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Earlier this week, Commissioner Hurlburt visited with Charles Kurmay (right) of Kurmay Farm and Garden, along with Senator Christine Cohen (center). Kurmay recently received a Farmland Restoration Grant to install an irrigation pond to ensure sustainable practices and aid in the converting of additional acreage to production. They have planted 350 apple trees since purchasing the property in 2020 and plan to expand beyond 1,000 trees in the near future.

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Celebrate National Farmers' Market Week, August 7-13

Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Underway Through November 30

Now in its 23rd year, National Farmers' Market Week (NFMW) is an annual celebration that highlights the vital role farmers' markets play in the nation's food system. Amidst global change, it is now more important than ever to showcase the importance of farmers' markets in communities!

National Farmers' Market Week, happening August 7-13, is one way to celebrate the more than 100 certified farmers' markets and farm stands located throughout Connecticut, as well as the dedicated individuals, teams, and volunteers who bring them to life each week. It is also an opportunity to showcase how farmers' markets and the food nutrition programs available at them allow consumers to stretch their food dollars with the purchase of fresh, locally grown food products while supporting new and beginning farmers, as well as established producers.

"Connecticut's farmers' markets are a collective effort fostering direct to consumer sales, reinforcing the farm to plate connection, and providing a crucial entry point for new and beginning farmers," said Agriculture Commission Bryan P. Hurlburt. "Farmers' markets fuel local economies and provide increased access to nutritious, fresh CT Grown food for our most vulnerable populations."

In the most recent legislative session, the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), administered by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, received additional funding for eligible individuals to redeem checks at certified farmers'

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guidelines. Here in Connecticut, eligible WIC and Senior participants can receive up to \$32.00 in Farmers' Market Nutrition Program checks to purchase fresh Connecticut Grown fruits, vegetables, cut herbs, and honey. Newly added to the list of eligible items this year are eggs.

Many farmers' markets also participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, with some offering doubling benefits. Nationally, in 2021, over \$100 million in federal nutrition benefits were redeemed at farmers' markets and with direct marketing farmers (\$59m from SNAP, \$29.8m from WIC FMNP, \$23.7m from Senior FMNP, and \$9m from the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program).

These nutrition assistance programs combined with the direct relationships that are forged work to create a more fair and sustainable food system. As the culture of farmers' markets shifts to reflect their community and improve equity as a safe and accessible place for all.

Connecticut's agriculture industry generates an impact of \$4 billion on the state's economy and fosters more than 21,000 jobs. There are more than 200 certified farmers or farm stands selling fruits, vegetables, honey, cut herbs, and eggs at markets in more than 50% of the state's municipalities.

A list of all certified farmers' markets can be found at www.CTGrown.gov/farmersmarkets or visit www.CTGrown.org to access the interactive map to find a farmers' market or farm stand near you.



Photos: (left): Dr. Jason White of CT Agricultural Experiment Station presents the Century Farm of the Year plaque to Fairholm Farm. (right): CT Department of Agriculture was represented by AliRose Grabarz and Cyrena Thibodeau in the exhibitor tent. Images courtesy of Kitty Prapayotin-Riveros, CAES.

2022 CONNECTICUT CENTURY FARM AWARD

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) held their annual Plant Science Day on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at Lockwood Farm in Hamden,

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One of the special awards presented is the Century Farm of the Year. The 2022 winner of the Century Farm award was Fairholm Farm in Woodstock, CT. Present to accept the award were three generations currently living on the farm - Diane Morin, her daughter Erica Hermonot, and Erica's three children, Mackenzie, Benjamin and Alex.

In 1920, Ethal and Estella Barrett purchased Fairholm Farm. Fairholm means sunny hillsides surrounded by streams. Ethal worked the farm after having served in the Army during World War 1. Ethal, Estella, and their three children, Barbara, George, and Doris worked together to make and sell dairy products that they marketed locally and in surrounding towns. In this way, the family survived the hardships of the Great Depression. Ethal passed away when George was sixteen. George completed high school and returned to working and growing the farm. Barbara and Doris went on to other careers but always found time to help out on the farm whenever they were needed. Although none of the original barns remain, the original 1812 farmhouse still stands and is where the fifth generation now lives.

