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CONNECTICUT WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT

The latest news and updates in Connecticut agriculture

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YOUR VOICE. YOUR FUTURE. YOUR OPPORTUNITY.



This November, NASS will mail out a unique survey code to every known ag producer in the U.S. with an invitation to respond to the [2022 Census of Agriculture](#) online. The ag census includes every operation – large or small, urban or rural – from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or would normally be produced and sold, in the ag census year.

Farmer Tax Exemption Permit Renewal Information Update

initiative. As part of the initiative, DRS has begun replacing the Taxpayer Service Center (TSC) with [myconneCT](#), a new, safe, secure, and user-friendly online system. Additionally, DRS is expanding its online taxpayer services to more Connecticut taxpayers.

The following groups may now use myconneCT to submit their application renewals electronically by logging into myconneCT at portal.ct.gov/DRS-myconneCT:

- Farmers
- Fishermen
- Materialmen
- Small Wineries

Use myconneCT to file taxes, make payments, view filing history, and communicate with the agency simply and more efficiently on virtually any mobile device, including laptops, tablets, and smartphones, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If a farmer has not yet filed their renewal application with DRS, an additional mailing will be forthcoming the week ending October 21 with a letter explaining the process. If a farmer requires immediate access to their new permit, there will be instructions in the letter explaining how to apply online to receive a permit electronically.

All permits will be set to a September 30 expiration date. All farmers who have already received a renewed permit from DRS do not need to take any further action. DRS will be issuing an updated permit with an expiration date of September 30, 2024.

If anyone has questions regarding a permit renewal, they may contact DRS directly at 860-297-4996. General questions may be sent via email to drs@ct.gov. Please do not include any attachments or images as it will be returned undeliverable. An online tutorial providing instruction on how to renew permits through the DRS website may be accessed [here](#).



PRESENTING THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPO 2022

Register today for this ag expo showcasing the latest in ag innovation, farm equipment, tractors, farm implements, seed & crop protection products, farm supplies & services.

Friday, November 18, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Aquaturf, 556 Mulberry Street, Southington, CT

Registration includes:

- Trade Show
- State-wide Networking
- Buffet Lunch
- Connecticut Wine & Beer Tasting
- Taste of Connecticut
- Pesticide CEU Credits

Pesticide CEU Credits

- 10:30AM – 11:30AM - ***Soil-Biodegradable Plastic Mulch for Specialty Crop Production***, Shuresh Ghimire, PhD, UConn Extension
- 1:30PM - 2:30PM - ***Integrated Pest Management for Fruit Growers***, Mary Conklin, Educator, UConn Extension

Ticket Pricing

- CFBA Standard and Limited members - \$55
- Non-members - \$65
- Non-members can receive \$5 off per ticket by purchasing before November 4th or by registering 3 or more attendees

For More Information or Questions

[Click here](#), call 860-768-1100 or email traceym@cfba.org

Event Partners

- Connecticut Farm Bureau
- Connecticut Department of Agriculture
- Farm Credit East, ACA
- UConn Extension

[Register Here](#)

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

[Visit the Bunnell Farm pumpkin patch for a perfect fall activity](#), News 12 CT, 10/20

[Is the Spotted Lanternfly Takeover Inevitable?](#), Yahoo News, 10/20

[WIC participants can now use EBT cards at farmers markets statewide](#), News 12, 10/14

[CT man who grew heaviest pumpkin in state aims for world record](#), The Hour, 10/13

[Connecticut's kelp industry is growing, with a focus on sustainability](#), CT Public Radio, 10/10

PROTECT YOUR AGRICULTURAL LAND WITH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Are you a farmer with a deep connection to your land or interest in protecting the future of the nation's food supply? Maybe you're an agricultural landowner or eligible entity interested in protecting the integrity of your property? Why not consider safeguarding your land with a conservation easement through the

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). **NRCS accepts applications year round; however, applications for FY2023 funding are being accepted from now until January 31, 2023.**



