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CONNECTICUT WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT

The latest news and updates in Connecticut agriculture

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In 2022, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with partners, permanently protected 652 acres across 9 farms in the state, bringing the total number of farmland acres protected in perpetuity to 47,998.

To learn more about Connecticut's Farmland Preservation Program, please [click here](#).



Agriculture Businesses and Organizations Invited to Apply to Exhibit in the Connecticut Building at Big E

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) is now accepting vendor applications for the agriculture booth spaces in the Connecticut Building at The Big E, September 15-October 1, 2023, with the purpose of providing Connecticut farms, small agricultural businesses, and agricultural non-profit organizations the opportunity to market and promote their products and/or service.

This is a unique opportunity for agricultural businesses, non-profits, and other entities with an agricultural mission to showcase the diversity of Connecticut agriculture to over one million attendees who come through the Connecticut Building. Connecticut Day will take place on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, and Harvest New England Day will be held on Friday, September 29, 2023.

Interested applicants are encouraged to review the exhibitor guidelines, and submit a completed application by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023. Licensed Connecticut farm wineries interested in having their wines available by the glass will be receiving a separate application to participate.

[Guidelines and Application here.](#)

For more information, please contact Rebecca Eddy at Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov, or 860-573-0323.

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2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE DUE FEBRUARY 6

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reminds our nation's farmers and ranchers that the deadline to respond to the 2022 Census of Agriculture is Feb. 6. Producers can respond online at accounts.usda.gov or by mail.

Last month, NASS mailed the Census of Agriculture questionnaires to every known ag producer in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Conducted just once every five years, the ag census provides a complete account of the nation's farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Responding to the Census of Agriculture is required by federal law under Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113. The same law requires NASS to keep all individual operations' information confidential, use the data for statistical purposes only, and publish the data in aggregate form to prevent disclosing the identity of any individual producer or farm operation.

"By participating in the 2022 Census of Agriculture, producers show the value and importance of American agriculture," said NASS Administrator Hubert Hamer. "This nation owes a lot to our farmers and ranchers for providing safe

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agriculture. If you have already responded, thank you. If not, I encourage you to respond today.”

The Census of Agriculture remains the only source of uniform, comprehensive, and impartial agriculture data for every state, county, and U.S. territory. U.S. farm operations of all sizes, urban and rural, which produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural products in 2022, are included as well as Puerto Rico farm operations which produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$500 or more of agricultural products in the ag census year.

“It is important that every producer respond to the 2022 Census of Agriculture so that they are represented and reflected in these influential data,” said Hamer. “These statistics will directly impact producers for years. Without their input, our hardworking ag producers risk being underserved.”

Producers who have submitted their completed ag censuses may disregard any additional ag census letters and forms. Whether producers responded online or by mail, they can verify their reports were received by going to agcounts.usda.gov, entering their survey codes, and checking the submitted date under the status column of the My Surveys tab. The status update is not always immediate. The update can take a few minutes up to several days, especially if the questionnaire was returned by mail.

NASS will release the results of the ag census in 2024. Visit www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus, for more information.

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

[12 Wineries participate in CT Winter Wine Trail, 2/1, WFSB](#)

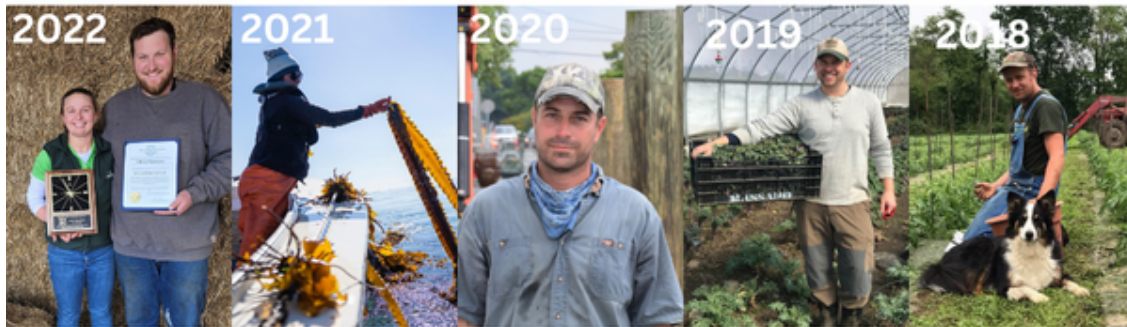
[CAHNR Recognizes Mike O'Neill for Service and Sense of Humor as Head of UConn Extension, 1/31 UConn Today](#)

