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Connecticut Christmas Tree Growers Association (CCTGA) held their Fall Field Day on Saturday, August 27 at Dumas Christmas Tree Farm in Durham. It was one of their largest turnouts with growers learning about disease, pest, and weed management, pruning and shearing techniques, and marketing inspiration for the upcoming holiday

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## Connecticut Farm-to-Chef Week

Join Us: **Sept. 3-Sept. 10, 2022**




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BROUGHT TO YOU BY FARMERS AND CHEFS  
THROUGHOUT THE STATE!



## Support Connecticut's Farmers and Restaurants During Farm-to-Chef Week

*Kick-off Event on Saturday, September 3 in Collaboration with Green Village Initiative and Bridgeport Chefs*

Subscribe	Past Issues	The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) announces that 2022 Farm-	Translate ▼	RSS 
		<p>to-Chef Week will run from Saturday, September 3 through Saturday, September 10. This special week encourages culinary professionals to use Connecticut Grown ingredients in new ways on their menus while educating residents and visitors about the diversity of farm products grown and raised in Connecticut.</p> <p>“CT Farm-to-Chef Week is an opportunity to highlight the collaboration between Connecticut’s farmers and restaurants to create flavorful dishes and unique experiences,” said Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt. “Our state is home to restaurants, diners, cafés, and bakeries as diverse as the CT Grown food products available from the ground to the sound. They share a commonality in their passion and expertise that is sure to please your taste buds.”</p> <p>This year an in-person kickoff will take place on Saturday, September 3 at Green Village Initiative’s Farmers’ Market at Reservoir Community Farm in Bridgeport from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Green Village Initiative is a non-profit with a mission to grow food, knowledge, leadership, and community through urban gardening and farming to create a more just food system. The event will include chef demonstrations with Chef Raquel of <a href="#">A Pinch of Salt</a> and Chef Pierre of <a href="#">Metric Bar and Grill</a>.</p> <p>Chef Raquel is a Bridgeport-based chef who is fully engaged in her community. She created a free 12- week culinary training program for students wishing to become food professionals or entrepreneurs, provides cooking education at local community centers and pantries and teaches at-home, virtual, and private cooking events in New York City and Fairfield County. Chef Pierre is owner and operator of the successful Metric Bar and Grill on Canon Street in Bridgeport – come taste his delicious, farm fresh omelets at the market.</p> <p>Both chefs will shop the farmers’ market and prepare dishes using CT Grown ingredients. In addition to the regular vendors at the market, special guests Xander’s Cold Brew will be there to provide refreshments, Elegantly Casual Cuisine will have jams and baked goods, and Park City Harvest will have delicious fruit available.</p>		

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Diners are encouraged to visit participating dining venues at various locations

throughout the state. Find a location at [www.CTFarmtoChef.com](http://www.CTFarmtoChef.com). Click on a location to view their menu and see which farms they source ingredients from.

Be sure to “Follow” our [Facebook page](#) for more updates on this event.

Special thanks to the following organizations for their support of this initiative, including Highland Park Market, Farm Credit East, CT Milk Promotion Board, Bozzuto’s, Sardilli, FreshPoint, Skyline Studios, LLC, and Green Village Initiative.

*DoAg launched the Farm-to-Chef Program in 2006 to help connect foodservice professionals with Connecticut Grown farm products. There is no cost to either farmers or chefs to join. Farm-to-Chef Week was started by DoAg in 2010 as part of its year-round Farm-to-Chef Program.*

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## CT Grown Marketing Tools



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Want your event featured on the [CTGrown.org](#) calendar? You can make it happen!

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In response to your feedback, we have invested a lot of effort toward refreshing our brand and developing a state-of-the-art website; all to support our outreach to consumers about the high-quality products and amazing experiences that are available at Connecticut farms — from the ground to the sound.

As part of these efforts, we have created a comprehensive events calendar — showcasing the many great agriculture events happening statewide to better connect urban and rural communities. We are excited now to open up that event calendar to you!

Simply follow this link, enter a few details, and request a user account for the CT Grown website's events calendar:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PYHInB14jc3hglqDcg\\_JNL1cYcpqiv2Fby.SbL111tKg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PYHInB14jc3hglqDcg_JNL1cYcpqiv2Fby.SbL111tKg/edit?usp=sharing)

Once you register, you will receive a quick tutorial on how to submit your:

- Farmers' Market
- Fair
- Festival
- Concert
- Educational Workshop
- Farm Tour or Camp
- And More!