The [Agricultural Conservation Easement Program](#) (ACEP) protects the agricultural viability and related conservation values of eligible land by limiting nonagricultural uses which negatively affect agricultural uses and conservation values, protect grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring or conserving eligible grazing land, and protecting and restoring and enhancing

purchase permanent agricultural land easements that not only protect the future of the nation's food supply, but also support environmental quality, wildlife habitat, and historic preservation and protection of open spaces. Landowner applicants who are interested must apply through an eligible entity – such as a land trust, municipality, or the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. NRCS will prioritize applications that protect agricultural uses and related conservation values of the land and those that maximize the protection of contiguous acres devoted to agricultural use.

Land eligible for agricultural easements includes cropland, grassland, and pastureland; non-industrial private forest land may be enrolled when associated with active agricultural land. Native American Tribes, state and local governments, and non-governmental organizations that have farmland or grassland protection programs are eligible to partner with NRCS to purchase conservation easements.

Enrolling agricultural land helps secure the future of the nation's food supply, prevents it from being developed or going to a non-agricultural use, and provides public benefits including environmental quality, historic preservation, wildlife habitat, and protection of open space.

Applications must be submitted by January 31, 2023, to:

Carol Grasis
Assistant State Conservationist for Programs
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
344 Merrow Road, Suite A
Tolland, CT 06084-3917

Not sure how to begin? Visit our [website](#) where you will find information on benefits, how to apply, all the forms you will need, and more.

To speak to someone about filling out eligibility forms with the Farm Service Agency (FSA), or to obtain an application, contact your [local USDA Service Center](#): Danielson – (860) 779-0557; Hamden – (203) 287-8038; Norwich – (860) 887-3604; Torrington – (860) 626-8852; Windsor – (860) 688-7725; Connecticut State Office, Tolland – (860) 871-4028.

FALL DAIRY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY NE-DBIC

New England Dairy Business Innovation Center is preparing to release guidance on grants for this fall. Below is a list of funding opportunities coming this fall.

- **Dairy Food Safety & Certification Grant (October):** We will be offering grants to support food safety projects including specialized equipment

new markets. This grant will be released in October. Grants of \$10,000 - \$40,000 with a 25% match commitment.

- **Dairy Farm Innovation Grant (October):** This grant will fund a wide range of projects across farm production and business operation models that support the implementation of community- and climate-forward production strategies. Projects funded through this grant program should take a whole farm system approach and increase collaboration with other farms or dairy sector stakeholders. This grant will be released in October. Grants will range from \$10,000 to \$75,000 with a 25% match commitment required.

Grants for Dairy Processors

- **Dairy Food Safety & Certification Grant (October):** We will be offering grants to support food safety projects including specialized equipment purchase, supplies, food safety training, and certifications. Priority will be given to projects that are utilizing food safety improvements to access new markets. This grant will be released in October. Grants of \$10,000 - \$40,000 with a 25% match commitment.
- **Existing Dairy Processor Expansion Grant (January):** This grant will be split into multiple funding tiers to accommodate processors of all scales. Projects will be focused on acquiring specialized equipment needed to increase the processing capacity of regionally produced milk and other activities to support expansion to meet demand. Grant opportunity released in January.
- **Dairy Processor Innovation Grant (January):** Projects funded through this program will support long term business investments that increase dairy processor business consumer appeal and marketability of value-added dairy products. Project areas can address sourcing, product development, transportation/distribution, marketing/supply chain, operations, employee welfare, consumer experience, utilization of materials or systems that reduce carbon footprint, and beyond. Grant opportunity released in January.

For more information visit their site below.

[Visit NE-DBIC](#)



PROTECT YOUR POULTRY FROM HPAI

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) advises all poultry owners and producers to remain vigilant in protecting their backyard and commercial poultry flocks against highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

HPAI was confirmed at a backyard non-commercial flock in New London County in March 2022 and more recently on October 4 at a backyard non-commercial flock in New Haven County. Additionally, multiple detections have been confirmed within wild birds throughout Connecticut, primarily waterfowl and raptors.

