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CONNECTICUT WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT

The latest news and updates in Connecticut agriculture

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If you plan to fire up the grill this holiday weekend, be sure to include local meat from a Connecticut producer. May is National Beef Month - perfect time to enjoy a hamburger or steak.

Find local meat at a farm stand, farmers' market or farm store by searching the map on CTGrown.org.

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Connecticut Farm Wineries rebrand, launches new mobile app for Passport to Connecticut Wine Country

The Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council has rebranded to the simpler Connecticut Farm Wineries, just in time to launch their popular passport program, encouraging consumers to engage with the state's more than 45 farm wineries — 35 of which participate in the passport program. No longer a physical passport, but rather a user-friendly mobile app available on most devices, the CT Wine Passport is available at both the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

"CT Wine Passport is a great way to have a fun, interactive experience trying new wines, new regions, and new opportunities throughout our great state," said Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz. "Plan your visits throughout the summer and support local Connecticut businesses along the way, all while exploring all of the hidden gems our great state has to offer."

The mobile app is a new twist on the familiar passport program which began in 2010 — with users obtaining digital passport stamps which earn rewards to be redeemed for a chance to win one of more than 60 prizes in the prize drawing as they explore Connecticut Wine Country.

"We are so thrilled to have this app roll out today, it means a lot to all of our wineries," said Hilary Criollo, owner of Hopkins Vineyard, President of CT Vineyard and Winery Association, and CT Farm Wine Development Council member. "All of our wineries have been busy tending our vines, we are open, and looking forward to having you visit us. Download the app, CT Wine Passport, and explore the state."

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lines of the new CT Grown brand, with both identities developed by eastern-Connecticut brand firm, Miranda Creative, Inc.

“Through refreshing this brand, we hope to raise public awareness and encourage consumers to engage with our state’s many great farm wineries,” said Connecticut Department of Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt. “We recognize the launch of the new Connecticut Farm Wineries brand presents a great opportunity within our larger mission to develop a broader understanding of the value of the state’s robust agriculture and aquaculture assets.”

For more information about Connecticut Farm Wineries or the Passport to Connecticut Wine Country, visit their new website at ctwinecountry.com.

About Connecticut Farm Wineries

A voluntary council made up of winery owners, research institutions, and representatives of Connecticut Department of Agriculture and Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. The council is responsible for promoting state wines and related products, offering educational programs, recommending research projects, and advising groups on farm wine development.



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Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz and Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt visited Lost Acres Vineyard in North Granby to launch the new mobile app for Passport to CT Wine Country and celebrate National Chardonnay Day on Thursday, May 26.



UConn Supports Connecticut's Greenhouse Industry - An Integral Part of Agriculture

The Romans used controlled environments in 30 A.D. to grow a predecessor of the cucumber; it was the start of the modern-day greenhouse industry. Today, greenhouses are still essential for growing crops. The ongoing research in controlled environment agriculture is creating innovative technologies that maximize the efficiency of agricultural inputs and land use. These innovations provide key solutions to climate adaptation and production demands, including helping food crops transition from open field production to controlled environment agriculture.

Greenhouses in Connecticut represent over one third of the state's vibrant \$4.7 billion agricultural economy and are integral to the success of all agricultural businesses, according to a study by Farm Credit East conducted in 2021. The total economic impact of the 583 greenhouse businesses in the state was \$390 million in 2020.

"Greenhouses are critical to the infrastructure that supports all of our state's farms," says Interim UConn President Radenka Maric. "The innovation and technology developed in greenhouses also allows growers to be industry leaders in the state and throughout the country. UConn is committed to helping bolster this industry and our farmers through controlled environment agriculture."

