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This week, Commissioner Hurlburt visited Middletown's Macdonough Elementary School at their free summer meal pop-up taste test. A delicious tomato and fennel salad from River Ridge Farm and Market was served to students. Visit [EndHunger CT's website](#) for a list of summer meal sites, and if you're a producer interested in selling to schools add yourself to the [Put Local On Your Tray Directory](#).

Connecticut Department of Agriculture Awards Seven Local Food Purchase Assistance Awards Totaling \$2 Million

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	<p>to seven projects through funding from the USDA Agriculture Marketing Service Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA). These funds are meant to provide a combination of financial and technical assistance resources to facilitate projects and relationships that will help build long-term market opportunities and increase food supply chain resiliency.</p> <p>“These projects will utilize LFPA cooperative agreement funds to address food insecurity in historically underserved communities by bringing fresh CT Grown food to their tables,” said Commissioner Hurlburt. “Connecticut’s agricultural producers will have increased market opportunity as more entities have the funding to support buying local foods.”</p> <p>The LFPA program is authorized by the American Rescue Plan to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency. Eligible entities included pantry collaboratives, food hubs and aggregators, community health centers, and social service centers to purchase Connecticut Grown products with a focus on small and socially disadvantaged producers to be distributed to underserved communities.</p> <p>The purpose of CT DoAg’s LFPA grant program is to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. supporting local and socially disadvantaged producers through building and expanding economic opportunity, and 2. establishing and broadening partnerships with producers, the food distribution community, and local food networks to ensure the distribution of fresh and nutritious foods in rural, remote, or underserved communities. <p>These funds are meant to provide a combination of financial and technical assistance resources to facilitate projects and relationships that will help build long-term market opportunities and increase food supply chain resiliency.</p> <p>CT DoAg received 22 applications totaling \$5,678,521 in funds requested.</p> <p>2022 Local Food Purchase Assistance awardees include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brass City Harvest Regional Food Hub, Waterbury \$300,000. Brass City Food Hub will procure CT Grown farm products from its existing network of producers, as well as seeks to add additional farms to source from for this program and beyond. Farm products will be distributed through the Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, St. Vincent de Paul Mission, Hopeville Church Food Ministry, the Hispanic Coalition of Greater Waterbury, and the Waterbury Senior Center. • City of Bridgeport and East End NRZ Market, Bridgeport \$300,000. Led with the East End NRZ Market, this project will partner with CT farms to purchase CSA shares with supplemental products requested by the community to be distributed to low-income individuals and families identified through partner social service organizations, local schools, and 	

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	<p>outreach on existing assistance programs for low-income individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLiCK Willimantic, Windham \$281,000. In collaboration with the Windham Community Food Network Mesa Communitaria Project, the Willimantic Food Co-op/Covenant Soup Kitchen Food Box Program, and the Town of Mansfield Farms to Families Program serving several Tolland County towns, CLiCK will develop a producer collective and serve as an Eastern CT aggregation hub to source CT Grown farm products to expand these existing food distribution programs. Producers will receive technical assistance on food safety and value-added production as well as gain access to institutional markets and to CLiCK food business members. • Forge City Works, Hartford \$250,000. Forge City Works in collaboration with Red Tomato, Hemingway's, Hands on Hartford, Hartford Food System, and Hartford Hospital will connect CT Grown farm products to community food distributors by enabling ordering, packing, and delivery, to occur from existing CT farms that work with Red Tomato and Hartford area farms. Distributions will occur at Forge City Works, Hands on Hartford, Hartford Food System Mobile Market and CSA, the Food4Health Clinic at Hartford Hospital, and a planned grocery store on Broad Street. • New London Community Meal Center, New London \$300,000. In collaboration with FRESH New London, The Hispanic Alliance, and the New London Area Food Pantry, they will source CT Grown farm products to be used in preparing lunches and dinners served to clients at the Meal Center as well as for distribution through two New London pantries located at the Hispanic Alliance and the New London Senior Center. Recipients will be connected to services offered through project partners. • Partners for Sustainable Healthy Communities (NW CT Food Hub), Torrington \$300,000. The NW CT Regional Food Hub will aggregate CT Grown farm products from 15 small farms in their network to distribute bulk produce to 16 food pantries in Northwest CT. The hub will provide technical assistance and support to the farms on production planning and building sales channels as well as facilitate connections between the area pantries and farms. • Vertical Church, West Haven, \$300,000. Vertical Church will receive aggregate CT Grown food boxes for distribution to a network of pantries and senior food sites throughout greater New Haven. <p>For more information about the LFPA program, please visit our website.</p>	

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ADD YOUR FARM OR VENUE TO CTGROWNMAP.COM

Connecticut Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with CT NOFA, is working to update [CTGrownMap.com](https://ctgrownmap.com) to support our CT Grown farms, farm stands, and farmers' markets, and would like to ensure that it is as complete and current as possible.