[Approximately 100,000 Hens Killed in Bozrah Egg Farm Fire, 1/30, NBC CT](#)
[Students will have the opportunity to learn about nutrition, eating locally-grown produce, 1/30, Yahoo News](#)

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CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION COUNCIL

2023 Outstanding Young Farmer Nominations Requested



CONNECTICUT SEEKS OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER NOMINATIONS

The Connecticut Agricultural Information Council (CAIC) is seeking nominations for the 2023 Connecticut Outstanding Young Farmer. Awarded annually during Ag Day at the Capitol, the Connecticut Outstanding Young Farmer Award recognizes the winner's progress in their agricultural career, their soil and water conservation practices, and their contributions to the well-being of the community, the state, and the nation.

Nomination applications must be submitted electronically via email to erin.pirro@farmcrediteast.com by Friday, February 24, 2023. Self-nominations are allowed. [Details and application here.](#)

The purpose of the Outstanding Young Farmers Program is to bring about a greater interest in the farmer to foster better urban-rural relations through the understanding of the farmers' endeavors, to develop a further appreciation for their contributions and achievements, and to inform the agribusiness community of the growing urban awareness of farmers' importance and impact on America's economy. The Connecticut OYF Program is modeled directly on the National OYF Program.

CAIC is also accepting nominations for the Century Farm and Ag Journalism awards. [Nomination forms are available online.](#)

[Nominate A Young Farmer](#)

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CT NOFA PRESENTS 41ST WINTER CONFERENCE

CT NOFA is proud to present their 41st Winter Conference, to be held the second week of March, kicking off on Monday, March 6, 2023 with a week of live virtual workshops and concluding on March 11 with an in-person gathering and celebration at Wesleyan University.

Join us as we learn, grow, innovate, and think critically about what we want our food system to look like in the future. Registration is open on a sliding scale — this model allows us to practice economic solidarity, providing mutual support for the cost of our programs. In this way, we make our education more accessible and help cover costs of operation. Choose the pricing tier that fits with your income and access to wealth, and help us create a more just, inclusive, and equitable conference.

Conference registration includes invitations to all live virtual workshop sessions and our in-person celebratory gathering on March 11, as well as exclusive access to all workshop recordings for 3 months after the event. [Visit our website to register for the event and to explore our growing list of presenters, workshops, and more.](#)

USDA ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE AND INNOVATIVE PRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making available up to \$7.5 million for grants through its Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (OUAIP). The competitive grants will support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production projects through two categories, Planning Projects and Implementation Projects. USDA will accept applications on Grants.gov until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on March 27, 2023.

Planning Projects

Planning Projects initiate or expand efforts of farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools and other stakeholders in urban areas and suburbs. Projects may target areas of food access, education, business and start-up costs for new farmers and the development of plans related to zoning and other needs of urban production. For example, the Texas Coalition of Rural Landowners used 2022 awarded funds to conduct a feasibility study and develop a business plan to establish a cooperative for small-scale agricultural producers serving low food access markets in Harris County, Texas.

Implementation Projects

Implementation Projects accelerate existing and emerging models of urban, indoor and other agricultural practices that serve farmers and communities. Projects may improve local food access, include collaboration with partner organizations, and support infrastructure needs, emerging technologies, and educational endeavors. For example, the Moka Urban Agriculture Initiative used 2022 awarded funds for a project to increase local food access and provide culturally relevant options that create economic opportunities for urban farmers. The project will help to reduce food insecurity, improve health and establish outdoor spaces for food production in Missouri.

Webinar

A pre-recorded webinar on Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants | USDA provides an overview of the grants' purpose, project types, eligibility and basic requirements for submitting an application.

More Information

OUAIP was established through the 2018 Farm Bill. It is led by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and works in partnership with numerous USDA agencies that support urban agriculture and innovative production. The grants are part of a broad USDA investment in urban agriculture. Other efforts include:

- Creating and managing a Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production to advise the Secretary on the development of policies and outreach relating to urban agriculture.

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teach people how to garden using sustainable practices; and nurture habitat for pollinators and wildlife and greenspace for neighbors.