Researchers and educators from [UConn Extension](#) within the [College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources \(CAHNR\)](#) support greenhouse

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	<p>“Our work with the greenhouse industry ensures a vibrant and sustainable agriculture industry,” says Dean Indrajeet Chaubey from CAHNR . “Greenhouses advance innovative, sustainable approaches to agriculture that align with local resources and markets, while helping expand production and contributing to the state economy.”</p> <p>Innovations Address Critical Issues</p> <p>New England has a short growing season that limits food crops and ornamental horticulture production. Greenhouse production allows agriculture to continue year-round and in Connecticut includes significant ornamental horticulture operations like flowers and plants that improve homes and landscapes.</p> <p>“Whenever the flowers grown in the state are sold, there are benefits for the families working in the greenhouses, for the greenhouse owners, and all those involved in selling the crops,” says Rosa Raudales, director of outreach and engagement at UConn, associate professor in CAHNR, and the greenhouse extension specialist. “They are moving money around the state and it supports the livelihood of many people.”</p> <p>The greenhouse industry has led the advancement of innovations on water conservation, nutrient, and energy management; automation; environmental control; infrastructure materials; and pesticide-free production. All these agricultural innovations developed for the greenhouse industry provide an access point to technology for other agricultural sectors. It will also allow food production to expand to controlled environment agriculture systems. These innovations all improve business outcomes, and therefore benefit consumers, says Raudales.</p> <p>Greenhouses sustainably produce live plants that positively impact the physical and mental health of Connecticut residents as well.</p> <p>“Consumers benefit from beautiful flowers, and there’s also the benefit to our health,” says Raudales. “When we’re growing plants, we’re moving and getting outside. Having beautiful plants in the environment plays a major role in people’s well-being.”</p> <p>The green industry employs more than just the people growing the plants too. Engineers, biologists, coders, plant scientists, marketers, and social scientists are all needed to help the industry thrive. Climate change and unpredictable weather patterns continue challenging agriculture and food production globally, and the greenhouse industry provides many of the solutions needed to make an impact.</p> <p>“There are many career opportunities for those interested, and these will continue expanding,” says Raudales.</p> <p>The economic contributions of the Connecticut greenhouse industry have a ripple effect on the broader economy, with 70 cents of economic activity generated for the state for every dollar generated by the industry. Greenhouses</p>	

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Ornamental plant production is the focus of Connecticut's greenhouse industry. The experience and infrastructure offer the potential to expand onto other crops, such as vegetables or pharmaceuticals, and amplify the impact of Connecticut' agriculture in the region.

"Greenhouses are integral to ensure that we maintain Connecticut's vibrant agricultural economy," Raudales says. "We need all parts of agriculture to be strong to ensure resilience and that we can provide the ornamental and food crops that our residents depend on. The greenhouse industry's contributions extend to our collective community health."

This video is supported a grant from Northeast AgEnhancement, a Farm Credit East program, and UConn Extension. Learn more about our agriculture initiatives at <https://cahnr.uconn.edu/extension/>

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

Bishop's Orchards Kicks Off a Fun-Filled Summer with its 150th Plus One Anniversary Celebration, 5/20, WTNH

School gardens are changing education for Connecticut's urban youth, 5/23, WBUR

The View from the vineyards, hope lies ahead, 5/25, Fox 61

How wineries in CT stand out in an undervalued region, 5/25, Norwich Bulletin

There's a new 'passport' app for Connecticut's farm wineries, 5/26. CT Insider State Launches CT Wine Passport app, 5/26, NBC CT

Why Connecticut farmers, scientists are cultivating kelp, 5/27, Hartford Courant

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USDA TO PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY \$6 BILLION TO COMMODITY AND SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCERS IMPACTED BY 2020 AND 2021 NATURAL DISASTERS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that commodity and specialty crop producers impacted by natural disaster events in 2020 and 2021 will soon begin receiving emergency relief payments totaling approximately \$6 billion through the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) new Emergency Relief Program (ERP) to offset crop yield and value losses.

"For over two years, farmers and ranchers across the country have been hard hit by an ongoing pandemic coupled with more frequent and catastrophic natural disasters," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "As the agriculture

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direct payments to producers who bear the brunt of circumstances beyond their control. These emergency relief payments will help offset the significant crop losses due to major weather events in 2020 and 2021 and help ensure farming operations are viable this crop year, into the next growing season and beyond.”

For impacted producers, existing Federal Crop Insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) data is the basis for calculating initial payments. USDA estimates that phase one ERP benefits will reach more than 220,000 producers who received indemnities for losses covered by federal crop insurance and more than 4,000 producers who obtained NAP coverage for 2020 and 2021 crop losses.

Additional USDA disaster assistance information can be found on farmers.gov, including the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Farm Loan Discovery Tool](#). For FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, producers should contact their local [USDA Service Center](#). For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their [crop insurance agent](#).