Last year, CT Grown marketing efforts generated **112 million** impressions driving visitors to ctgrown.org, and a timely listing helps these visitors discover your business. CT Grown also drives the majority of referrals from other websites to the farm map. If you are a CT Grown producer or venue, we encourage you to add your listing to the map.

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CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

[Connecticut Farm Stands Adjust to Rising Inflation Costs](#), NBC CT, 7/27

[‘This is the farming of the future.’ Stratford urban farm begins harvesting crops grown indoors](#), CT Post, 7/23

[The grapes at Worthington Pond Farm will be ready for harvest in September or October](#), Journal Inquirer, 7/23

[Connecticut farmers dealing with drought conditions](#), WTIC Radio Hartford, 7/22

[Sunflower Sales at Buttonwood Farm to Benefit Make-A-Wish](#), NBC CT, 7/22

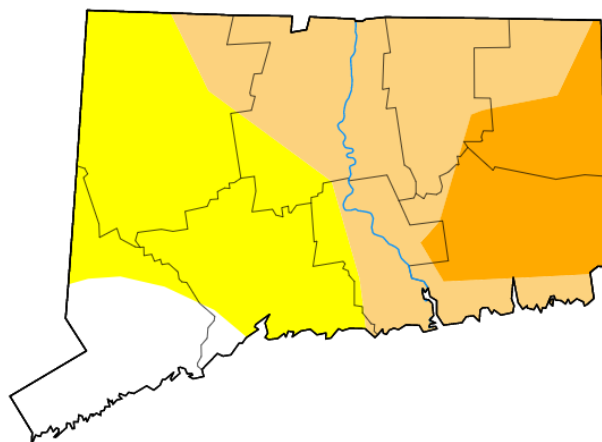
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Data valid: July 28, 2022 at 6 a.m. EDT

**Intensity**

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

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[CT Drought Monitor](#)

2022 ORGANIC CERTIFICATION COST SHARE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN AUGUST 1

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has received the National Organic Certification Cost Share Program (NOCCSP) Grant from the USDA Farm Service Agency.

Through this grant program, Connecticut certified organic growers and processors can be reimbursed for 50%, up to \$500, for the costs of receiving and maintaining USDA organic certification. A list of certified organic growers and processors is available through USDA's Organic INTEGRITY Database at <https://organic.ams.usda.gov/integrity>.

The program is administered on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted. **Applications will be accepted August 1, 2022, through October 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

The amount reimbursed will be 50%, up to \$500, of certification costs paid between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022.

To apply, please visit the link below for required materials and detailed instructions. Completed applications are to be submitted electronically by October 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Alison.Grabarz@ct.gov.

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ERP EXTENDED, NAP PRODUCERS RECEIVING APPS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that it will indefinitely extend the deadline for producers to return the pre-filled applications for Phase One of the Emergency Relief Program (ERP). A new deadline will be announced after the last Phase One applications are mailed and provide at least 30 days following the mailing.

Continuing to build on the initial mailing of pre-filled applications in May, the Department will continue using existing information in USDA and crop insurance files to send additional pre-filled applications starting this week for potentially eligible Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) participants. Once applications from eligible NAP producers are returned, these producers are expected to receive about \$105 million in ERP payments for eligible losses from 2020 and 2021 disasters.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now mailing pre-filled applications to NAP producers through ERP to offset crop yield and value losses. To receive a relief payment, producers should complete and return the applications by announced deadlines.

Producers are expected to receive assistance direct deposited into their bank account within three business days after they sign and return the prefilled application to the FSA county office and the county office enters the application into the system.