- Providing cooperative agreements that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans.
- Providing technical and financial assistance through conservation programs offered by NRCS.
- Organizing 17 Farm Service Agency urban county committees.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov

2023 RACIAL EQUITY HABIT-BUILDING CHALLENGE REGISTRATION OPEN

Food Solutions New England will host the 9th version of its food system-oriented 21-Day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge from **April 3, 2023, to April 23, 2023**.

Each year, thousands of individuals and hundreds of officially participating organizations join in a shared journey of learning and charting a course of action to dismantle racism in our food system and our world.

The 21-Day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge is simple!

You commit to deepening your understanding of, and willingness to confront, racism for twenty-one consecutive days in April of each year and the Racial Equity Challenge will:

- Raise your awareness, change your understanding and shift the way you behave.
- Go beyond individual or interpersonal racism by helping to demystify structural and institutional racism and white supremacist patterns that are sometimes invisible to people.

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work and the world that can build true equity and justice for all.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

ANNOUNCING: FEBRUARY 2023 INTENSIVE SERIES

This February, Food Solutions New England (FSNE) will host a virtual gathering, in two parts, designed to inspire, connect, and mobilize our values-aligned regional network from around the country and globe. We will be joined by friends and partners from [The Full Frame Initiative](#) and the [Othering and Belonging Institute](#) at UC Berkeley.

The gathering, free and open to the public, will create space for us to explore ways to advance equitable well-being and belonging in food and related systems. It will help galvanize FSNE's second decade of work in the direction of the [New England Food Vision](#) and [Values](#), while strengthening relationships and creating new ones through participatory engagement. The gathering will also build the momentum for upcoming FSNE and partner offerings, including the FSNE [21-Day Racial Equity Challenge](#) and the [Northeast Farm to Institution Summit](#), both happening in April 2023. Plan to attend both or one of them!

[Belonging](#): Friday, February 17 from 10am-4pm

[Click here to register.](#)

Join FSNE co-hosts Karen Spiller and Curtis Ogden for conversation with staff from the [Othering and Belonging Institute](#) at the University of California-Berkeley, a community of scholars, organizers, communicators, researchers, artists, and policymakers committed to building a world where all people belong. In the morning participants will have a chance to meet one another and explore a few techniques for "building belonging" that people can bring to their work and communities. Our guests will join us in the afternoon as we collectively explore how to move from othering to belonging in food and related systems. There will be an hour break for lunch.

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Farm Succession School

For senior farmers and farm partners in **Connecticut**, like Chris, who are looking toward retirement and farm transition.

Three-day winter course:
February 7, February 28, March 28



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FARM SUCCESSION SCHOOL - STILL TIME TO REGISTER

As you know, the biggest hurdle in farm succession planning is getting the plan done. The **Farm Succession School** is for senior farmers and farm partners in Connecticut, like Chris, who are looking toward retirement and farm transition.

This **three-day winter course** is for senior farmers who are ready to do the work and dig into creating a farm succession plan.

This curriculum is designed to help farmers think through the many aspects of succession planning, clarify vision and goals, get next steps on paper and review necessary documents to provide for a smooth transition. Sessions include ample time to share and learn from other farmers facing similar questions. There is also homework and assistance available between sessions. Farmers do not need to have an identified successor to participate in this course.

Farm Succession School meets at the Tolland County Agricultural Center, 24 Hyde Avenue, Route 30, Vernon, CT.

Tuesdays from 9:30am - 3:30pm

February 7, 2023

February 28, 2023

March 28, 2023

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junior generation farmers to learn the basics of succession planning, like how to get started, where to find advisors and resources, ask questions, and get help. All generations, including family and non-family members, who may play a role in the farm's future are encouraged to attend. Farmers from across New England are welcome. Four-part series meets virtually, January – February. [There's still time to register!](#)

One-on-One Advising - Our field agents offer **one-on-one advising** to help New England farmers start, continue or complete their farm succession plan. We've helped hundreds of farmers and partners find innovative solutions that keep their farms in farming, provide a meaningful legacy and address the financial, legal and business challenges involved in transferring a farm to a next generation family member or unrelated successor. Low or no-cost assistance is available. Costs vary depending on your needs and available funding, with always a sliding scale option. Complete this [Farm Succession Form](#) or call us at 603-357-1600 to initiate a no-cost informational session.

