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June 30, 2022 is the last day to sign up for the 2022 Ag Census. If you have never received a census and are new to NASS surveys, [sign up to be counted today](#). You do not need to sign up if you already receive NASS surveys.



Birkbeck Farm in North Stonington Permanently Protected

*Federal, State, and Nonprofit Partnerships Ensure Farmland Remains for
Future Generations*

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) is pleased to announce the preservation of Birkbeck Farm in North Stonington. This 69-acre farm was protected in concert with Connecticut Farmland Trust (CFT) and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) bringing the tally of farms protected this fiscal year by CT DoAg to 15 farms and 1,400 acres.

"I'm very appreciative of the support from so many people to make this happen," said Michael Birkbeck, fourth generation owner of the property. "I view my role as a steward of this land and am delighted that for generations to come there will be opportunity for others to farm here. Knowing that the farm is preserved to make that possible is a dream come true."

Birkbeck applied to the CT DoAg Farmland Preservation Program following the passing of his father who left instructions in his will that the farm was to be preserved. Birkbeck inherited the property that has been in the family since the 1920s, at one point a dairy farm, and currently the fields are used for hay and beef pasture for the small herd of cows and two horses.

"It's an amazing testament to the commitment of farmers that they would express their desire to preserve their land in their will. We are honored to have worked with the Birkbeck family to honor his father's wishes and protect this property in perpetuity, ensuring it is available for future farmers forever," said Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt. "This wouldn't be possible without the support of the family, and our local and federal partners.",

The location of Birkbeck Farm, within a five-minute drive from both Eastern Connecticut casinos, makes the land particularly threatened for future development.

"Protecting our state's valuable working lands is critical," said Thomas L. Morgart, Connecticut State Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "The recent conservation easement placed on

comprised of prime, statewide, and local important soils – meaning high yielding soils that are key to meeting short- and long-term needs to clothe and feed a hungry world,” he said.

Through the NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), agricultural land easements protect the long-term viability of the nation’s food supply by preventing the conversion of productive working lands to non-agricultural uses. Land protected by these types of easements provide additional public benefits including environmental quality, historic preservation, wildlife habitat, and protection of open space. Connecticut Farmland Trust assisted to secure funding through the USDA-NRCS ACEP-ALE program.

“We are so grateful to Mike Birkbeck for his commitment to preserving his family's land. When you visit the farm, you can see his love for the property in the amount of work and care he pours into it. Mike and his family can now rest assured that the land will remain available for farming in the future,” said Kathleen Doherty, Connecticut Farmland Trust Senior Conservation Manager.

For more information on Connecticut’s Farmland Preservation Program, visit [our website](#) for program overview, frequently asked questions, and contact information.

Connecticut Farmland Trust is the only land trust in the state dedicated solely to the protection of agricultural land. Since its founding in 2002, CFT has protected 69 family farms, covering more than 5,200 acres. CFT, a private accredited nonprofit, works with farm owners, community organizations, and local, state, and federal agencies to protect the best Connecticut farmland for current and future generations of farmers. Learn more at CTFarmland.org.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service – an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture – helps America’s farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners conserve the nation’s soil, water, air, and other natural resources. All programs are voluntary and offer science-based solutions that benefit both the landowner and the environment.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture mission is to foster a healthy economic, environmental, and social climate for agriculture by developing, promoting, and regulating agricultural businesses; protecting agricultural and aquacultural resources; enforcing laws pertaining to domestic animals; and promoting an understanding among the state's citizens of the diversity of Connecticut agriculture, its cultural heritage, and its contribution to the state's economy. For more information, visit www.CTGrown.gov.

The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) has awarded scientists at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) a three-year grant to develop a system to deliver antiviral therapeutics to plants using nanoparticle carriers. The project leader is Dr. Washington da Silva, a virologist in the Department of Plant Pathology and Ecology, in collaboration with Dr. Nubia Zuverza-Mena, a chemist in the Department of Analytical Chemistry.

Plant diseases caused by viruses result in over \$30 billion in global crop losses annually. Because there are no antiviral treatments, viral diseases are extremely hard to control, and farmers must choose resistant plant varieties or spray pesticides to control virus-carrying insects. In his recent work, Dr. da Silva has identified specific ribonucleic acid (RNA) molecules that induce RNA interference (RNAi), an evolved plant defense mechanism that we are seeking to activate or enhance, in plants and prime plants to successfully resist viruses. However, RNA is unstable, and the effect only lasts for a short period before the RNA is degraded.

The new funding will allow Drs. da Silva and Zuverza-Mena to develop and test sustainable nanoparticles as carriers for the RNA. Nanoparticles are molecules smaller than 100 nm, or 1,000th the thickness of a human hair, and some types can be used safely for protection and delivery of compounds into cells. The CAES researchers will develop nanoparticles that prolong the delivery of RNAs in plants, as a first step toward durable and sustainable control of plant viruses. "As safe applications of nanomaterials develop, nanotechnology is becoming a promising resource to promote sustainable agriculture", said Dr. Zuverza-Mena. Dr. da Silva added, "RNA molecules are natural and occur in every living organism, and they are biocompatible and biodegradable. To fully harness the potential of RNA in fighting plant viral infections, we need to develop an effective delivery system. Nanotechnology may become the most powerful tool in our toolbox!"