While most crop insurance customers that may be eligible for ERP Phase One received the pre-filled applications in May, there are some who should expect to receive a form in August including:

- Producers who had an eligible loss in 2020 that had been recorded in the crop insurance records as a 2019 loss (e.g., prevented planting claims); and
- Producers with policies that required additional information before being able to calculate an indemnity for 2021 losses (producers with 2020 losses would have already received that application). Policies that required additional information include Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO), Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO), Stacked Income Protection

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Plan (STAX), Margin Protection Plan (MP) or Area Risk Protection Insurance (ARPI).

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Producers without risk management coverage through crop insurance or NAP and those with shallow losses may be covered by the forthcoming Phase Two of ERP.

ERP and the previously announced Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP) are funded by the *Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act*, which President Biden signed into law in 2021. The law provided \$10 billion to help agricultural producers impacted by wildfires, droughts, hurricanes, winter storms and other eligible disasters experienced during calendar years 2020 and 2021. Overall, USDA has already quickly disbursed over \$6 billion dollars under ERP and ELRP with reduced paperwork for the producer and field offices.

For more information on ERP eligibility, program provisions for socially disadvantaged or historically underserved producers as well as Frequently Asked Questions, NAP applicants can visit FSA's [Emergency Relief webpage](#) and program [fact sheet](#).

Additional USDA disaster assistance information can be found on [farmers.gov](#), including the [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster-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](#).



AG WORKER WELLNESS SURVEY

Through a \$500,000 grant from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, under the Farmer Rancher Stress Assistance Network, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) is seeking to make agriculture worker wellness resources more accessible to Connecticut's producers.

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	<p>Research shows individuals who work in agriculture often face challenges with their mental health, but they go undiagnosed and untreated for many reasons. To better understand opinions and attitudes about mental health in every part of Connecticut agriculture, CT DoAg is launching a research study on mental health in CT's agricultural industry. The agency will be working with Drink Caffeine Marketing and Great Blue Research to develop materials and collect information in a confidential manner. The data collected will provide a baseline analysis of the need for ag worker wellness services and insights on how to reduce the stigmas associated with mental health issues.</p> <p>Responses to this survey will be used to inform expanded education and training opportunities for health care providers to ensure they have the resources and knowledge to readily recognize and address stress-related behaviors in Connecticut producers, ag workers, and their families.</p> <p>Industry input is crucial to effectively meet the needs of our community. To ensure the study represents the full spectrum of Connecticut's diverse agricultural community we request your help in distributing the online research survey. Share it with employees, friends, co-workers, business partners, members – in short anyone involved in Connecticut agriculture including fruit, vegetable and dairy farms, nurseries and greenhouses, aquaculture, horticulture, tobacco, ag-related businesses and more. The survey is available in both English and Spanish and all responses will remain confidential. Responses are requested by August 5, 2022.</p> <p>For more information on farmer stress support resources currently available in Connecticut, please click here.</p> <div data-bbox="656 1167 967 1270">Take the Survey</div> <hr data-bbox="253 1339 1370 1348"/>	

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FarmResponseSM Online Learning

FarmResponseSM is a 3.5-hour continuing education module developed by national experts from the AgriStress Response Network.

AgriSafe's *FarmResponse* course provides the full range of competencies necessary to provide appropriate mental healthcare for agricultural producers and their families. This knowledge is critical for a wide range of healthcare professionals to effectively care for a farmer's total health.

The topics covered in *FarmResponse* include:

- The Total Farmer Health Model
- AgriBusiness Factors Impacting [Mental Well Being](#)
- Agriculture Work Factors
- Family Dynamics
- Agrarian Culture and Values
- Special Populations
- US Agricultural Producer Demographics
- Agricultural Community Healthcare Challenges
- Opioids and Alcohol Issues in Agriculture
- Suicide and Agriculture
- Resources and Referrals



Learners can earn a digital badge to acknowledge their accomplishment and dedication to serving the unique healthcare needs of the agricultural community!

Free Training Opportunity for Connecticut Professionals:

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has generously sponsored 205 free seats on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information scan the QR code!

These free seats are supported by the 2021 Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network Grant (award # 2021-70035-35552) administered by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.



Continuing Education for Multiple Disciplines:

The Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety offers 0.35 CEU or 3.5 contact hours of participation. This course is eligible for 3.5 CPH Recertification Credits and is sponsored by the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, an approved provider of CPH Recertification Credits by the National Board of Public Health Examiners.

