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CONNECTICUT WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT

The latest news and updates in Connecticut agriculture

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Saturday, June 11 is National Rosé Day! Celebrate by visiting a CT farm winery to enjoy a glass of this pink hued beverage over a cheese plate with friends or buy a bottle to enjoy over dinner at home.

Make sure to [download the mobile app](#) for Passport to CT Wine Country for a digital stamp at each winery you visit and redeem your rewards to earn an entry into the prize drawing.

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Pick-Your-Own Connecticut Grown Strawberries

Fields are Ripe for the Picking

Connecticut's pick-your-own farms are bursting with ripe, juicy strawberries ready to be eaten. Now is the time to visit a Connecticut berry patch for a fun experience with family and friends!

"Weather conditions have been favorable to provide our first pick-your-own fruit of the season a strong start with abundant flavor," said Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt. "Find a strawberry patch near you at CTGrown.org for an afternoon outdoors and then enjoy them as a snack, on a salad or in your smoothie. Stock up and freeze them or whip up a delicious dessert of strawberry shortcake for dad next weekend as you celebrate Father's Day!"

When you head out to the strawberry patch look for plump, firm berries with a bright red color and natural shine. Once home, wash the berries, cut the stem away and store in a cool place. If storing in a refrigerator, wait to clean them until you eat them as rinsing speeds up spoiling.

Find a Connecticut strawberry patch for fresh flavor and explore a way of life at CTGrown.org and search the map for a location nearest you..

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AWARDS 22 FARMLAND RESTORATION PROGRAM GRANTS TOTALING \$400,000

Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt announces that the Connecticut Department of Agriculture has awarded funds to 22 projects from the Farmland Restoration Program (FLRP), totaling \$400,000 to Connecticut farmers,

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agricultural production.

“Connecticut’s investment in the Farmland Restoration Program is essential to ensuring that our prime and important farmland soils are being cultivated to increase access to food and fiber,” said Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt. “These awards will bring approximately 65 acres back into production while mitigating climate change impacts, eliminating losses from invasive pests and species, and enabling producers to grow their operations.”

Connecticut is home to more than 5,500 farms contributing more than \$4 billion to the state’s economy.

2022 Farmland Restoration Program awardees include:

- **1906 McEwen Farm** *Shelton*, Invasive removal, and soil improvements
- **Farmington Farm Truck** *Farmington*, Deer exclusion fencing, clearing 5 acres of land, invasive removal, and soil amendments
- **Howling Flats Farm** *Canaan*, Field drainage and soil improvements for 3-acre pasture area
- **Hungry Reaper Farm** *Morris*, Invasive removal, farmland restoration for pasture and vegetables
- **Laurel Glen Farm** *Shelton*, Field drainage and topsoil improvements
- **South Haven Farm** *Orange*, Farmland restoration and deer exclusion fencing
- **Sub Edge Farm** *Farmington*, Invasive removal and deer exclusion fencing
- **890 Main Street** *Middlefield*, Farmland restoration, invasive removal, and soil improvements
- **BOTL Farm** *Ashford*, Field drainage improvements and farmland access road
- **Lost Oak Vineyard** *Lebanon*, Farmland restoration, invasive removal, field drainage improvements, and electric fencing
- **Lone Elm Farm** *Hampton*, Farmland restoration, invasive removal, and topsoil improvements
- **Dovehill Farm** *Moosup*, Clearing and invasive removal on 3.5 acres, field drainage improvements, farmland access road
- **Green Gate Farm** *Lebanon*, Field drainage improvements, brush and invasive removal, farmland restoration for crop production
- **Ives Farm** *Cheshire*, Irrigation improvements and deer exclusion fencing
- **Kurmay Farm & Garden** *Guilford*, new irrigation pond
- **Laviana Farms** *Suffield*, Farmland restoration, invasive removal, regrading
- **Lisa Lane Farm** *Bloomfield*, field drainage improvements
- **March Farm** *Bethlehem*, Clearing 5 acres of land, invasive removal, new irrigation pond
- **Oronoque Organics** *Stratford*, Farmland restoration, invasive removal, invasive removal

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- **Sharpe Hill Vineyard Pomfret**, invasive removal, drainage improvements to vineyard
- **Wheatfield Hill Farm Salem**, New high-tensile electric fencing
- **White Oak Farm Stonington**, Erosion control, fencing and clearing 5 acres of land for livestock pasture

The Farmland Restoration Program is a competitive matching grant program. It provides matching funds (up to \$20,000) with a focus on restoring and improving land with prime and important farmland soils, in accordance with a Farmland Restoration Program Plan. Funding for the FLRP is made possible by Public Act 11-1, codified in Chapter 422 of the Connecticut General Statutes, subject to requirements and provisions of state funding. Grant funds are reimbursed to the awardee after the project is successfully completed, a final financial and written report outlining all expenses and tasks associated with the project have been received and approved, and site inspection by agency staff is conducted. Additional information about the program can be found at www.CTGrown.gov/Grants.



Left photo: (left to right) Commissioner Hurlburt, Hans Reelick, Owner Eugene Reelick, State Representative Raghib Allie-Brennan, Garden Manager Kathy Krizan at Hollandia Nursery.