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

[FARMERS MARKETS: Connecticut-grown produce, live music featured at local markets](#), 6/23, Journal Inquirer

[Nyberg: Local businesswoman shares inspiration behind 'Bittersweet Farm'](#), 6/21, WTNH

[Willimantic Farmers' Market continues long tradition of offering local](#), 6/21, Hartford Courant

[Pick-Your-Own Fruits and more at these NY, NJ, CT Farms this Summer](#), 6/21, NBC New York

[East Hartford Farmers' Market Returns July 8, 2022](#), 6/21, East Hartford CT Public Invited to Celebrate Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day at Weir Farm National Historical Park, 6/21, Good Morning Wilton

[New farmer's market coming to New Haven to help feed city residents](#), 6/20,

[Connecticut seeks public comment on shellfish restoration plan](#), 6/18, [The Day](#)
[From Avian Flu to PFAS, Ag Secretaries Have a Lot on Their Plates](#), 6/18,
[Lancaster Farming](#)



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 Monday, June 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. to AGR.grants@ct.gov.

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

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.

NORTHEAST DAIRY BUSINESS INNOVATION CENTER

DAIRY PROCESSOR BRAND STRATEGY & MARKETING TOOLKIT WEBINAR

Good People Research Company, will present their assessment and case studies of small/midsize Northeastern dairy processor brand strategies, funded by the Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center. Key findings, themes, and successful marketing strategies will be presented alongside a marketing toolkit geared towards small and medium dairy processors. Join us for a live presentation and access to their final report and dairy processor marketing toolkit.

This presentation is geared toward small/medium dairy processors and TA providers that assist with marketing and branding for those types of businesses.

The webinar will take place on June 29, 2022, from 2:00-3:30 PM ET. [Click here to register.](#)

BECOME A NE-DBIC GRANT APPLICATION REVIEWER

value-added dairy production, distribution, marketing and branding, business innovation, viability, and other related areas of expertise. Level of commitment is catered to the needs of the reviewer. We value having review committees that reflect the region, so please spread the word across the Northeast!

Learn more and sign up [here](#).



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.

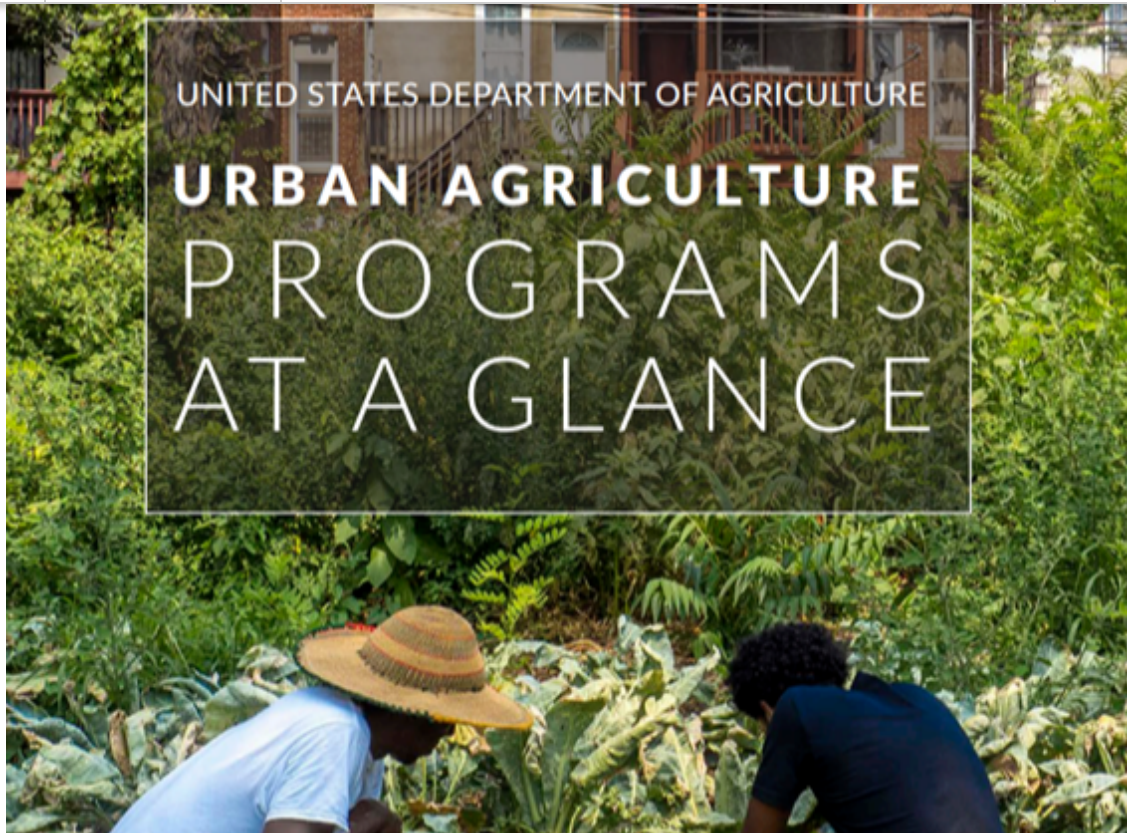
Dairy licenses: Cheese Manufacturer, Milk Dealer (Processor), Milk Sub-dealer (Distributor), Milk Laboratory, Milk Producer, Raw Milk Cheese Manufacturer, Retail Raw Milk Producer and Retail Dairy Store.