[Read the full Press Release here!](#)



USDA NASS GEARING UP FOR 2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Conducted once every five years, the ag census looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income, and expenditures. It is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Even small plots of land – whether rural or urban – count if \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. The Census of Agriculture tells the story of American agriculture over time.

Key Dates:

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• June 30, 2022 – Sign up for those who do not already receive NASS surveys, and censuses end

- November 2022 – ag census mails out and data collection begins
- February 6, 2023 – response deadline

[Sign up Here to be Counted](#)



Women's Business
Development Council



WBDC Equity Match Grant

APPLICATION PERIOD: MAY 23 – JULY 3, 2022

The Women's Business Development Council's Equity Match Grant Program is designed to help Connecticut women-owned businesses grow! Grants between \$2,500 and \$10,000 will be awarded for clearly defined projects that will have a measurable impact on the business, its growth and profitability. The grant funds cannot be used towards operating expenses, payroll, or real estate improvements. Applicants are required to provide a minimum 25% match.

Eligibility

Businesses must:

- be at least 51% woman-owned
- have been established for at least two years
- have a record of annual sales/revenue in the last twelve months greater than \$25,000 and less than \$2,000,000
- be headquartered in CT, registered in the state of CT and owned by a CT resident
- be owned by a woman at least 18 years old

- be in good standing with the CT Department of Revenue Services (DRS) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- have an established business checking account
- utilize a formal, digital bookkeeping/financial system (e.g., QuickBooks)
- be a for-profit business, or a non-profit that derives 75% or more of the organization's revenue from a social enterprise

The following businesses are not eligible:

Child care businesses (see <https://ctwbdc.org/childcare-business/funding> for info on funding opportunities for child care businesses); businesses that have received a grant from WBDC in the last two years; medical marijuana; liquor stores and alcohol distributors; adult businesses such as strip clubs; vape retailers; tobacco shops and smoking lounges; businesses having to do with gambling; gun stores and ranges; cash advance, check cashing, or pawn shops; bail bonds; collection agencies or services; and auction or bankruptcy or fire or "lost-our-lease" or "going-out-of-business" or similar sale

Match Requirement

Applicants are required to provide a minimum 25% match.

For example, if the business receives a \$10,000 grant for the purchase of new software, the business must have invested \$2,500 in their business over the past 12 months OR be able to invest an incremental \$2,500 of their own funds in that purchase.

Information Sessions

For more information on the application process, register for a live or pre-recorded information session at ctwbdc.eccenterdirect.com

Thursday, May 26	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Thursday, June 2	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Monday, June 6	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Wednesday, June 8	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Tuesday, June 14	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Thursday, June 16	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, June 22	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Monday, June 27	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

What Previous Recipients are Saying

"The grant has given me the support I needed to grow my business. In the short amount of time since I received it I have grown my clients, my space and online presence. More importantly, I feel confident in the success and continued growth of my company."

"The WBDC Equity Match Grant allowed me to put in place systems that have streamlined and optimized our sales process. Without the extra 'push' of preparing to apply for this grant, I would have less specific financial data and fewer strategic plans to use to grow the business. It has also encouraged me to take the leap into hiring employees. I'm grateful for WBDC, not just for the funds, but for the extra motivation."

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Learn more at ctwbdc.org/equity-match-grant-program/

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NORTHEAST DAIRY BUSINESS INNOVATION CENTER

ANNOUNCING NE-DBIC DAIRY FOOD SAFETY & CERTIFICATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center (NE-DBIC) is pleased to announce awards for 12 projects through 2022 Dairy Food Safety & Certification Grant, for a total of \$290,540.09.

This grant program helps dairy farmers, processors, and/or producer associations take actionable steps to improve the safety of dairy products and improve marketability. The funds allow eligible entities to access support through technical assistance, audits, food safety plan development, training, testing fees, and certain infrastructure upgrades.

Grants were awarded to businesses in Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. Projects range from \$10,000 - \$40,000 with a 25% match commitment requirement.

This grant opportunity is expected to open again in Fall of 2022.