Poultry biosecurity materials and checklists can be found on the [USDA's "Defend the Flock" website](#). Best practices include:

- Discourage unnecessary visitors and use biosecurity signs to warn people not to enter buildings without permission.
- Ask all visitors if they have had any contact with any birds in the past five days.
- Forbid entry to employees and visitors who own any kind of fowl.
- Require all visitors to cover and disinfect all footwear.
- Lock all entrances to chicken houses after hours.
- Avoid non-essential vehicular traffic on-farm.
- After hauling birds to processors, clean and disinfect poultry transport coops and vehicles before they return to the farm.
- Report anything unusual, especially sick or dead birds, to CT DoAg at 860-713-2505 or ctstate.vet@ct.gov or the USDA at 866-536-7593.

In addition to practicing good biosecurity, poultry owners should keep their birds away from wild ducks and geese and their droppings. Outdoor access for poultry should be limited at this time.

appetite, drop in egg production, swelling around the eyes, neck, and head, and purple discoloration of wattles, combs, and legs.

Avian influenza does not present an immediate public health concern. Only one detection in a human has occurred in the United States, and the individual exhibited minor symptoms. As a reminder, the proper handling and cooking of poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165°F kills bacteria and viruses.

FARMLAND RESTORATION GRANT GUIDANCE AVAILABLE

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture announces that the 2023 Farmland Restoration Grant (FLRG) guidance is now available, and the application portal is live to accept applications.

The Farmland Restoration Grant (FLRG) provides matching funds to Connecticut farmers, nonprofits, and municipalities to increase food and fiber production in the state by restoring lands into active agricultural production. The Farmland Restoration Program (FLRP) focuses on restoring and improving land with prime and important farmland soils, in accordance with a Farmland Restoration Program Plan and a Climate Smart Resiliency Plan (FLRP Plan). Applications are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2022.

“The Farmland Restoration Grant is a meaningful way to support efforts which expand agricultural production and ensure that we are best utilizing prime and important farmland soils,” said Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt. “This year, the program eligibility has been broadened to specifically allow farms to develop a climate smart resiliency plan which helps offset the challenges we saw this summer due to the drought and sets Connecticut farms up for success, regardless of the weather patterns. Eligible projects include those addressing climate change impacts, eliminating losses from invasive pests and species, and enabling producers to grow their operations to improve the long-term viability of agriculture in Connecticut.”

For the purposes of this grant, farmland restoration is the act of bringing land into agricultural production for human food, animal feed, or livestock grazing.

The maximum grant awarded is \$20,000.00. Applications of any amount up to the maximum possible award will be considered for funding. There are two opportunities for funding under the Farmland Restoration Program. The opportunities for funding are for projects on either publicly owned land or for projects that are on privately owned land. Applicants will choose the grant that best fits their property to apply.

The following entities are eligible to apply for the Farmland Restoration Grant:

1. Agricultural producers, who are owners or tenants of an existing agribusiness within the State of Connecticut with at least one year of

production.

3. Municipalities leasing farmland, currently in use by a farmer. The lease must be no less than five years in duration, with a five-year option to renew in the terms.

Grant guidelines and forms can be found at www.CTGrown.gov/grants with additional details on match requirements and eligible expenses.

On Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. a virtual webinar will be held for interested agricultural producers and cooperatives to learn about the Farmland Restoration Program application process. The webinar will be held utilizing Webex. Please visit www.CTGrown.gov/grants to obtain the webinar link. The session will be recorded and posted to the agency website if you are unable to attend the live event.

Questions regarding the Farmland Restoration Grant can be directed to Lance Shannon, Lance.Shannon@ct.gov or Simon Levesque, Simon.Levesque@ct.gov. More information on application requirements, submission process, and accompanying forms can be found online at www.CTGrown.gov/grants.