Fairholm Farm currently raises and milks 400 Holstein cows using a modern robotic system, and recently added a small retail store, as well as an online store where they sell their own pork, beef, and cows milk soap, in addition to honey and maple syrup. A Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program was started in 2021 and the farm is opened for visitors and educational opportunities through their Farm Camp programs for children and hay wagon farm tours to educate the public about how their food is purchased.

The Century Farm Award is selected by the Connecticut Agricultural Information Council and goes to a deserving farm that has been in operation for more than 100 years. The award is presented at the CAES Plant Science Day annually in August and recognized at Ag Day at the Capitol the following March. If you know of, or operate a farm that qualifies for this recognition, please submit a nomination by clicking the link below.

[Nominate a Century Farm](#)

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[Heat and Dry Conditions Affecting Connecticut Farms](#), NBC CT, 8/4

[Connecticut's Sunflower Festival is in full bloom: What you need to know](#), SF Gate, 8/4

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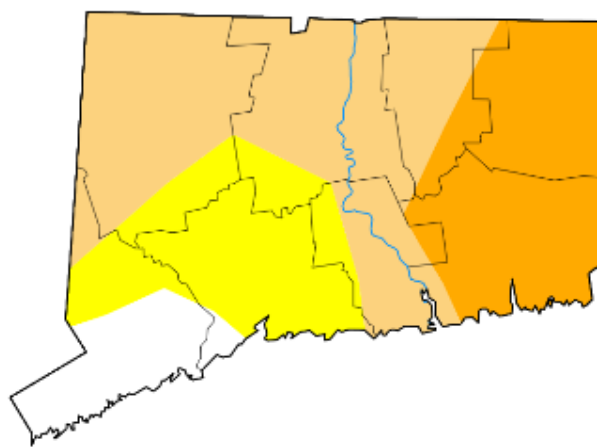
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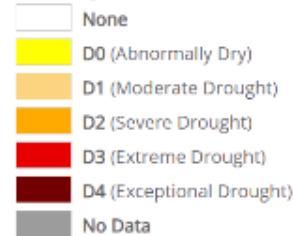
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2022 ORGANIC CERTIFICATION COST SHARE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN AUGUST 1

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

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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.

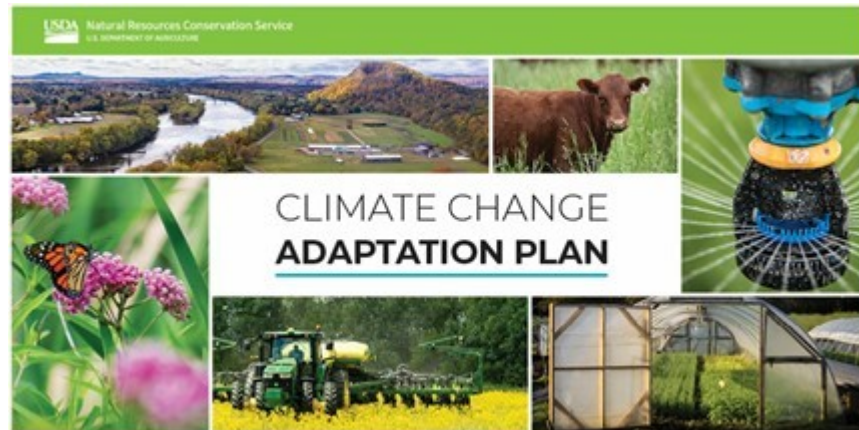
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ADD YOUR FARM OR VENUE TO CTGROWNMAP.COM

Connecticut Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with CT NOFA, is working to update 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.