It's quick and easy to sign up. Give yourself the platform to bring your events to the forefront!

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# PUT YOURSELF ON THE *MAP*



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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](https://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.

[Get on the Map](#)

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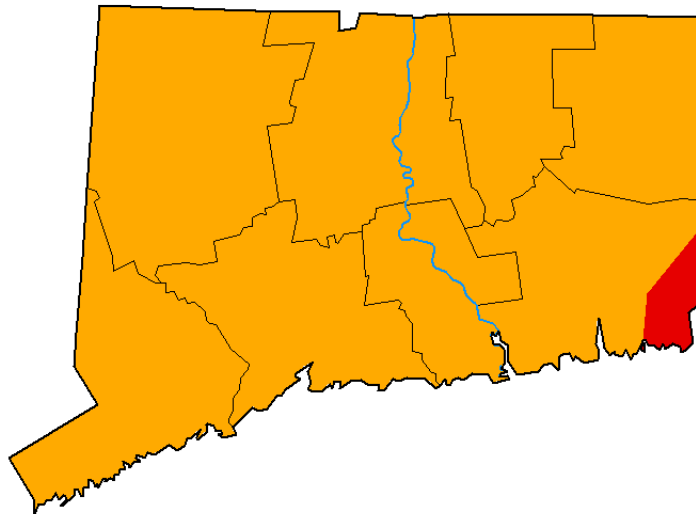
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### CONNECTICUT DROUGHT MONITOR

*U.S. Drought Monitor*  
**Connecticut**

**August 30, 2022**  
*(Released Thursday, Sep. 1, 2022)*  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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National Drought Mitigation Center



[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)

**CT Drought Monitor**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack has designated New London and Windham counties as primary natural disaster areas due to the recent drought. Additionally, Hartford, Middlesex, and Tolland counties have been designated as contiguous counties under the declaration.

The designation makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to such primary counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loans. FSA considers each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm and the security and repayment of the operator.


Farmers interested in applying for the assistance must [contact their local Farm Service Agency office.](#)



## NITRATE TOXICITY IN DROUGHT STRESSED FORAGE AFTER THE DROUGHT LIFTS

*Written by UConn Extension Educator Richard Meinert*



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		<p>with normal moisture levels the nitrate dissolves into the water and moves at relatively low levels in to the plants to be used to create protein. In dry soils the nitrate can't move into the plant roots so it accumulates in the soil. When the rain finally falls this accumulated nitrate all dissolves into the dater at once. The plants need time to recover so the nitrate Nitrate moving into plants stressed by drought moves upward into the plants slowly. This recover process can take 3-5 days in grass species including corn). Since the nitrates are higher in lower portions of the plant if you are going to harvest immediately for feed raise your cutting height. This is especially important with corn silage if you intend to green chop to feed while harvesting corn. Nitrates in silage reduce 50 to 60 % in silage but it can take 3-4 weeks for levels to drop.</p> <p>For extremely browned out grass species – like a lot of hay fields, pastures and lawns this summer the brown stalks will not take up the moisture – they are dead and the capillaries needed to move liquid up the plant have broken and will no longer function. This means that the forage that springs out of the stems at the soil surface – all the “new growth” bright green grass will be what contains the high nitrate levels. For pastured animals you should move animals off the recovering pastures and keep them confined into winter feeding areas and keep feeding them stored feed until the new grass has a chance to grow, reestablish and metabolize the extra nitrate into plant protein before the animals graze it again.</p> <p>You can test for high levels by sending a sample to a forage testing lab. Nitrate N (NO<sub>3</sub>-N) levels &lt;1,000 ppm on a dry matter basis are considered safe. Nitrate between 1,000 – 1,700 should be left to mature in the field or left to cure on a silage pad before feeding out. Nitrate levels &gt; ~ 2,000 can be acutely toxic and potentially lethal to livestock. There will likely be a run on the labs since drought has been widespread throughout the Northeast region, so keeping the animals off pasture, or waiting to harvest for a week or so might be the best way to manage the situation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For more in-depth information, here are a few links:</i></p> <p><u><a href="https://agsci.psu.edu/aasl/plant-analysis/at-harvest-corn-silage-nitrate-test/high-nitrate-potential-in-corn-silage">https://agsci.psu.edu/aasl/plant-analysis/at-harvest-corn-silage-nitrate-test/high-nitrate-potential-in-corn-silage</a></u></p>		

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**Advancing 4-H Youth Careers in Food and Agriculture via Biotechnology & STEM**

**Calling Youth Ages 14-18:**

- Are you interested in learning biotechnology?
- Do you want to explore biotechnology as a career?

