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Cheers to all of the dads, father figures and special men in your life this weekend! As you plan a celebration, big or small, Connecticut's farm stands, farm stores, and farmers' markets have everything you need - from eggs, bacon and maple syrup to burgers, oysters, and hoppy brews or ice cream and strawberries.

Visit <u>CTGrown.org</u> to find a farm stand, farm store, or farmers' market.

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Increasing SNAP customer access to CT Grown farm products at farmers' markets

End Hunger Connecticut! (EHC!), a statewide anti-hunger organization dedicated to eliminating hunger and food insecurity across Connecticut, is expanding its CT Fresh Match SNAP-doubling program this farmers' market season in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg).

EHC!'s CT Fresh Match program is a 1-to-1 reimbursement program that allows Connecticut farmers' market outlets to double customer purchases made via Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. CT Fresh Match allows SNAP households to stretch their benefits, incorporate more local, fresh foods into their diets, and support local farms and growers.

EHC!'s new contractual partnership with the CT DoAg, funded through the American Rescue Plan (ARPA), provides funding for several key opportunities to expand the CT Fresh Match program. The partnership will grow the program statewide by onboarding new market outlets in every county to participate in SNAP doubling; help EHC! streamline operations to make the program brand widely known across Connecticut; and increase access to CT Grown farm products for SNAP households.

"We are thrilled and grateful to be working with the CT Department of Agriculture to expand the CT Fresh Match program in ways that will further support Connecticut families and farmers," said Julieth Callejas, EHC! Interim

SNAP households with increased access to local, healthy foods in every corner of Connecticut."

As part of the CT Grown focus, the partnership also allows for the debut of a new program feature that EHC! has named "True Match," meaning market outlets will be able to – for the first time in the program's history – double purchases of all SNAP-eligible items. In addition to fruits and vegetables, this includes items such as meats, dairy, eggs, honey and jams, baked goods, herbs, and seeds and plants that produce food.

"Utilizing the ARPA dollars to fund increased access to CT Grown farm products provides increased buying power to households at a time when maximizing their food budget is imperative," said Bryan P. Hurlburt, Connecticut Department of Agriculture Commissioner. "Collaborating with EHC! to bolster their existing programming in a more robust effort will benefit both families and farmers throughout the state."

EHC! has operated its CT Fresh Match program for the last four years at over 20 Connecticut farmers' markets and farmstands as a subrecipient of a federal FINI grant (now called GusNIP), in partnership with the nonprofit, Farm Fresh Rhode Island. Per the grant's goals and guidance to increase access to healthy fruits and vegetables for eligible low-income households, the funding supports SNAP-doubling of produce only at farmers' markets.

"Over the past four years, the markets participating in our CT Fresh Match program have seen exponential growth in spending for doubled fruits and vegetables for SNAP customers," said Molly Stadnicki, EHC! Community Resource Coordinator & CT Fresh Match Program Manager. "While fresh produce remains a huge priority for our program, launching True Match gives SNAP customers choice and increases access to so many of the other healthy, locally sourced items markets have to offer."

There are currently 28 Connecticut farmers' markets, farm stands, and mobile markets participating in CT Fresh Match. Prospective market outlets can include farmers' markets, farm stands, mobile markets, CSAs, or any other direct-marketing farm establishment that is already set-up to accept SNAP/EBT benefits as payment. EHC! expects to release full eligibility details and application instructions for interested market outlets in July. For other questions about the CT Fresh Match program, please contact mstadnicki@endhungerct.org.



USDA RELEASES URBAN AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS TOOLKIT

The USDA recently released an urban agriculture toolkit, which provides resources for both producers and farm system partners. Tools include grants, loans, partnering with farmers markets and programs like WIC, crop insurance, and many other USDA services that can help urban farmers feed their communities.

Check out the new toolkit!



Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt (far right) attended the Northeast Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NEASDA) Annual Meeting in Hershey, PA, earlier this week. State officials from throughout the northeast convened to discuss matters related to agriculture on a regional and national level.

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

<u>Farming in the Suburbs, Sustaining Local Agriculture</u>, AFBF The Zipline, 6/15 <u>Pogmores Farm in Middlefield receives agriculture grant from state</u>, The Middletown Press, 6/15

¡Wepa!: A Latino hemp farmer aims to enter Connecticut's cannabis market, Connecticut Public Radio, 6/15

<u>Jumping earthworms spread throughout Connecticut, destroying plant life,</u> News12, 6/14

New farmers market opening in West Hartford this weekend, WTNH, 6/13 'It's Brutal': Rising Costs Impacting Farmers, State Highlights Tax Exemption Permits, NBC CT, 6/10

Licenses & Permits Expiring June 30

TIME TO RENEW



TIME TO RENEW: LICENSES & PERMITS EXPIRING JUNE 30

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) announces that the credentials listed below expire on June 30. All licenses and registrations must be renewed online at www.eLicense.ct.gov. License holders should log in to their account, scroll to the bottom of the page, select "Renewal", then select a license to renew. Payment can be made by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover), and also by online check.