Funding for the Farmland Restoration Grant is made possible by Connecticut General Statutes 22-6c. The Farmland Restoration Grant and any awards are subject to the requirements and provisions of state funding.

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NEWS RELEASE:

**Department of Animal Science
UConn Beef Cattle to be Sold at Middlesex
Livestock Auction
Monday, October 24, 2022**



UConn beef cattle will be sold at the Middlesex Livestock Auction (488 Cherry Hill Road, Middlefield, CT 06455) on Monday October 24, 2022. Sale animals are available for public viewing at the Cattle Resource Unit on Horsebarn Hill Road in Storrs, CT Monday through Friday between 11 AM and 3 PM. All animals will receive a rabies vaccine prior to the sale date. Final weights will be posted before the sale date. Please contact Mary Margaret Cole, Executive Program Director, UConn Livestock Units at mary_margaret.smith@uconn.edu with any questions. Please visit <https://animalscience.cahnrc.uconn.edu/about-us/newsletter/join/> to join the email list if you would like to receive a digital copy of the animal sale list.

**The Current List of Animals UConn will bring to Middlesex is posted at
s.uconn.edu/beef-auction**

USDA ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE ANNOUNCES FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

In June 2022, APHIS announced the availability of up to \$17 million in funds for the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP). While Tribal Nations and Tribal organizations were eligible to apply for that funding opportunity, an additional \$500,000 was specifically designated for a future funding opportunity for Tribes and Tribal organizations for animal disease preparedness and response activities.

Today, APHIS is sharing the availability of this first-ever NADPRP Tribal Nations funding opportunity as we seek to continue to advance animal disease preparedness and response through its Farm Bill animal health programs.

USDA APHIS will provide up to \$500,000 to further animal disease prevention, preparedness, and response in priority areas. Eligible applicants include Native American Tribes and governments, Tribal organizations, and Tribal colleges and universities. APHIS will prioritize funding to project proposals aimed at:

- Delivering outreach & education on animal disease prevention, preparedness, and response,
- Increasing livestock and poultry biosecurity,
- Supporting training and exercises for Tribal animal agriculture sector responders,
- Developing and exercising Tribal animal disease emergency response plans, and
- Enhancing animal disease traceability for an animal disease outbreak.

APHIS' Office of National Tribal Liaison (ONTL) in partnership with NADPRP is offering a webinar to assist Tribal applicants with the application process. The webinar: *"National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP) Tribal Funding Opportunity: Information for Applicants"* will be held on **November 1, 2022, at 1:00 pm EDT**. To register, please visit <https://forms.gle/MkkyzbYAH1tkQpnh9>. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the NADPRP website for those unable to attend the live session.

More information is available at:
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/farmbill>.



USDA SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking public comment on how it should implement Section 22007 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), a provision that aims to provide assistance to the nation's farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners who experienced discrimination in USDA's farm lending programs.

Section 22007 provides a transformative opportunity for USDA to help farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners impacted by discrimination in USDA farm lending programs. IRA Section 22007 directs USDA to provide financial assistance to producers who have experienced discrimination in USDA's farm lending programs and has appropriated \$2.2 billion for this purpose.

This request for information is an important step in making sure farmers, advocates, academics, legislators, tribal governments, and other experts who have important perspectives that must be incorporated to assist USDA in implementing these provisions to fulfill the intent of Congress.

The 30-day comment period opens Friday, October 14, and closes on November 14, 2022.

[Click here for more information.](#)

WEBINAR SERIES


CONTENT CREATION, SOCIAL MEDIA & WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR FARM
TUESDAY NOV. 1
6:00-7:30 PM


ACCEPTING SNAP/EBT AT YOUR FARM
WEDNESDAY NOV. 9TH
6:00-7:30 PM


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TUESDAY NOV. 15TH
6:30-8:00 PM

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New England Farmer Microgrants Program





APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE 2023 NEW ENGLAND FARMER MICROGRANTS PROGRAM!