NRCS' CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLAN CONTINUES TO MAKE CONSERVATION PART OF THE CLIMATE SOLUTION

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service has a new Climate Change Adaptation Plan that works to ensure its programs and services meet the demands of the changing agricultural landscape. It evaluates seven current vulnerabilities to NRCS's mission, operation, and infrastructure that may be affected by climate change, and prioritizes key actions to address these vulnerabilities, such as:

- Increase climate literacy and staffing capacity to deliver assistance that is reflective of climate change
- Enhance science, research, and data for understanding, organizing, measuring, and tracking climate related impacts and outcomes
- Integrate climate information into current business procedures, assessments, and opportunities
- Ensure current and future applied conservation investments are reflective of climate change needs
- Assess and address disproportionate climate change impacts on vulnerable communities through intentional engagement, planning, and assistance
- Strengthen partnerships and collaboration to address climate change
- Address risks to agency infrastructure.

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2023 FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR FOOD & AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS

Food Export USA–Northeast (Food Export–Northeast) is now accepting applications for the 2023 Branded Program year. The Branded Program enables U.S. suppliers of food and agriculture products to increase their overseas marketing budgets to maintain and expand their share of export markets, as well as encourage new market exploration.

Made possible through Market Access Program (MAP) and Agricultural Trade Promotion Program (ATP) funds from the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, this cost-share funding program assists small and medium-sized U.S. suppliers to promote their U.S. origin food and agricultural products in foreign markets.

Once approved, participants receive 50% cost reimbursement on eligible marketing and promotional activities such as exhibiting at international and select U.S. tradeshows, advertising, public relations, in-store promotions and merchandising, marketing and point-ofsale materials, freight costs for samples, foreign market-compliant packaging and labeling, international web site development, online marketing and more. Projects may range in size from a few thousand dollars to several hundred thousand in their scope.

These marketing opportunities help U.S. companies remain competitive in the exporting industry and gain exposure for their brands in countries around the globe. In the last year Food Export–Northeast helped 532 companies explore new markets that supported over 3,600 jobs and 100 new sales opportunities across food and agricultural businesses.

"This is a great way for small and mid-size food and agricultural businesses to explore market expansion and grow their business. We've helped snack food companies, seafood businesses, maple syrup, cheese and more find new market opportunities thanks to our cost-share funding, educational resources and market access tools," said Tim Hamilton, Executive Director/CEO of Food Export–Northeast.

Applications can be submitted starting August 1 and will be taken until all dollars are distributed. Questions about the Branded Program and the application process can be directed to Food Export–Northeast at 215.829.9111. Additional information is available at www.foodexport.org/branded-program. **The 2023 Branded Program runs from January 1 through December 31,**

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[Food Export–Northeast](#) accepts applications from suppliers in their 10-state Northeast region: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

[Learn more at Food Export - Northeast](#)



WEBINAR ON FOOD FACILITY REGISTRATION (FFR), BIENNIAL RENEWAL, AND UNIQUE FACILITY IDENTIFIERS (UFI)

The FDA will present a webinar for stakeholders on **August 11, 2022, at 1:00 PM EST**, to discuss Food Facility Registration, Biennial Renewal, and obtaining an acceptable Unique Facility Identifier.

U.S. and foreign human and animal food facilities that are required to register with the FDA must renew their registration this year between October 1 and December 31, 2022.

During the webinar, participants will learn:

- Who needs to register or renew
- How to obtain a Unique Facility Identifier (UFI)
- How and where to register and renew your Food Facility Registration (FFR)
- About the benefits of registering your food facility

Nicole Shokatz and Robert Spear from the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Office of Compliance will present. A *Question & Answer* session follows the presentation.

For more information and to register for the webinar, [click here](#).

URBAN FARMER TRAININGS COMING TO BRIDGEPORT

Two training sessions will be held on August 20 and 27 at the Reservoir

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URBAN FARMING TRAININGS

8:30- 4:00
Where: Reservoir
Community Farm - 1469
Reservoir Ave. Bridgeport

TOPICS

- How to choose and use cover crops
- Using the weather to farm
- Urban Farmer Mental Health & Wellness
- Plant Health & Companion Planting
- Microgreens
- Hydroponics 101
- Gardening on a Budget & Repurposing materials
- Making Regenerative Garden Amendments in the City

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Green Impact logo and photos of participants.