The following groups of professionals have been able to use these CEUs in the past; Industrial Hygiene (CIH), Certified Public Health Professional(CPH), Certified Safety Professional (CSP), Nursing (RN, LPN), Social Work (LSW), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT), Audiology (ABA), and others. Please contact your accrediting agency regarding any questions about receiving credits.



The Minnesota Medical Association designates this enduring series for a maximum of 3.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the Minnesota Medical Association and AgriSafe Network. The Minnesota Medical Association (MMA) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.



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CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OPENS THEIR URBAN GREEN AND COMMUNITY GARDEN GRANT

The Department's Urban Green and Community Gardens Grant Program provides funding assistance to develop or enhance urban open spaces for public enjoyment and/or environmental education. Promotion of open space in an urban setting may include, but may not be limited to, the development of a community garden or reclaiming and enhancing existing open space for the public's use. Grants are awarded to projects that demonstrate the highest ability to benefit urban communities in close proximity to population centers.

The deadline to apply is September 30, 2022.

To learn more about the grant, eligibility requirements, and how to apply follow the link below.

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CT FARMER SOLAR SURVEY

The American Farmland Trust (AFT) invites you and other Connecticut farmers to participate in this important, anonymous survey on solar siting in Connecticut. **Your input will inform AFT's Smart Solar strategy and influence policies to expand solar capacity in Connecticut while benefitting farmers and minimizing displacement of agriculture on the state's best farmland.**

Connecticut recently committed to a goal of 100% Renewable Energy by 2040, and the state is projected to double the capacity of its utility solar generation over the next 5 years. Agency leaders and policy makers need to hear your interests, priorities, and concerns. If you are a farmer, farm landowner, or otherwise involved in Connecticut's agricultural community, **your participation is essential.**

For background information on Connecticut's energy goals and AFT's Smart Solar work, learn more here:

- [Governor Lamont Signs Key Climate Change and Energy Legislation](#)
- [Connecticut Comprehensive Energy Strategy \(CT DEEP\)](#)
- [Sustainable, Transparent, and Efficient Practices \(STEPS\) for Solar Development initiative \(CT DEEP\)](#)
- [New England Farmland and Solar Brief \(Vermont Law School & AFT\)](#)

As an incentive for the survey, AFT will award \$100 Visa gift cards to random participants, one for every 25 surveys completed. To ensure inclusive and

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Thank you in advance for completing this important survey. Your feedback will provide valuable information to guide smart solar policy and best practices in the state of Connecticut!

Take the Survey!

BEGINNING FARMER LOAN OPPORTUNITY

Accessing capital to begin, extend, or support an agriculture operation can be challenging--especially to new producers. Farm Service Agency's "Beginning Farmer" direct and guaranteed loan programs provide an opportunity for qualified applicants to secure loans from funding set aside for producers who meet the following conditions:

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

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

YOUTH INVITED TO APPLY FOR NEW BIOTECHNOLOGY CAREER READINESS PROGRAM WITH UCONN EXTENSION

Youth are invited to apply for a new biotechnology career readiness program with UConn Extension's 4-H program. Cohorts of teen 4-H members will build knowledge and career awareness through the program, while also visiting laboratories, meeting with biotechnology professionals, and developing a biotechnology video game.

Applications are available now for this new program at s.uconn.edu/biotech - youth ages 14-18 with an interest in learning about biotechnology and exploring career opportunities are invited to apply.

Selected participants will join a cohort, visit agriculture, food, and biotechnology companies in the state (including participating in field trips), explore careers in food, agriculture, biotechnology and STEM, and help build online games. Each group is limited to 20 youth, ensuring that all participants receive ample opportunities to interact with program leaders and industry professionals.

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outcomes through ongoing support from our partners. This is a strategic growth area for the 4-H program and Extension,” says Jennifer Cushman, the principal investigator on the grant. Cushman is also the co-team leader for the [UConn 4-H program](#).

Youth will also experience the 4-H fundamentals of belonging, mastery, independence and generosity. These all align with a Whole Child approach through the 4-H Thrive Model. Evaluation will include the 4-H Common Measures validated instrument.

Visit s.uconn.edu/biotech for more information on the new project and for the youth participation application.