Right photo: (left to right) Commissioner Hurlburt, farmers Katie and Ian, Representative Raghib Allie Brennan, owners Erin Reilly and Shawn Reilly at Holbrook Farm Market.

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

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[Eastern CT facing drought conditions, according to monitor: 'Irrigating our strawberries every day', Stamford Advocate, 6/9](#)

[6 farms in Connecticut where you can pick your own berries](#), The Hour, 6/7
[Rising gas prices impacting Conn. farmers](#), WTNH, 6/7
[BIPOC farmers in Conn. may be small in number, but they have plenty of stories to tell](#), Connecticut Public Radio, 6/6
[Strawberry season is here](#), WFSB, 6/2



TOP 5 THINGS FARMERS SHOULD DO BEFORE SUMMER

As Spring quickly escapes and the frenzy of Summer is thrown upon Connecticut farmers, there are a number of tasks that are suggested to help you, your business, and CT agriculture before the rush of farmers' markets, special events, and increased customer visits to your farm overwhelm your days. With these five things completed, you'll be ready to confidently sell at market, feel represented, and tackle the season's inevitable problems.

Check these off your list:

1. [Update your listing](#) on the CT Grown map
2. Fill out the [Farmer Tax Exemption Permit](#) and/or make sure necessary [licenses/permits are up-to-date](#)
3. [Sign up for free consultations](#) from UConn Extension's Solid Ground Program
4. If you have not in the past, [sign up to receive the Ag Census](#) in the fall
5. Review Section II of the CT DoAg [Farmers' Market Reference Guide](#)

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	<p>The CT Grown map is an important way for consumers in the state to find farms and agricultural products. In partnership with CT NOFA, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) is promoting this map through the #CTgrown campaign. Consumers are able to search for farms by town, product, organic certification, and more. When <u>your listing is up to date</u>, it ensures that happy customers find what they need and hopefully will keep coming back to your farm!</p> <p>For newer farms, or farms that need special licenses for their operations, it's important to make sure you have your <u>tax exempt permit</u> and/or <u>licenses</u> up-to-date. There are a lot of costs associated with farming and as a large portion of sales are made through the warmer months, you should be ready to keep as much of that money as possible by getting your tax exemption ready, and avoiding fees for expired licenses, or perhaps adding value to your product because it is certified and licensed through CT DoAg.</p> <p>Each season has new challenges with crop and livestock management that we can't prepare for. Weather is only so predictable and there are always mysteries as to why production isn't as high as we would like it to be. The best way to counter this is to sign up for the <u>Solid Ground Free Consultation program</u>. With a variety of experts (vegetable, hemp, soil, livestock, urban ag, etc.) you can sign up today for a free consult and schedule it for later, when you know you're more likely to encounter issues at your farm. All consultants are available for on-site visits and will provide suggestions on how to improve your operation.</p> <p>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. If you have not received these before, or are a newer farm, <u>sign up to be counted!</u> Even small plots of land count if \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. Future legislation depends on this information, so it's important to make sure it is well informed!</p> <p>And lastly, if you are selling at any of our amazing Connecticut farmers' markets this year, take the time to <u>review some common requirements</u> to sell at farmers' markets and keep our food safe. Starting in Section II this guide put together by CT DoAg helps you navigate the expectations for farmers vending at markets; whether you are selling meat, dairy, vegetables, fruit, or even added value products.</p> <p>For more information about these and other resources the CT Department of Agriculture offers, please visit <u>www.ctgrown.gov</u>.</p>	

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Farm *to* Neighbors

Supporting our local economy to provide nutritious food.



FARM TO NEIGHBORS SEEKS FARMER APPLICATIONS FOR FOOD PURCHASING

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture and Connecticut Foodshare's Farm To Neighbors program designed to support both established and emerging farms is now live and accepting applications. This program allows Connecticut Foodshare to purchase food from Connecticut farms to provide to their partner programs. The application is one page and takes about five minutes to complete. The program is first come, first served.

Apply today at ctfoodshare.org or email farmtoneighbors@ctfoodshare.org.

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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/>

ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTICUT SPECIALTY CROPS

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) is pleased to announce the competitive solicitation process to award Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) funds for projects that enhance competitiveness of specialty crops in Connecticut. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has allocated these funds to the states through H.R. 133 Stimulus Funding and CT DoAg will be passing through funds as competitive grants. Priority will be given to projects that respond to COVID-19 impacts.

There are no minimum or maximum limits on the amount of funds that can be requested for one project, but the average grant amount in the past has been between \$50,000-\$100,000.

The application deadline is Tuesday, June 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. to AGR.grants@ct.gov.

“Connecticut is pleased to offer eligible applicants an additional opportunity to fund initiatives which will benefit a wide variety of specialty crop producers who were impacted by COVID-19,” Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt said. “This is an opportunity to respond to risk and supply chain disruptions that were discovered and implement market adaptations with projects benefiting a variety of businesses.”

Eligible applicants include commodity groups, agricultural organizations, colleges and universities, municipalities, state agencies, and agricultural nonprofits. In addition, individual businesses and specialty crop producers will also be eligible as USDA provides funding under this program for entities that otherwise would not be allowable under the Farm Bill funded SCBGP.