<u>Dairy licenses</u>: Cheese Manufacturer, Milk Dealer (Processor), Milk Sub- dealer (Distributor), Milk Laboratory, Milk Producer, Raw Milk Cheese Manufacturer, Retail Raw Milk Producer and Retail Dairy Store.

• Cheese Manufacturers, Milk Dealers, Milk Sub-Dealers and Retail Dairy Stores all have late fees assessed after July 1, 2022.

<u>Animal Health licenses:</u> Commissioned Sales Stable, Equine Auction, Live Poultry Dealer and Livestock Dealer/Broker.

Agricultural Commodities licenses - Fertilizer Registration

For more information on licenses and permits, please click here.



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 confidentially sell at market, feel represented, and tackle the season's inevitable problems.

Check these off your list:

- 1. <u>Update your listing</u> on the CT Grown map
- 2. Fill out the <u>Farmer Tax Exemption Permit</u> and/or make sure necessary <u>licenses/permits are up-to-date</u>
- 3. <u>Sign up for free consultations</u> 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

The <u>CT Grown map</u> 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!

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.

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.

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, sign up to be counted! 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!

And lastly, if you are selling at any of our amazing Connecticut farmers' markets this year, take the time to review some common requirements 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.

For more information about these and other resources the CT Department of Agriculture offers, please visit www.ctgrown.gov.

USDA REOPENS COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED RULE TO REAPPORTION MEMBERSHIP FOR THE NATIONAL DAIRY PROMOTION AND RESEARCH BOARD

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is <u>reopening the comment</u> <u>period</u> for the proposed revisions to the makeup of the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board. A proposed rule seeking comments on the proposed amendments was published in the Federal Register on September

The proposal would modify the number of Dairy Board members in two of the board's 12 geographic regions. If adopted, the proposal will increase Region 8 (Idaho) representation from two members to three members and will decrease Region 10 (Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia) representation from two members to one member. The total number of domestic Dairy Board members will remain the same at 36, and the number of regions will remain the same at 12.

Written comments must be received on or before Sept. 21, 2022. Comments may be submitted through the Federal e-rulemaking portal at www.regulations.gov or emailed to Whitney.Rick@usda.gov. Comments should reference the document number AMS-DA-20-0060, the date of publication and the page number of the issue of the Federal Register. All comments submitted in response to this proposed rule will be included in the record and will be made available to the public.

Learn More Here



USDA LAUNCHES 'PROTECT OUR PIGS' CAMPAIGN

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced today new efforts to help prevent the introduction and spread of African swine fever in the U.S. Through an outreach and awareness campaign called "Protect Our Pigs," APHIS will support commercial pork producers, veterinarians, and pig owners with information and resources to help safeguard America's swine population and the pork industry.

African swine fever is a deadly, highly contagious viral disease that affects both domestic and wild pigs. It does not impact human health but quickly spreads between swine populations. People can also unknowingly spread the disease on their clothing, farming equipment, or by transporting uncooked pork products. African swine fever has never been detected in the U.S. but has

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Commercial pork producers, veterinarians, and pig owners are among the nation's first line of defense against African swine fever. There are more than 60,000 pork producers nationwide who employ more than half a million workers. An estimated 250,000 to 1 million potbellied pigs are kept as pets, and there are more than 1,500 swine veterinarians.

APHIS is deploying a variety of outreach efforts to support these critical stakeholders. The new Protect Our Pigs

website, <u>aphis.usda.gov/ProtectOurPigs</u>, will house materials such as downloadable fact sheets and posters, instructional videos, shareable social media graphics, a new interactive biosecurity guide, and offer the latest disease updates. If African swine fever is detected in the U.S., APHIS will also be ready to respond immediately with actionable information and resources for pig owners and the public.

As part of these outreach efforts, on June 29 at 3 p.m. EDT, APHIS will host *African Swine Fever: What You Need to Know*, which will feature a panel of experts representing the pork industry, pig owners and veterinarians who will discuss the latest on the disease, protective actions and respond to questions. To learn more and register for the event, go

to: https://www.facebook.com/events/5417174611628019?ref=newsfeed.

Learn More Here

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

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.



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/

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

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 <u>AGR.grants@ct.gov</u>.

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, Christmas trees and processed foods/food products which are made of at least 50% specialty crops (excluding added water). An eligible plant must be 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.



Learn More and Take the Survey

CONNECTICUT SHELLFISH RESTORATION GUIDE OPEN FOR PUBLIC 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:

- <u>Jummary</u> (z pagd*a)*
- 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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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 <u>Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool</u>, <u>Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet</u>, and <u>Farm Loan Discovery Tool</u>. For FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, producers should contact their local <u>USDA Service Center</u>. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their <u>crop insurance agent</u>.

Read the full Press Release here!



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.

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:

Development Council

- 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
- 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 the Internal Revenue Service (IRS
- have an established business checking
- 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); busines have received a grant from WBDC in the last two years; medical marijuans; 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 Thursday, June 2 Monday, June 6 Wednesday, June 8 Tuesday, June 14 Thursday, June 16 Wednesday, June 22

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 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."