[Learn About the Grant Projects](#)

DAIRY MARKETING & BRANDING SERVICES GRANT

This grant program will provide funds for established value-added dairy processors and producer associations to access professional marketing and branding services to elevate value-added dairy businesses. Projects funded by this grant will increase the exposure and promotion of regionally produced dairy products guided by marketing/branding professionals. Funded projects will increase consumer awareness of products, develop market channels and distribution opportunities to increase product placement, support innovative strategies to increase consumption, and/or increase business revenues. Additionally, up to 25% of the grant funds may be used to implement the strategy and/or content developed by the contractor.

Grant range: \$10,000 - \$50,000, with 25% match requirement

Deadline: June 23, 2022

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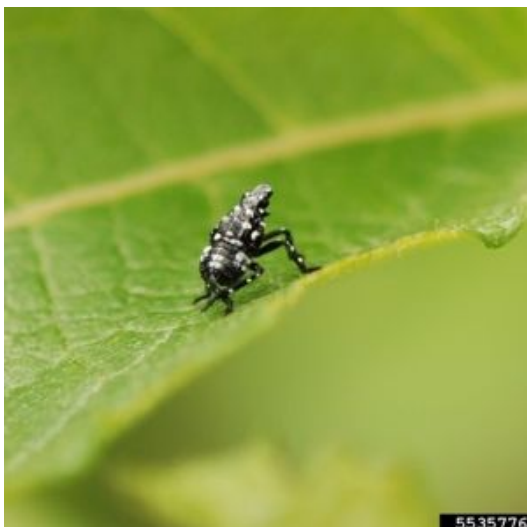
FREE VEGETABLE PRODUCTION, LIVESTOCK, SOIL, LAND ACCESS, AND CONSERVATION CONSULTATIONS FOR FARMERS

Schedule a **FREE** consultation with one of our experts from UConn Extension! Schedule a consultation now before the season starts throwing problems at you left and right and feel a little more prepared on how to deal with pests, disease, soil health, and livestock production issues.

As part of our Solid Ground programming, funded by the USDA, we are able to offer these limited free one on one consultations, with specialists in certain fields of knowledge, to Beginning Farmers in Connecticut. They will meet you in person at a convenient time and follow up as needed with email, phone calls, or even a video field walk with you!

Please note: These consultations are intended for Commercial Farmers and Farm businesses. If you are homesteading, have a hobby farm, or simply love gardening, please access the UConn Home and Garden Education Center.

Sign up while they're available and here! <https://newfarms.uconn.edu/consultations/>



SPOTTED LANTERNFLY: NOW HATCHING

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	<p data-bbox="250 117 1373 155">The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station has issued a Quarantine</p> <p data-bbox="250 159 1373 709">Order with defined restricted areas for the exotic pest spotted lanternfly, <i>Lycorma delicatula</i> (SLF for short). This insect has been detected in Connecticut with established populations detected in Fairfield and New Haven Counties and single individuals intercepted in numerous towns. The spotted lanternfly is a new plant pest to the United States and represents a threat to Connecticut's environment, residential areas, and agricultural interests, particularly forests, orchards, vineyards, and nurseries. The purpose of this quarantine is to slow the spread of SLF within the state and provide for certification of Connecticut businesses for movement of regulated articles out of state and help protect the economic interests of the state's agricultural industries by suppressing, controlling or eradicating infestations of spotted lanternfly in regulated areas, and provide by inspection or compliance agreement methods to permit the movement of regulated articles not infested with spotted lanternfly.</p> <p data-bbox="250 753 1373 909">The quarantine order was renewed January 1, 2022, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2022, after which the quarantine may be renewed, rescinded by the Director, or replaced by the promulgation of regulations. View the quarantine order.</p> <h3 data-bbox="250 953 604 989">HOW TO IDENTIFY SLF</h3> <p data-bbox="250 1014 1373 1207">The spotted lanternfly eggs masses are laid on practically any surface including trees, stones, trash cans, side of a house, etc. during the fall. Egg masses are yellowish-brown in color, and most are covered with a gray, waxy coating prior to hatching (USDA, 2019). They may appear wet or sticky when fresh. You will see eggs from September to May.</p> <p data-bbox="250 1232 1373 1346">Spotted lanternfly eggs hatch in the spring and early summer. Early instar nymphs are black in color with white spots; fourth instars nymphs are red with black and white spots. You will see nymphs from April to October.</p> <p data-bbox="250 1390 1373 1623">Adult spotted lanternflies are about one inch long and one half inch wide. Tan forewings that have black spots, while their signature colorful hindwings have lower red patches and upper black patches, separated with a white section in between. The red hindwings are mostly hidden unless the wings are spread. Adult SLF crawl, jump, or fly short distances. You will see adults from July to November.</p> <h3 data-bbox="250 1648 618 1684">WHERE IS SLF FOUND?</h3> <p data-bbox="250 1709 1373 1902">While tree-of-heaven, <i>Ailanthus altissima</i>, is a favored host tree, spotted lanternfly may be found on other trees including maple, walnut, and willow. It feeds on agricultural crops like apples, grapes, hops, as well as other fruit trees. It is native to China, India, and Vietnam. The adults tend to congregate on the tree-of-heaven and other host trees in the fall.</p> <p data-bbox="250 1927 1373 2003">To identify <i>Ailanthus altissima</i>: click this link to view the tree-of-heaven identification fact sheet</p>	

