regarding the Farmland Restoration Grant can be directed to Lance Shannon, Lance.Shannon@ct.gov or Simon Levesque, Simon.Levesque@ct.gov. More information on application requirements, submission process, and accompanying forms can be found online at www.CTGrown.gov/grants.

Funding for the Farmland Restoration Grant is made possible by Connecticut General Statutes 22-6c. The Farmland Restoration Grant and any awards are subject to the requirements and provisions of state funding.

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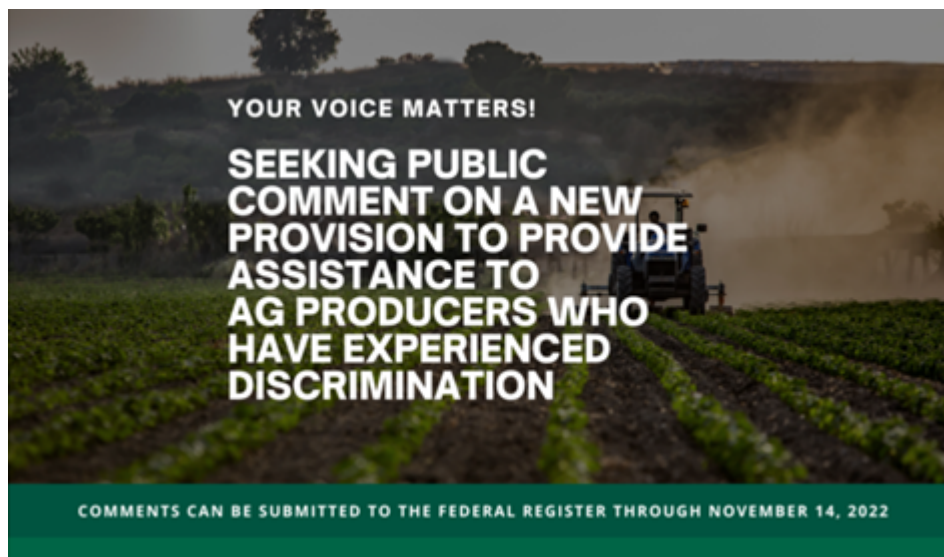
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USDA SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED

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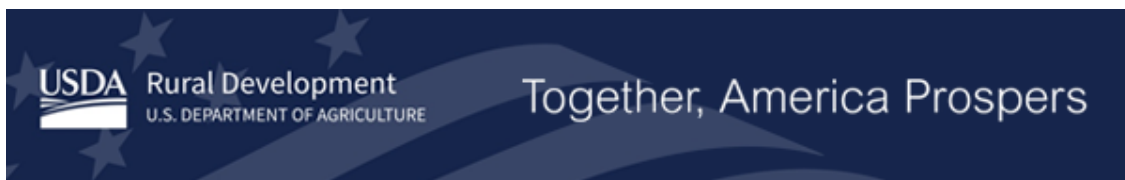
The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking public comment on how it should implement Section 22007 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), a provision that aims to provide assistance to the nation's farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners who experienced discrimination in USDA's farm lending programs.

Section 22007 provides a transformative opportunity for USDA to help farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners impacted by discrimination in USDA farm lending programs. IRA Section 22007 directs USDA to provide financial assistance to producers who have experienced discrimination in USDA's farm lending programs and has appropriated \$2.2 billion for this purpose.

This request for information is an important step in making sure farmers, advocates, academics, legislators, tribal governments, and other experts who have important perspectives that must be incorporated to assist USDA in implementing these provisions to fulfill the intent of Congress.

The 30-day comment period closes on November 14, 2022.

[Click here for more information.](#)



BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS UNDER THE FERTILIZER PRODUCTION EXPANSION PROGRAM

Grants Will Increase Innovative, American-Made Fertilizer Production, Spur Competition and Help U.S. Farmers Address Rising Costs

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the Biden-Harris Administration is inviting U.S. farmers and agricultural producers to apply for grants under the Fertilizer Production Expansion Program. The Administration recently announced it is making \$500 million in grants available through the program to increase American-made fertilizer production, spur competition and combat price hikes on U.S. farmers caused by the war in Ukraine.

"The Fertilizer Production Expansion Program is one of many ways the Biden-Harris Administration invests in the agricultural supply chain right here at home," Vilsack said. "This funding will bring production and jobs back to the