The I Got Next Farmers are teaming up with Green Village Initiative and UConn Extension's Solid Ground program to provide two full days of training (with lunch included!) from 8:30am-4:00pm .

Can't make it to Bridgeport but still want to go? Trainings in New Haven will take place on November 12 and 19.

[Register Here!](#)

CT NRCS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FY2023 FUNDING FOR CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Are you an agricultural producer in Connecticut who wants to continue to farm, or a forest landowner wanting to manage your forestland, but you want to use less resources and have less of an effect on the land?

Why not consider applying for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)? Some benefits include increased crop yields, decreased inputs, wildlife population improvements, and better resilience to weather extremes.

Through CSP, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps private landowners build their business while implementing conservation practices that help ensure the sustainability of their entire operation. Agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities such as cover crops, ecologically-based pest management, buffer strips, and pollinator and beneficial insect habitat – all while maintaining active agricultural production on their land. CSP also encourages the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and new management techniques such as precision agriculture applications, on-site carbon storage and planting for high carbon sequestration rates, and new soil amendments to improve water quality.

The program helps producers better evaluate conservation options and benefits to their operations, as well as to our natural resources. Methods and software for evaluating applications help producers see why they are – or are not –

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scenarios for conservation early in the process.

While applications for CSP are accepted year-round, to be considered for FY2023 funds they must be received by October 30, 2022.

Interested? Find out if you're qualified for CSP by contacting your [local USDA service center](#) or visiting the [Get Started](#) portion of our website.



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 pre-filled 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);

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

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

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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.

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.

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.

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.

For more information on farmer stress support resources currently available in Connecticut, please [click here](#).

[Take the Survey](#)

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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!

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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."

[Click Here to Register](#)

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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Employment Opportunities

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.

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work culture and climate. Please review the Position Specification document located on our website at www.Endhungerct.org for more information about the role.

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.

The deadline for submitting materials is August 12, 2022. This will be a timely and efficient process.

Upcoming Events
(click on image below for info)

LOCALLY GROWN DAY 2022

HANDMADE & HOME GROWN

WHEN
Saturday August 6th

WHERE
Woodstock CT

Fun From Activities at Local Farms
Breakfast and Exhibition at Senoxet Grange
Artisans and Vendors at Chase Building Supply

Pick up a full event listing with map at Senoxet Grange or vendor area at Chase Building Supply day of event.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Breakfast at Senoxet Grange 8:30-10:00
- Grange Fair Exhibit open for viewing 8:00-10:00
- Guided Walk or Palmer Artisans at 10:00
- Farm Tours at Fairhope Farm at 10:00 and 11:00
- Artisan & Vendor area at Chase Building Supply 10:00-2:00
- Open Farm: Meet the Miniature & Morgan Horses at Cherry Lodge Farm 10:00-2:00
- Working Sheep Demonstration at Woodstock Farm 11:00-12:00
- Pictures with a Baby Call at Outwilde Farm and have Frozen Sky Samples from 11:00-12:00
- Grab Lunch at Bart's River Head Sandwiches at Chase Building Supply open 12:00-2:00
- Free Sourdough & Bread Baking at Woodstock Grange 12:00-2:00
- Taylor Spring Farm Food Truck at Taylor Brook 12:00-2:00
- Touch the Tractors at Bud's Soft Sevens - Fall Field of Tractors on display 7:00-10:00
- Chocolate Milk Chugging Contest at Farm to Table at 1:00
- Live Music- Red Hot Rascals at Taylor Brook 2:00-5:00

FOR DONATION ABOUT THIS EVENT AND LINKS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SENOXET GRANGE FACEBOOK PAGE:
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HEMPSTOCK 2022

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

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MUSICIANS

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

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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

Shuresh Ghimire - UConn Extension
Hector Gerardo - SEAmarron 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 Buccigaglia - 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 Babbín - Howling Flats Farm
Shamu Fenyesi Sadeh - Adamah

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



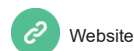
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