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known or suspected SLF populations. These insects are known to hitch a ride on vehicles and even clothing. Jump to: [where SLF has been seen](#).

DO YOU WANT TO BE AN URBAN FARMER?

UConn Extension of Fairfield County and Green Village Initiative are hosting an **Urban Farmer Training Course**.

Taught by Jacqueline Kowalksi, UConn Urban Agriculture Extension Educator.



May–October 2022 @ 122 Arctic St, Bridgeport, CT

Course Schedule

- **Tuesdays, 6–8pm:**
Class Instruction (beginning 5/3)
- **May 14 & May 15:**
Garden cleanup and planting weekend (Rain dates: 5/21, 5/22)
- **Fridays, 4–6pm:**
Rotating participation in garden maintenance and harvest
- **Saturdays, 9am–2pm:**
Rotating participation in farmers market vending (beginning 6/18)

About the Course

- Meets once a week in person.
- Includes classroom topics and hands-on learning in the outdoor garden classroom.
- Opportunities to harvest, prep and sell vegetables produced in the class at a Bridgeport Farmers Market on Saturdays.

Cost: \$200/person

To register contact GVI at:
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Scholarships available.



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RESOURCES FOR SPANISH SPEAKING FARMERS

Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust is announcing La Beca Braiding Seeds en Español. Please share this opportunity with the Beginning Spanish Speaker Farmers in your networks across the East Regions. La Beca Braiding Seeds en Español provides beginning farmers with resources, professional development in Spanish, and mentorship in Spanish to support their livelihood on land.

Link to the application (in Spanish): <https://forms.gle/EAxscW8HTuyjMiAs6>
FAQ website (in Spanish): <https://nefoclandtrust.org/beca-braiding-seeds>

The Application Deadline is May 30.

Nos unimos al Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust para anunciar esta oportunidad de La Beca Braiding Seeds en Español. Por favor comparta esta oportunidad con sus conocidos en el este de USA. Esta beca esta dando la oportunidad a agricultores que hablen español de tener acceso a recursos economicos, desarrollo profesional y mentorias para poder así ayudarles a tener un sustento digno de la tierra.

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Enlace para la aplicación: <https://forms.gle/EAxscW8HTuyjMiAs6>

Preguntas Frecuentes: <https://nefoclandtrust.org/beca-braiding-seeds>

La fecha límite para aplicar es el 30 de Mayo!



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CT Grown tents are in stock and available for pick up at Connecticut Regional Market, 101 Reserve Road, Hartford, CT. Orders must be placed online in advance at www.ConnecticutGrownStore.com. Following order confirmation arrangements will be made to coordinate a pick up day and time.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON AGRITOURISM

The International Workshop on Agritourism is coming to Burlington, Vermont, from **August 30 to September 1, 2022**. Join agriculture and tourism industry professionals from the United States and beyond for an exciting program full of educational sessions, poster presentations, hands-on workshops, farm tours and networking events. Farmers, agricultural service providers, tourism experts and those interested in learning more about agritourism are all encouraged to attend and share your own knowledge, experiences and expertise!




International Workshop
on Agritourism


Scholarships are available for farmers, students and others who demonstrate financial need and can illustrate how they would benefit from attending the conference.