UConn 4-H is the youth development program of UConn Extension. As part of the University of Connecticut, 4-H has access to research-based, age-appropriate information needed to help youth reach their full potential. The mission of 4-H is to assist all youth ages 5-18 in acquiring knowledge, developing leadership and life skills while forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of their families and communities.

This work is supported by the Food and Agriculture Nonformal Education program, grant no. 2022-68018-36094 from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.



APPLY NOW FOR CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS ON-FARM TRIALS

USDA will invest \$25 million this year for the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials program.

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improving agricultural operations. The On-Farm Trials component of CIG supports widespread adoption and evaluation of innovative conservation approaches in partnership with agricultural producers. This year's funding priorities are climate-smart agricultural solutions, irrigation water management, nutrient management and soil health.

"Through science and innovation, we can develop solutions to tackle the climate crisis, conserve and protect our water, enhance soil health, and create economic opportunities for producers," said Terry Cosby, Chief of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "Through On-Farm Trials, partners can work directly with farmers and ranchers to test and adopt new strategies on agricultural lands, accelerating the development and application of conservation that works for producers and the land."

Applications for On-Farm Trials are being accepted **now through September 22, 2022**. Private entities whose primary business is related to agriculture, nongovernmental organizations with experience working with agricultural producers, and non-federal government agencies are eligible to apply. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).



GREENHOUSE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL CONFERENCE

UConn Extension is sponsoring a Greenhouse Biological Control Conference. This one-day educational program will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at the Jones Auditorium, The Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station, New Haven, CT.

The speakers featured at this educational program include:

- **Ron Valentin**, *Anatis BioProtection*, who will be speaking on Update on Banker Plants
- **Suzanne Wainwright Evans**, *Buglady Consulting*, who will be speaking on Releasing Natural Enemies, and Grower Case Studies: What's working?
- **Michael Brownbridge**, *Bioworks*, who will be speaking on Enhancing the Use of Biological Fungicides in a Biologically Based IPM Program
- **Elwood Roberts**, *Plant Products/Biobest*, who will be speaking on Tips on How to Effectively Integrate Biological Controls and Chemical Controls

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If you have questions about registration or refunds please contact Carla Caballero at carla.caballero@uconn.edu.

If you have any questions about the program or payment, please email Leanne Pundt at leanne.pundt@uconn.edu.

Disclaimer: Program format is subject to change based on the University of Connecticut and the State of Connecticut's COVID 19 guidelines and policies. If access to the venue or seating capacity changes, the program will be changed to a virtual format.

"This work is supported by the Crop Protection and Pest Management grant no. 2017-70006-27201 from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture."

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USDA ANNOUNCES ASSISTANCE FOR ON-FARM FOOD SAFETY EXPENSES FOR SPECIALTY CROP GROWERS

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

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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.

Newman's Own Foundation has a pool of up to \$450,000 set aside for this 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](#).

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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.

[Click here](#) to apply today or email farmtoneighbors@ctfoodshare.org.



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Prices provided on July 18, 2022

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Bush Hog Subsoiler Model HDSS1L single shank, 3 pt. Hitch, goes 23" deep. Like new condition. No rust. \$425 or best offer. 203-283-1459.

John Bean 200-gallon stainless-steel high-pressure sprayer on skids. 100 ft. hose on reel, premium J. Bean model 785-gun, mechanical agitation, Honda OHV motor. \$2,200 or best offer. 203-283-1459.

Walk behind Gravely tractor with sickle mower. \$400. Very good, workable condition. (860) 875-8056.

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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.

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Employment Opportunities

Land for Good seeks its next Executive Director



Land For Good is poised to move into a new phase of strategic impact and leadership, while continuing to fulfill its vital role in farmland access and farm transfer for farmers, farmland owners, and allied farm service providers.

Land For Good seeks a candidate who is an effective leader at both the organizational and strategic levels with substantial experience in fundraising, management and oversight, organizational administration, networking, growing and stewarding relationships, and effectively supporting organization-wide goals.