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

Stamford - New Haven - New London | ctwbdc.org | info@ctwbdc.org | 203-353-1750









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

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



GET READY FOR FARMERS' MARKET SEASON

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.

Ag Market Pricing

Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT Prices provided on June 13, 2022

CT Farmers' Market Prices
Prices provided on October 22, 2021

New Holland Dairy Auction - New Holland, PA

<u>Lancaster Farming Hay Market</u> <u>Report</u> Subscribe Past Issues USDA Mexico Canada Weekly Update Translate ▼

New England Shell Eggs

Wholesale Fruits & Vegetables -

Boston

Pennsylvania Weekly Cattle Auction

<u>Summary</u>

Wholesale Ornamental Flowers -

Boston

Pennsylvania Livestock Auction -

Eighty Four, PA

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- 2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com
- 3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. <u>Sonpal's Power Fence</u> 860-491-2290.
- 50-R. The SIG Insurance Agencies offer a wide range of carriers, can save you up to 23% on your farm insurance and provide better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call us for all your insurance needs with locations in CT, RI, NY and NH. Contact our AG department at 866-346-3744, option 4.
- 54-R. Transplanters, vacuum seeders, fertilizer applicators, garlic and potato planters and harvesters. High quality Italian-made precision equipment for the vegetable, tobacco, hemp, fruit, and floral markets. Call or email us today for details. Griffin Farm Equipment, LLC. 860-508-2426, Griffinfarm@aol.com; www.griffinfarmtools.com
- 55-R. 250 Bales clean golden yellow rye straw, cut 6/1, large bales. 203-506-6318.
- 22-1. Honeybees: 5-frame Deep nucs only, available first week May. Jones Apiaries, LLC, 860-677-9391.
- 22-3. SnowBlower 48" PTO. Like new only used twice \$3,095 new. Asking \$2,500 best offer. 860-604-3452.
- 22-5. Lynn Blackmer, your local Nationwide Farm Insurance agent. AFIS Certified. Nationwide Farm Master Certified. Serving CT, RI & MA. Any

- 22-6. Trailer-1965 Miller, tip up 22ft. Air brakes solid steel, brakes works fine but old. Need 2 tires and light update. Retiring \$1,500. 860-875-8056.
- 22-9. New England Hereford Breeders interested in consigning Quality Registered Herefords into our Annual Sept. Sale should contact Wayne Budney, Four Winds Farm, 860-573-2829.
- 22-10. Growing mix-3.8 cu. ft. Greenhouse soil Dzen Farms 860-648-1355.
- 22-11. New Holland 259 hydraulic hay rake, \$2,500; International 435 baler, housed, \$3,500; Both good condition, ready to make good hay. Tim, 203-627-2398, nbffarm@gmail.com.
- 22-12. Logging services, forest management plans. Servicing all of CT. Fully licensed and insured. NRCS TSP. 860-398-1776, Josh Miller.
- 22-13. First cutting hay for sale. \$5.00 per bale. 860-990-8060 text or call.
- 22-14. Farm sold, many pieces of equipment for sale. 860-488-0324.
- 22-15. 4500' plus 3.5' wide Fruit-Zone Roll Premium Grade Bird Netting made of black colored polypropylene with a ¾ inch mesh (approximately 2.3#MSF), also called "side netting". Can be cross-cut or parted into narrower widths for fruit zone netting/side netting. Was a 5000' roll and we used about 220'. Asking \$150 please. Located in Colchester, CT. Contact Rosemary or Tim: 860-531-9727
- 22-16. RJ Planter Model RJ600. 2 Row rotary planter, row distance 27" 46". Excellent condition. \$4,100. Call 860-729-2741 or 860-716-1093.

Wanted

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

Job Opportunities

Town of Coventry seeks Farmers' Market Co-Manager for Coventry Farmers' Market at Hale Homestead. Position performs routine and complex administrative, technical and professional work in coordinating and directing the operation of the Town sponsored Farmers' Market. This position is a comanager position to work alongside another co-manager. \$25/hr. part-time position with 18 hours per week average anticipated. Hours per week will vary based on time of year and market events, with more during spring pre-season preparation and few later in the season, and minimal hours from mid-November

The <u>State of Connecticut</u>, <u>Department of Agriculture</u>, Bureau of Regulatory Services' Licensing & Animal Population Control Program has one (1) available position for a <u>Processing Technician</u>. In this position you will be accountable for independently performing a full range of tasks related to the agency's clerical processing functions, primarily in the Licensing and Animal Population Control Program unit. <u>Details here</u>. Deadline to apply: June 22, 2022.

Interested in Advertising? Click here for details on rates and submission.

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

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Demo Day

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



Come learn about the new regional no-till drill, roller-crimper, and transplanter.



Rain Date: Sunday, June 19, 12-3 * 860-581-8554



Farmers from the RiverCOG region may apply (Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland & Westbrook)

Thanks to a grant from the Department of Agriculture





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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)
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 sglazecorcor@umass.edu for more information

This material is based upon work supported 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 haquinn@rifb.org for more information

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 Sponsored by: Tri-State SARE Project

Contact: Rachel Bespuda at rachel bespuda@uconn.edu for more information
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