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

Animal Health licenses: 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](#).



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!](#)



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

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 your listing is up to date, 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 [Solid Ground Free Consultation program](#). 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.



The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced plans to provide up to \$200 million in assistance for specialty crop producers who incur eligible on-farm food safety program expenses to obtain or renew a food safety certification in calendar years 2022 or 2023. USDA's new [Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops](#) (FSCSC) program will help to offset costs for specialty crop producers to comply with regulatory requirements and market-driven food safety certification requirements, which is part of USDA's broader effort to transform the food system to create a more level playing field for small and medium producers and a more balanced, equitable economy for everyone working in food and agriculture.

Specialty crop operations can apply for assistance for eligible expenses related to a 2022 food safety certificate issued on or after June 21, 2022, beginning June 27, 2022. USDA is delivering FSCSC to provide critical assistance for specialty crop operations, with an emphasis on equity in program delivery while building on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and supply chain disruptions.

The FSCSC application period for 2022 is June 27, 2022, through January 31, 2023, and the application period for 2023 will be announced at a later date. FSA will issue payments at the time of application approval for 2022 and after the application period ends for 2023. If calculated payments exceed the amount of available funding, payments will be prorated.

For more information, [click here](#).

THE POWER OF FOOD IN SCHOOL

Newman's Own Foundation, with equity and strategic support from FoodCorps, is requesting proposals that support statewide and district-reaching organizations working toward every student having access to food education and/or nourishing meals in school. This grants program will prioritize Black, Indigenous, Multiracial and People of Color (BIMPOC) led organizations working on behalf of their communities and states toward systemic solutions in schools in the areas of food education, local procurement, school nutrition leadership development, educator engagement, ensuring adequate time to eat, supporting school kitchen infrastructure and scratch cooking, and increasing access to school meals.

Grants will support 501(c)(3) organizations in various stages of their systems change work. Grant review criteria will prioritize projects and organizations that are BIMPOC-led and honor the grassroots wisdom and expertise of local communities.

request for proposals. Grants will be in the range of \$10,000–\$50,000. Funding can be used for general operations or program support—whichever is identified as the higher priority for your organization.

Proposals will be accepted through August 15. For more information on this grant opportunity, [click here](#).



URBAN AGRICULTURE AND INNOVATIVE PRODUCTION GRANTS

The application period for the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) competitive grants is open from **June 3, 2022 through August 2, 2022**.

Grants are divided into two categories:

1. **Planning projects** initiate or expand efforts of farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools, and other stakeholders in urban areas and suburbs. Projects may target areas of food access; education; business and start-up costs for new farmers; and development of policies related to zoning and other needs of urban production.
2. **Implementations projects** accelerate existing and emerging models of urban, indoor, and other agricultural practices that serve multiple farmers. Projects will improve local food access and collaborate with partner organizations and may support infrastructure needs; emerging technologies; educational endeavors; and urban farming policy implementation.

In 2022, USDA is investing \$14.2 million in new UAIP grants. [Learn more or apply through this funding opportunity](#). For additional information, [view](#)

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 reopening the comment period 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 21, 2021. The new deadline for interested parties to submit comments is July 25, 2022.

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

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 recently been confirmed in countries as close as the Dominican Republic and Haiti. There is no treatment or effective vaccine for the disease.

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, aphis.usda.gov/ProtectOurPigs, 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 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.

<p>Soil, Climate, and land access</p>	<p>Hemp and Veg Production</p>	<p>Urban Farming</p>	<p>Livestock</p>	<p>Veg and Hemp Production</p>
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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.

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/>

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:

- [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:

- 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.



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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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

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

Wholesale Fruits & Vegetables - Boston

Pennsylvania Weekly Cattle Auction Summary

Wholesale Ornamental Flowers - Boston

Pennsylvania Livestock Auction - Eighty Four, PA

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3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. [Sonpal's Power Fence](#) 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 type/size farm. CT Farm Bureau members may qualify for discount. Cell: 860-377-8947 lblackmer@caluoriinsurance.com Appointments available any time.

22-6. Trailer- 1965 Miller 12 Ton Tip up 22 ft. Air brakes, solid steel. Brakes work fine, but old. Need 2 tires and light update. Retiring, \$1200. (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-

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