The right candidate will also share a commitment to centering social justice,

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		<p>organization seeks to achieve excellence through a diverse and inclusive workplace that honors the unique talents and lived experiences of each individual. Land For Good actively seeks people who bring diverse backgrounds, life experiences, and perspectives.</p> <p>For a list of responsibilities, qualifications, and how to apply, go to landforgood.org/job.</p> <p><i>Review of applications began July 1, 2022.</i></p> <hr/> <p>End Hunger Connecticut! (EHC!) is seeking to hire an Executive Director who is passionate about promoting food and nutrition security in Connecticut, possesses demonstrable core leadership competencies, exhibits collaborative skills, and has the ability to move the organization to its next level of impact. This individual must be a proven champion of racial and social equity and committed to developing a welcoming, collaborative, diverse, and inclusive work culture and climate.</p> <p>Please review the Position Specification document located on our website at www.Endhungerct.org for more information about the role.</p> <p>For immediate consideration, please send a cover letter and resume to Search Committee at Admin@endhungerct.org. Please put “Executive Director” in the subject line. All resumes will be treated with confidentiality.</p> <p>The deadline for submitting materials is August 12, 2022. This will be a timely and efficient process.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Upcoming Events</u> (click on image below for info)</p>	



FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

HEMPSTOCK

2022

AUGUST 6TH, 12-9PM 402 NORWICH WESTERLY RD
NORTH STONINGTON

Support veterans, celebrate all things hemp, and save Mother Earth.
Join us for a music festival, workshops, food trucks, and more!

MUSICIANS





IN THE TAIL











Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation Drums | Mike Crandall Band | Soul Short | Mikashawn
The Rowan Brothers | Hinnatts Field | Sandy "Sardmar" Allen | Nikki Gambrell Shadow
Dancer | Dapley Lopes & The Up All Night Band | Cuppa T. Jones- House of Blues

SPEAKERS









TICKETS \$20 (includes \$5 with your refreshment)

Country Wellness | Hempstock 2022 | AggroSci | DARE | Tanarax

A close-up photograph of a young child's hand holding a large bunch of freshly harvested carrots. The carrots are of various colors, including orange, yellow, and purple, and have long green leafy tops. The child is wearing a light-colored, patterned dress. The background is blurred, showing green foliage.

Families Foraging
for
CT Food & Farms

Scavenger Hunt
July 21 – August 14

Register at
www.ctfarmland.org

The logo for the Connecticut Farmland Trust. It features a stylized green tree with a white cross-like shape in the center. Below the tree, the text "CONNECTICUT FARMLAND TRUST" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, in a smaller font, it says "Preserving Connecticut's Food and Farm Future".

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**Why Isn't Hemp in Animal Feed?
A Discussion on Overcoming Challenges and
Gaining Approval**

Presented by the



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NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL
HEMP COUNCIL



The Town of New Milford Presents: New Ag in the Next Age at Sullivan Farm

August 4th @7:00pm – Sustainable Ag 101

Kip Kolesinskas - Consulting Conservation Scientist,
formerly with the USDA/NRCS

*A presentation about new techniques centering on water
conservation, crop rotation, cover crops, animal integration,
no-till, and organic practices.*

August 18th @7:00pm – Financial Panel

Cadie Pruss - NRCS
Jaime Smith - CT Dept. of Agriculture
Chris Laughton - Farm Credit East
Alison Grabarz - CT Dept. of Agriculture
Dan Carr - Berkshire Agricultural Ventures

*An opportunity to learn of the many grant and funding sources
available to local farmers, as well as investment opportunities.*

**September 1st @7:00pm – Pest and Disease
Management**

Shirash Chinn - UConn Extension

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Shresh Ghimre - UConn Extension
 Hector Gerardo - SEAnatron Farmstead

Alternatives to traditional pest and disease control, considering climate change implications.

September 15th @7:00pm – Tillage: Pros and Cons

Matt Freund - Freund Family Farm
 Paul Bucciaglia - Fort Hill Farm
 John Halfinger - Halfinger Farms
 Greg Bugbee - CT Agriculture Experiment Station

An evaluation of tillage methods and their benefits.

October 6th @7:00pm – Animal Integration & Permaculture

Cynthia Rabinowitz - Northwest Conservation District
 Joe Emenheiser - UConn Extension (Windham, CT)
 Kelley Babbitt - Howling Flats Farm
 Shamu Fenyvesi Sadeh - Adamah

A presentation on the integration of wildlife and vegetable cultivation, along with the utilization of forests for cultivation.



All workshops will be held at 140 Park Lane, New Milford, CT. For more information, call LisaBeth Lent at (860) 605 4043



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