Avian Influenza (AI)

What is it?



- AI is a virus carried by migratory waterfowl (ducks and geese).
- Domestic poultry (chickens, turkeys, fowl) are susceptible and will become very sick.
- The virus is believed to originate in Eurasia and spread into Canada and the Atlantic Flyway through wild geese and ducks.
- Migratory bird flyways cross the United States. Connecticut is in the Atlantic Flyway.









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If you have sick or dying birds, please contact
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Biosecurity Basics

Protect Your Flock From Avian Influenza



-  Cover chicken coops and runs to prevent contact with wild waterfowl and their droppings.
-  Wash hands before and after working with birds.
-  Change food and water daily.
-  Provide disposable boot covers and/or disinfectant footbaths for anyone having contact with your flock.
-  Clean and disinfect tools or equipment before moving them to a new poultry facility.



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LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE CREDIT TO START OR GROW YOUR FARM? THE NATIONAL YOUNG FARMERS COALITION IS HERE TO HELP!



LEARN ABOUT THE USDA'S LOAN PROGRAMS THROUGH THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA). OUR COALITION WON A MICROLOAN PROGRAM IN THE 2014 FARM BILL TO MAKE THESE LOANS MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR YOU!

We know that it may not be easy to work with government programs due to historical and ongoing discrimination against BIPOC farmers. Young Farmers has a farmer on staff who can answer questions for BIPOC farmers about the loans and walk you through the application.



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USDA FSA Loans feature low interest rates (rates 2-3% as of February 2022), and do not use credit scores to determine eligibility.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF LOANS:

MICROLOANS

- Up to \$50,000 in Operating Loan funds and \$50,000 in Ownership Loan funds, for a total of \$100,000
- Repayment terms are 1-7 years
- Same uses as Operating and Ownership loans
- A streamlined application process with less paperwork

OPERATING LOANS

- Up to \$400,000
- Up to 7 years to repay
- Use funds for infrastructure, livestock, feed, seeds, equipment, labor, fertilizers, rent, family living expenses, etc.

OWNERSHIP LOANS

- Up to \$600,000
- Repayment terms are up to 25 years
- Use funds to purchase or enlarge a farm, make a down payment, promote soil and water conservation and protection, or pay closing costs
- Funds can also be used to purchase, improve, or build structures related to the farming business

Farm operating expenses, including, but not limited to, feed, seed, fertilizer, pesticides, farm supplies, repairs and improvements which are to be expensed, cash rent and family living expenses. Other programs include farm storage loans, living expenses under the loans above, down payment loan, guaranteed loan program, and youth loans.

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PARA EMPEZAR O HACER CRECER TU GRANJA? NATIONAL YOUNG FARMERS COALITION (LA COALICIÓN NACIONAL DE AGRICULTORES JOVENES) ESTÁ AQUÍ PARA AYUDARTE.



CONOCE LOS PROGRAMAS DE PRÉSTAMOS DEL USDA A TRAVÉS DE LA AGENCIA DE SERVICIOS AGRÍCOLAS (FSA). ¡NYFC CONSIGUIÓ UN PROGRAMA DE MICROCRÉDITOS EN LA LEY AGRÍCOLA DE 2014 PARA QUE ESTOS PRÉSTAMOS SEAN MÁS ACCESIBLES PARA TI!

Sabemos que puede resultar difícil trabajar con los programas del gobierno debido a la discriminación histórica y actual contra los agricultores BIPOC. Young Farmers tiene un agricultor en el equipo que puede responder a las preguntas de los agricultores BIPOC sobre los préstamos y ayudarles con la solicitud.



LLAMA A NUESTRA ASISTENTE TÉCNICA DE AGRICULTORES SHAKERA RAYGOZA PARA HABLAR MÁS A FONDO EN

SHAKERA@YOUNGFARMERS.ORG O AL 518 643 3564 EXT. 1

Los Préstamos FSA del USDA presentan tipos de interés bajos (tipos del 2-3% a partir de febrero de 2022), y no utilizan puntuaciones de crédito para determinar la elegibilidad.

MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LOS DIFERENTES TIPOS DE PRÉSTAMOS:

MICROCRÉDITOS

- Hasta 50.000 dólares en fondos de Préstamos de Explotación y 50.000 dólares en fondos de Préstamos de Propiedad, por un total de 100.000 dólares
- Los plazos de reembolso son de 1 a 7 años.
- Los mismos usos que los de Explotación y Propiedad
- Un proceso de solicitud agilizado con menos papeleo

PRÉSTAMOS DE OPERACIÓN

- Hasta 400.000 dólares
- Hasta 7 años de reembolso
- Uso de los fondos para infraestructuras, ganado, alimentos, semillas, equipos, mano de obra, fertilizantes, alquiler, gastos de manutención de la familia, etc.

PRÉSTAMOS EN PROPIEDAD

- Hasta 600.000 dólares
- Los plazos de reembolso son de hasta 25 años
- Los fondos se utilizan para comprar o ampliar una granja, hacer un pago inicial, promover la conservación y protección del suelo y el agua, o pagar los gastos de cierre
- Los fondos también pueden utilizarse para comprar, mejorar o construir estructuras relacionadas con el negocio agrícola

Los gastos de funcionamiento de la granja, incluyendo, pero no limitándose a, alimentos, semillas, fertilizantes, pesticidas, suministros de la granja, reparaciones y mejoras que deben ser contabilizadas, alquileres en efectivo y gastos de manutención de la familia. Otros programas incluyen préstamos para el almacenamiento de productos agrícolas, gastos de manutención en el marco de los préstamos anteriores, préstamos para el pago inicial, programa de préstamos garantizados y préstamos para jóvenes.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD RESEARCH INITIATIVE GRANT

The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development (EWD) focuses on developing the next generation of research, education, and extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences. In 2022, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) requests applications for the AFRI's Education and Workforce Development program areas to support:

1. professional development opportunities for K-14 educational professionals;
2. non-formal education that cultivates food and agricultural interest in youth;
3. workforce training at community, junior, and technical colleges;
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SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND SOIL HEALTH TRAILER TOUR
Featuring Fay Benson, Cornell University

These hands-on field workshops will use practical demonstrations to illustrate the value of healthy soil. Learn about soil health and the management practices you can implement to protect your land

Monday, June 20th ~ 1:00 pm
Miller Farm - 1732 Fort Bridgman Rd, Vernon, VT 05354
This event will focus on soils for pasture and grazing dairy cattle
Sponsored by: American Farmland Trust
Contact: Kristen Irvin at kirvin@farmland.org for more information

Tuesday, June 21st ~ 1:00 pm
UMass Crop & Animal Research & Education Farm - 89 River Rd, South Deerfield, MA 01373
This event will focus on soils for vegetable and corn production as well as pasture and grazing
Sponsored by: Northeast SARE
Contact: Sam Corcoran at sglazeccorcor@umass.edu for more information
This program is made possible with support by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, through the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program

Wednesday, June 22nd ~ 1:00 pm
Walnut Lane Farm - 33 Koebke Rd, Dudley, MA 01571
This event will focus on soils for pasture and grazing livestock and poultry
Sponsored by: American Farmland Trust
Contact: Kristen Irvin at kirvin@farmland.org for more information

Thursday, June 23rd ~ 2:00 pm
Windmist Farm - 71 Weeden Lane, Jamestown, RI 02835
This event will focus on soils for pasture and grazing livestock
Sponsored by: Rhode Island Farm Bureau
Contact: Heidi Quinn at hquinn@rifb.org for more information

Friday, June 24th ~ 9:30 am
Scenic Valley Farm - 327 9th District Rd, Somers, CT 06071
This event will focus on soils for pasture and grazing beef cattle
Sponsored by: Tri-State SARE Project
Contact: Rachel Bespuda at rachel.bespuda@uconn.edu for more information
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There is no fee to attend but pre-registration is required for all events. Once registered, you'll receive more information as the event approaches

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June 2, 2022
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3-7pm Visit Vendors & Exhibitors

3-5pm Updates from the Field & Greenhouse
Grower Panel Discussions:
Hemp IPM
Reduced tillage for plant growth & soil health
Hemp Tour
Soil Health Rainfall Demo

5-7pm Social, Food & Live Music
Seed Swap
Clone Sale

\$15.00 PER PERSON
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