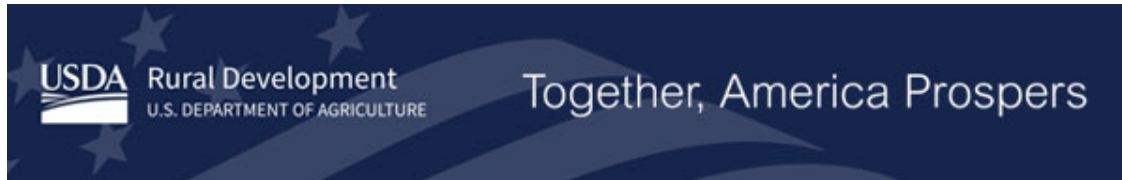
Launched in 2020, the New England Farmer Microgrants Program (NEFMP) provides direct financial support to farmers across New England. The program seeks to address some of the key barriers faced by farmers in the region: access to farmland, farm succession/transfer planning, and the adoption of regenerative farming practices.

New for the 2023 grant cycle, NEFMP will consist of two separate funding opportunities. Most funds will be awarded as \$10,000 grants through the **Western New England Regenerative Livestock Farming** conservation partnership project, aimed at livestock producers in select counties. A smaller number of awards will be granted through the **Farmland Access, Succession, and Transfer Support** funding opportunity, in amounts of \$5,000 each, for farmers anywhere in New England.

Si necesita los materiales en español, envíe un correo electrónico a [Kristen Irvin](mailto:Kristen.Irvin@usda.gov).

Applications will be accepted until November 4 at 5 p.m.

[Learn more about the program goals here.](#)



BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS UNDER THE FERTILIZER PRODUCTION EXPANSION PROGRAM


Grants Will Increase Innovative, American-Made Fertilizer Production, Spur Competition and Help U.S. Farmers Address Rising Costs

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the Biden-Harris Administration is inviting U.S. farmers and agricultural producers to apply for grants under the [Fertilizer Production Expansion Program](#). The Administration [recently announced it is making \\$500 million in grants available](#) through the program to increase American-made fertilizer production, spur competition and combat price hikes on U.S. farmers caused by the war in Ukraine.

“The Fertilizer Production Expansion Program is one of many ways the Biden-Harris Administration invests in the agricultural supply chain right here at home,” Vilsack said. “This funding will bring production and jobs back to the United States, promote competition and support American goods and services. Under the leadership of President Biden and Vice President Harris, USDA continues to create a resilient, secure and sustainable economy to support opportunities for local businesses and people across this nation. This program is a critical part of that effort.”

USDA begins accepting applications today via www.grants.gov. Applicants have two opportunities to submit their applications:

- Applicants may apply until **Nov. 14, 2022**, to receive priority for projects that increase the availability of fertilizer (nitrogen, phosphate or potash) and nutrient alternatives for agricultural producers to use in crop years 2023 or 2024.
- Applicants may apply until **Dec. 29, 2022**, to receive financial assistance to significantly increase American-made fertilizer production to spur competition and combat price hikes. This application window supports applicants who need more time to make additional capacity available.



CT GROWN FOR CT KIDS GRANT

CT Grown for CT Kids is a statewide grant program to support farm to school programming



Funds projects up to \$24,999 for 18 months

Q & A session on Thursday October 6 11:00 AM, register at CTGrown.gov/grants--> CT Grown for CT Kids

For questions contact Cyrena.Thibodeau@ct.gov 860-895-3094

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 2022

To Apply: Visit www.CTGrown.gov/grants and click on CT Grown for CT Kids

**LOOKING FOR NEW MARKETS?
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OCTOBER 27, 2022**

Agricultural Assistance from Farmer to Exporter for Connecticut Agricultural Producers & Food Manufacturers




AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE FROM FARMER TO EXPORTER FOR CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS & FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Join us for a free webinar to hear about state and federal resources available to assist Connecticut agricultural and food product companies interested in exporting. This webinar, sponsored by Congressman Joe Courtney (CT2) and the U.S. Commercial Service, will feature speakers from Food Export USA—Northeast and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