Join our new 4-H clubs focused on agriculture, food, biotechnology, and STEM careers. Youth ages 14-18 can:

- Join a cohort and help us build online games (participate in a design jam with New Mexico State University and provide game feedback)
- Visit agriculture, food, and biotechnology companies in the state (in-person field trips!)
- Explore careers in food, agriculture, biotechnology, and STEM

**Learn more: [s.uconn.edu/biotech](https://s.uconn.edu/biotech)**


**UConn 4-H**

UConn 4-H is the youth development program of Extension in UConn's College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources. 4-H is a community of over six million young people across the U.S. who are learning Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), leadership, citizenship and life skills through their 4-H project work.



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


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		<p>knowledge and career awareness through the program, while also visiting laboratories, meeting with biotechnology professionals, and developing a biotechnology video game.</p> <p>Applications are available now for this new program at <a href="https://s.uconn.edu/biotech">s.uconn.edu/biotech</a> - youth ages 14-18 with an interest in learning about biotechnology and exploring career opportunities are invited to apply.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>“Our project is propelling innovative biotechnology and STEM career work in our 4-H youth development program to the next level. We will sustain project 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 <a href="#">UConn 4-H program</a>.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Visit <a href="https://s.uconn.edu/biotech">s.uconn.edu/biotech</a> for more information on the new project and for the youth participation application.</p> <p>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</p>		

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- ✓ Apply mosquito repellent
- ✓ Remove standing water



**CENTURY FARM NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED**

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Do you know a Connecticut farm that has been in operation for 100 years or more? The Connecticut Agricultural Information Council (CAIC) is now accepting applications to recognize a farm that has been in family operation for more than 100 years, and has outstanding potential to be a successful business for another 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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### LET'S TALK GMOs ONLINE COURSE FROM UCONN

UConn's [College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources](#) is offering an online course, *Let's Talk GMOs: Creating Consistent Communication Messages*. Participants are introduced to the basics of genetically modified organisms (GMOs). They will learn how to create consistent communication messages and manage dialogue processes about GMOs with various audiences. The asynchronous course is available on-demand; it has eight online modules with instructors from UConn. The fee is \$49.

Subscribe	Past Issues	Most people have an emotional reaction to GMOs. They either love them or hate them. The majority already have an opinion about GMOs when the topic	Translate ▼	RSS 
		<p>comes up. Participants will be comfortable sharing science-based information with their audiences after completing this course. Our role is to provide unbiased information that helps our audience form their own opinion and share their information about GMOs in a non-confrontational manner.</p> <p>Participants in the course will learn more about the science of GMOs and how to talk about GMOs in small group sessions where those in the dialogue have differing opinions of GMOs. The course instructors and their modules are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><i>Robert Bird</i></b>, a professor of business law in the Department of Marketing, presents the module on how misinformation spreads.</li><li>• <b><i>Bonnie Burr</i></b>, the department head of Extension, presents the modules on public policy and GMOs, and difficult conversations.</li><li>• <b><i>Stacey Stearns</i></b>, a program specialist with UConn Extension presents, the module on communication messages you can use and is the course facilitator.</li><li>• <b><i>Cindy Tian</i></b>, a biotechnology professor in the Department of Animal Science, presents modules on the history of GMOs and dialogue management.</li></ul> <p>There are brief introductory and course wrap-up modules in addition to the six core modules. The first three modules take approximately one hour each. Participants should expect to spend two hours on the last three modules.</p> <p><i>Let's Talk GMOs: Creating Consistent Communication Messages</i> is an initiative of the GMO Working Group in UConn's College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources. The group has a multi-faceted outreach campaign to educate the public on the science of GMOs, offering background on the diverse application of GMOs with research-based consideration of the risks and benefits. Visit <a href="https://gmo.uconn.edu/">https://gmo.uconn.edu/</a> for additional resources from the team or email <a href="mailto:Stacey.Stearns@uconn.edu">Stacey.Stearns@uconn.edu</a> for more information.</p> <div data-bbox="953 1373 1150 1474" style="text-align: center;"><a href="#" style="background-color: #00a0e3; color: white; padding: 10px 20px; border-radius: 5px; display: inline-block;">Register</a></div>		

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## USDA TO INVEST \$15 MILLION IN INNOVATIVE PROJECTS FOR CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE, URBAN AGRICULTURE, AND ADDRESSING INVASIVE SPECIES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced it will invest \$15 million this year for the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) Classic program. Through CIG, grantees work to address our nation's water quality, water quantity, air quality, soil health and wildlife habitat challenges, all while supporting agricultural production. This year's funding priorities are climate-smart agriculture, addressing invasive species and conservation in urban agricultural systems.