The goal of the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is to solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in domestic and foreign markets. Specialty crops are defined as any fruit or vegetable, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture. Also included is honey, maple syrup,

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intensively cultivated and used by people for food, medicinal purposes, and/or aesthetic gratification to be considered a specialty crop.

The project template, performance measures, and information required to apply are available online at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/ADaRC/Publications/Specialty-Crop-Block-Grant>.

For more information on the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, please visit the website, <http://www.ctgrown.gov/grants> and click on Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, or contact Rebecca Eddy at Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov or 860-573-0323.



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ENTERED FOR A CHANCE TO
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American Farmland Trust

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COMMENT

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection are seeking comments from the public on a discussion draft of the Connecticut Shellfish Restoration Guide. The Guide is the state's first and most comprehensive plan to lay the foundation for shellfish restoration in Connecticut's navigable waters and tributaries of Long Island Sound. The discussion draft was developed by a task force comprising state and federal agencies and non-profit organization partners with the input of a diverse steering committee of scientists, policymakers, regulators, businesses, and private citizens.

Information on the Guide:

- [Connecticut Shellfish Restoration Guide](#) (full discussion draft)
- [Summary](#) (2 pages)
- Hard copies of these documents can be requested via shellfish@uconn.edu

WHEN to submit public comments:

The public comment period runs from June 8, 2022 to July 8, 2022. All comments are requested on or before July 8, 2022 at 5:00pm EST.

HOW to submit public comments:

You may submit comments on the Connecticut Shellfish Restoration Guide discussion draft via email to: shellfish@uconn.edu

WHAT kind of public comments:

The authors are looking for feedback on:

- Key information that is missing
- Proposed revisions to the Guide's content, especially specific recommendations
- How the Guide will impact your specific shellfish-based line of work or activities
- If and how you and your specific affiliation may play a role in the implementation of the Guide and its recommendations

If you would like a response to your comments, please include your full name, email address and phone number in your email. Note that a response will not be sent until after the comment period has closed and the agencies have had time to review all submitted comments.

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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 industry deals with new challenges and stressors, we at USDA look for opportunities to inject financial support back into the rural economy through 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](#).

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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:

- 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](#)

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FSNE'S NETWORK LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Ever since it launched its first Network Leadership Institute in 2016, the Food Solutions New England network has set out to deepen its support for food system leaders through skill-building, to connect leaders with one another and the larger network, and to engage them in the growing alignment around a shared vision and values for our New England food system.

The Institute is back again and applications are open. **The deadline to apply is June 20, 2022.**

FSNE will again be selecting a diverse group of values-motivated food system leaders who demonstrate deep engagement with and commitment to the New England food system for an immersive, experiential program designed to maximize learning and growth, reflection and connection, and inspiration and renewal.

Including more than thirty-five direct contact hours, a full facilitation team, many guest practitioners from across the network, and post-Institute networking activities, the Institute represents a substantial commitment to, and investment in, the development of a thriving and effective food system network for our region.

[More details and application link.](#)

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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.ecenterdirect.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/

NORTHEAST**DAIRY BUSINESS INNOVATION CENTER****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

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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

[Learn more and apply here](#)



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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.



**CALL OUR FARMER TECHNICAL ASSISTANT
SHAKERA RAYGOZA TO LEARN MORE AT**

SHAKERA@YOUNGFARMERS.ORG OR 518 643 3564 EXT. 1

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.

Ag Market Pricing

[Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT](#)
Prices provided on May 30, 2022

[New Holland Dairy Auction - New Holland, PA](#)

[CT Farmers' Market Prices](#)
Prices provided on October 22, 2021

[Lancaster Farming Hay Market Report](#)

[Northeast Regional Eggs](#)

[USDA Mexico Canada Weekly Update](#)

[New England Shell Eggs](#)

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Saturday June 18, 2022
 12:00 - 3:00
 15 Jacoby Rd., Higganum, CT



**Come learn about the
new regional no-till
drill, roller-crimper,
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Cromwell, Deep River, Durham,
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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 ~ Afternoon (Exact Time TBD)

Windham County VT (location TBD)

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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 sglazecorcor@umass.edu for more information

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Wednesday, June 22nd ~ 1:00 pm

Walnut Lane Farm - 33 Koebe Rd, Dudley, MA 01571

This event will focus on soils for pasture and grazing livestock and poultry

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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

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Friday, June 24th ~ 9:30 am

Scantic Valley Farm - 327 9th District Rd, Somers, CT 06071

This event will focus on soils for pasture and grazing beef cattle

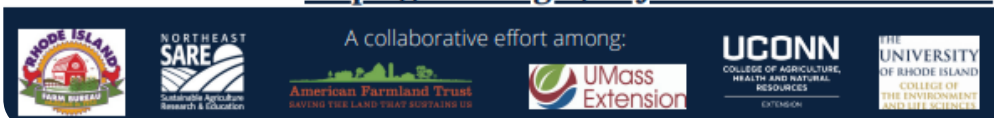
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