Date: **Thursday, October 27, 2022**

Time: 1:00 PM ET

Cost: **FREE** [Register here](#)

Speakers:

- Congressman Joe Courtney, CT2
- Bryan Hurlburt | Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Agriculture
- Apryl King | Liaison—CT, MA, ME, RI, VT | Food Export USA—Northeast
- Erin Windham | Ag Marketing and Inspection Rep II, Connecticut Department of Agriculture
- Melissa Grosso | Director | U.S. Commercial Service (Connecticut office)

Food Export – Northeast is a non-profit organization that supports companies with value-added food and agricultural products in fueling growth through exporting. Members are made up of the Department of Agriculture in the 10 Northeast states, including the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. Food Export USA—Northeast helps both novice suppliers and seasoned exporters unlock long-term global growth with export education, global connections, export strategies, and marketing financial assistance. In the last year alone, companies that participated in our programs and activities gained over \$978M in combined export sales to countries around the globe.

The mission of the Department of Agriculture is to foster a healthy economic, environmental, and social climate for agriculture by developing, promoting, and regulating agricultural businesses; protecting agricultural and aquacultural resources; enforcing laws pertaining to domestic animals; and promoting an understanding among the state's citizens of the diversity of Connecticut agriculture, its cultural heritage and its contribution to the state's economy. The Agricultural Development Unit of the agency's Bureau of Agricultural Development & Resource Preservation is the primary contact for agricultural business development, include grant opportunities and marketing assistance.

Join us for this informative webinar to learn about the benefits of exporting and assistance available to your Connecticut company!

- Exports of consumer food products are growing 3x faster than sales here in the U.S. They have soared in recent years in response to consumers' growing purchasing power and lower trade barriers.
- In 2021, exports of U.S. farm and food products to the world totaled \$175 billion, increasing from the previous year by 18%.
- In 2021, Connecticut exported \$331 million in U.S. farm and foods products, increasing from the previous year by 7%.

Register



FARM CREDIT EAST

FARM CREDIT EAST OFFERS SEMINARS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

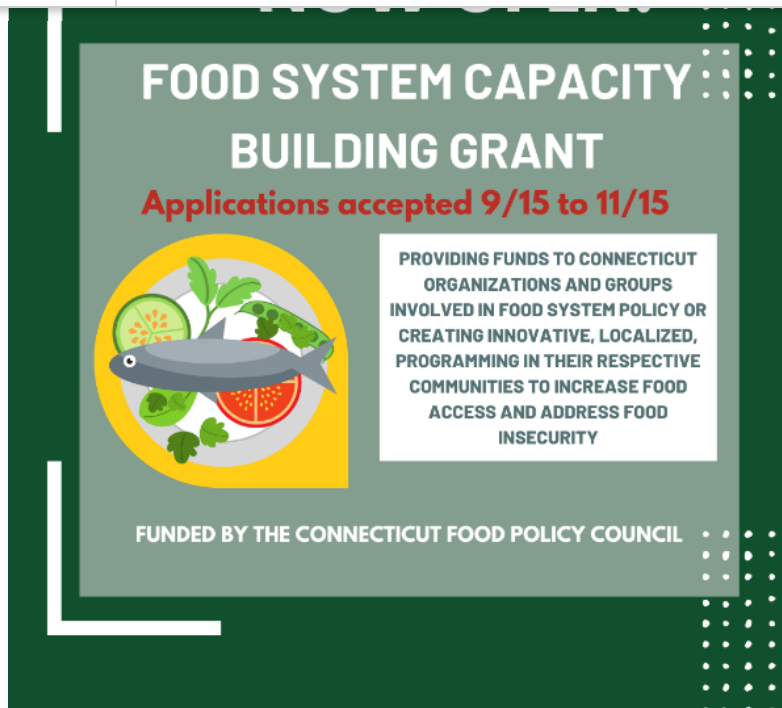
A successful manager is required to master many aspects of the farm business. To help the next generation develop the necessary business and financial skills, Farm Credit East is hosting GenerationNext seminars this fall and winter. Anyone who would like to sharpen their management skills is encouraged to attend. Both in-person and virtual sessions are offered.