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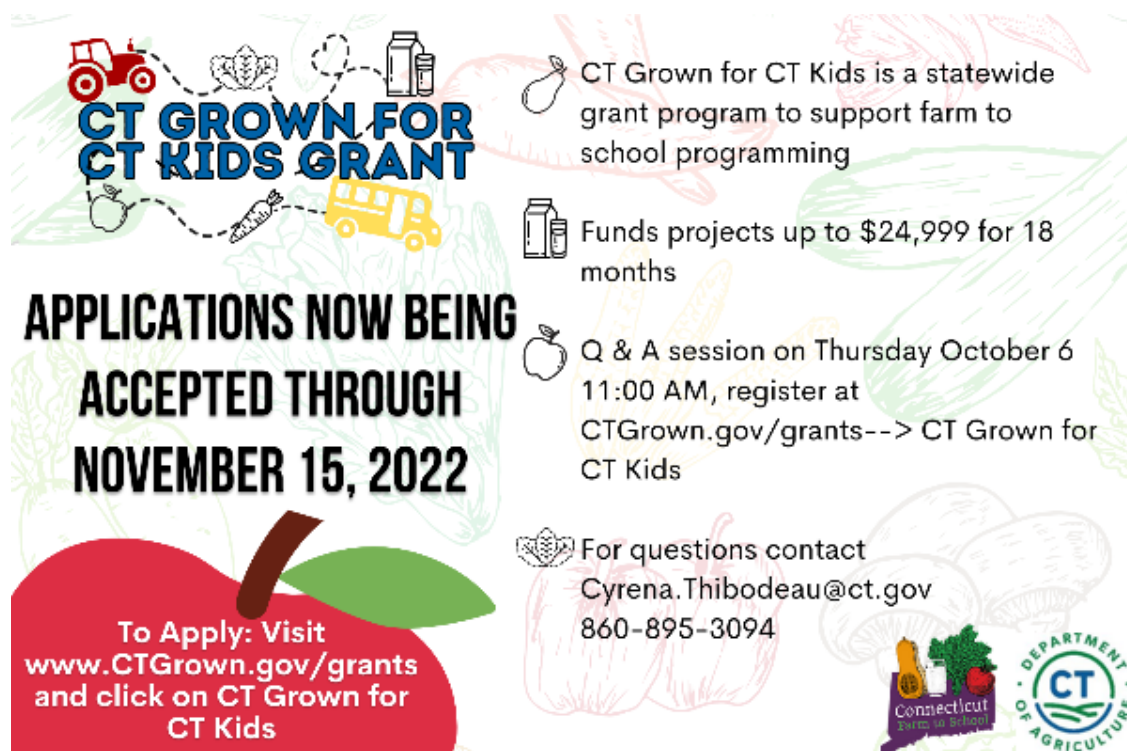
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continues to create a resilient, secure and sustainable economy to support opportunities for local businesses and people across this nation. This program is a critical part of that effort."

USDA begins accepting applications today via www.grants.gov. Applicants have two opportunities to submit their applications:

- Applicants may apply until **Nov. 14, 2022**, to receive priority for projects that increase the availability of fertilizer (nitrogen, phosphate or potash) and nutrient alternatives for agricultural producers to use in crop years 2023 or 2024.
- Applicants may apply until **Dec. 29, 2022**, to receive financial assistance to significantly increase American-made fertilizer production to spur competition and combat price hikes. This application window supports applicants who need more time to make additional capacity available.

[Click here for more information on the program.](#)



CT GROWN FOR CT KIDS GRANT

CT Grown for CT Kids is a statewide grant program to support farm to school programming

Funds projects up to \$24,999 for 18 months

Q & A session on Thursday October 6 11:00 AM, register at CTGrown.gov/grants--> CT Grown for CT Kids

For questions contact Cyrena.Thibodeau@ct.gov 860-895-3094

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 2022

To Apply: Visit www.CTGrown.gov/grants and click on CT Grown for CT Kids

Connecticut Department of Agriculture

BEGINNING FARMER LOAN OPPORTUNITY

Accessing capital to begin, extend, or support an agriculture operation can be challenging--especially to new producers. Farm Service Agency's "Beginning Farmer" direct and guaranteed loan programs provide an opportunity for

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- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training, and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's average size farm

For more information, contact the New London County USDA Service Center at (860) 887-9941 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

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**THURSDAY
10 NOVEMBER**

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East Haven, CT
November 19, 12pm-2pm

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SAVE THE DATE

Northeast Disability and Agriculture Conference

February 4, 2023*
9am - 3pm
Harkness Park
Waterford, CT

Our first Northeast conference invites farmers, service providers and community supporters to engage in active dialogue around disability, mental health, and suicide. Interactive workshops will build connections and equip participants with skills and resources to promote advocacy, equity, access, and a just agricultural system.

A post conference stipend will be given to the first 50 farmers who identify as having a disability, have registered in advance, and attend the full conference.

*Snow date: February 11, 2023



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Febrero 4, 2023*
9am - 3pm
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Nuestra primera conferencia del noreste invita agricultores, proveedores de servicios y comunidades de apoyo a participar en un diálogo activo sobre la discapacidad, la salud mental y el suicidio. Los talleres interactivos construirán conexiones y equiparán a los participantes con habilidades y recursos para promover abogacía, la equidad, el acceso y un sistema agrícola justo.

Se dará un estipendio después de la conferencia a los primeros (50) agricultores que se identifiquen como discapacitados; se hayan registrado con anticipación y asistan a la conferencia completa.

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