For the fiscal 2022 award process, at least 10% of the total funds available are set aside for proposals that entirely benefit historically underserved (HU) producers. This HU set-aside will ensure that equity is incorporated in the planning and delivery of CIG projects to align with NRCS's Justice 40 goals. HU applicants can also waive the non-federal match requirements.

**Applications are being accepted now through October 11, 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, visit [grants.gov](https://grants.gov).

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## 2022 ORGANIC CERTIFICATION COST SHARE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

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 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](mailto:Alison.Grabarz@ct.gov).


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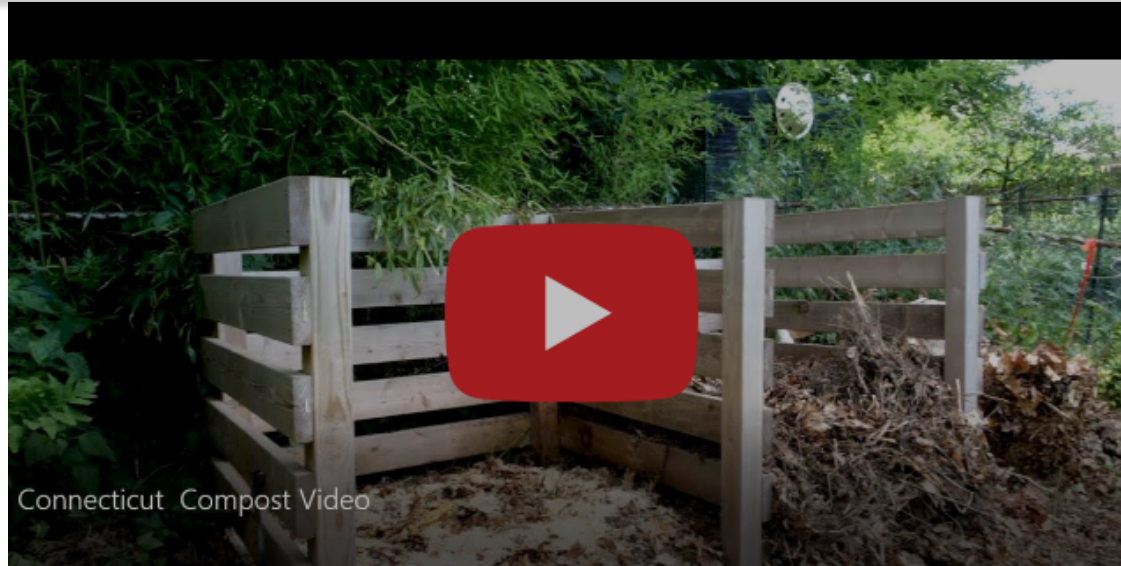


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## CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLAN

### **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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# GRANT DEADLINE

The USDA Rural Development REAP (Renewable Energy for America Program) deadline is approaching for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects on Connecticut Farms.


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 United States Department of Agriculture  
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More info at  
[ctfarmenergy.org](http://ctfarmenergy.org)  
or 860.345.3977 ext 100



**CT NRCS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FY2023 FUNDING FOR CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

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		<p>less resources and have less of an effect on the land?</p> <p>Why not consider applying for the <a href="#">Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)</a>? Some benefits include increased crop yields, decreased inputs, wildlife population improvements, and better resilience to weather extremes.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 – meeting stewardship thresholds and allow them to pick practices that work for their objectives. These tools also enable them to see potential payment scenarios for conservation early in the process.</p> <p><b>While applications for CSP are accepted year-round, to be considered for FY2023 funds they must be received by October 30, 2022.</b></p> <p>Interested? Find out if you're qualified for CSP by contacting your <a href="#">local USDA service center</a> or visiting the <a href="#">Get Started</a> portion of our website.</p> <hr/>		

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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.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

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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:

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- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm

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- 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](https://fsa.usda.gov).



### 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.

Through CIG, partners work to address our nation's water quality, water quantity, air quality, soil health and wildlife habitat challenges, all while 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

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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](#).



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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](http://www.ConnecticutGrownStore.com). Following order confirmation arrangements will be made to coordinate a pick up day and time.

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