GenerationNext is optimal for those producers who will be the next-generation operators of a farm business or for entrepreneurs starting their own business. The sessions will cover a range of topics, including leadership and management, human resource development, financial management, production economics, marketing, risk management, and farm transfer and estate planning.

“The management skills in the GenerationNext program can be helpful regardless of your role in the operation,” said Chris Laughton, Farm Credit East Director of Knowledge Exchange. “Whether you are the next generation of leadership in your organization, a key employee who’s ready to take on more responsibility, or an entrepreneur looking to grow your ag business, GenerationNext can help prepare you for success.”

Whether you are just beginning a management role or are an experienced manager who would like to further develop your skills, participants will gain valuable insights from Farm Credit East business consultants and from their GenerationNext colleagues. Starting in November, in-person sessions will be held in central and western New York and eastern Connecticut. Starting in early 2023, in-person sessions will be held in northern Vermont, central New Jersey, and western and northern Maine. The virtual program consists of eight weekly two-hour sessions, starting January 12 and running every Thursday through March 2.

For more information, and session dates, or to sign up, visit FarmCreditEast.com/GenerationNext. It is not necessary to have an existing relationship with Farm Credit East to attend. Contact Chris Laughton at Chris.Laughton@farmcrediteast.com or call (800) 562-2235 for more information.



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.

Ag Market Pricing

Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT
Prices provided on October 17, 2022

New Holland Dairy Auction - New Holland, PA

CT Farmers' Market Prices
Prices provided on August 9, 2022

Lancaster Farming Hay Market Report

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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.

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Wanted

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Interested in Advertising? Click [here](#) for details on rates and submission.

Employment Opportunities

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is recruiting for one Environmental Analyst 2 position to support agricultural producers with the implementation of climate smart ag practices, solar and other alternative energy-generating practices. This role is accountable for independently performing a full range of tasks in the technical review and analysis of environmental program data and issues, developing recommendations for courses of action and assisting with the implementation of policy and program decisions relating to climate smart ag practices, solar and other alternative energy-generating practices.

Closing date: October 25, 2022. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3fw0bnd>

Upcoming Events
(click on image below for info)

OCT 29TH CHAINSAW SKILLS & SAFETY
Directed toward WOMEN
 CLOVERLEIGH FARM, COLUMBIA - 8:30AM-4:30AM

Intro to safe chain saw operation. Students will learn about PPE, work area safety, basic saw maintenance, chain sharpening, and how to develop a felling plan. Each student will have a chance to fell their own tree. You may bring your own saw or use one that will be provided by the instructor.

COST PER WORKSHOP \$25 - Lunch included
SPACES ARE LIMITED! REGISTER TODAY at newfarms.uconn.edu/solidground/
 If the cost is prohibitive, you may request a stipend by emailing rebecca.toms@uconn.edu

Please contact us in advance with special needs (dietary, translation, accessibility, etc.) We'll do our best to accommodate you

COVID REQUIREMENTS:
PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL- YOU WILL RECEIVE A REFUND.

NIGHTS
Sub Edge Farm
 Farmington, CT
 October 22, 5:30pm-8pm

We'll enjoy a meal together, take a farm tour, and discuss what it's like to scale up your farming operation.

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.

10.31.2022

More info at ctfarmenergy.org or 860.345.3977 ext 100

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- CONTENT CREATION, SOCIAL MEDIA & WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR FARM
 TUESDAY NOV. 1
 6:00-7:30 PM
- ACCEPTING SNAP/EBT AT YOUR FARM
 WEDNESDAY NOV. 9TH
 6:00-7:30 PM
- NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SELL TO WHOLESALE BUYERS
 TUESDAY NOV. 15TH
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