Connecticut Farm Succession School is in partnership with UConn Extension and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, this work is supported by the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Grant, grant no.: 2021-70035-3555, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture administered by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

Funding for the free live webinar series provided by the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board through the VT Viability Program, and the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network Grant administered by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture in partnership with UConn Extension.

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2023 NEW ENGLAND LEOPOLD CONSERVATION AWARD SEEKS NOMINEES

Are you a New England farmer or forestland owner improving soil health, water quality, and wildlife habitat on your working land? Apply for the 2023 New England Leopold Conservation Award®.

Sand County Foundation and national sponsor American Farmland Trust present the Leopold Conservation Award to private landowners in 25 states for extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation. In New England the \$10,000 award is presented with, New England Forestry Foundation and Wildlands Woodlands Farmlands & Communities.

Given in honor of renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold, the award recognizes landowners who inspire others with their dedication to soil health, water quality and wildlife habitat on private, working land. In his influential 1949 book, *A Sand County Almanac*, Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage.

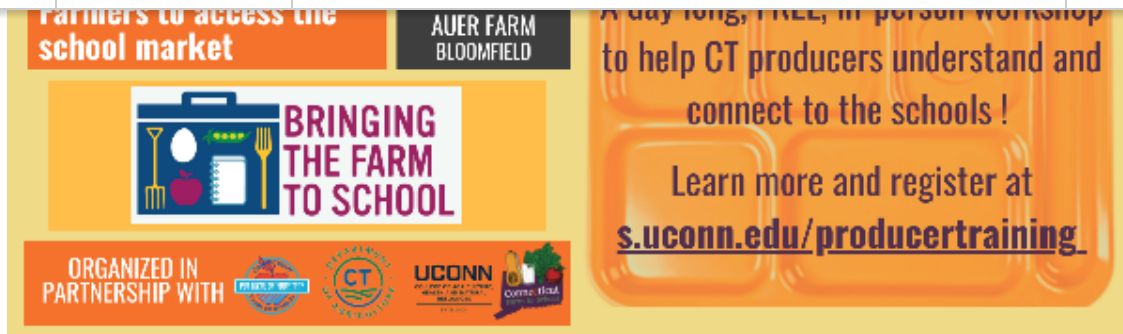
Nominations may be submitted on behalf of a landowner in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Landowners may also nominate themselves. The application can be found at www.sandcountyfoundation.org/ApplyLCA.

The application deadline date is July 18, 2023. Email applications to award@sandcountyfoundation.org. Applications will be reviewed by an independent panel of agricultural and forestry conservation leaders.

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REGISTER TODAY FOR FARM TO SCHOOL PRODUCER TRAINING

An organized partnership between Put Local on Your Tray, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, UConn Extension, and Connecticut Farm To School Collaborative is excited to offer **"Bringing the Farm to the School"** a producer training for CT Farmers to navigate the opportunities and challenges of selling into public K-12 schools!

Learn more [HERE!](#)

Did you know that **Districts across the state are poised to receive federal dollars** that can only be spent specifically on fresh and minimally processed local product! This creates an amazing opportunity for farmers across the state to get started in farm to school and scale up to meet this opportunity.

This free, day-long workshop will bring together farmers and public-school food service directors to learn, connect and share best practices, success stories and frustrations.

Register [HERE](#)

Who is this for?

- Fruit, vegetable, meat and added value dairy producers
- Farm businesses of all sizes and growing practices
- Growers looking to expand their market
- producers who think the farm to school market is not for them because there are too many barriers.

The barriers are not as high as you may think! [Here is the registration link again!](#)

For service providers and supports interested in participating please email shannon.raider@uconn.edu or Cyrena.Thibodeau@ct.gov.

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INNOVATION COMPETITION

Northeastern Dairy Product Innovation Competition, an initiative that supports food innovators to pursue value-added products made from dairy ingredients produced in the Northeast. Funded by the USDA's Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center and produced in partnership with Cornell University's Northeast Dairy Foods Research Center, the competition is open to all startups located in the United States that are pre-formation or early-stage, have a viable and scalable business model, and are ready to commit to scaling their products if they are selected as finalists, utilizing milk produced in the Northeast.

Up to 10 innovators will receive \$20K in participant support, as well as business incubation services such as product prototyping and optimization, food safety and compliance training, and help developing a business plan for bringing products to market. Of these 10 innovators, up to three will be selected to receive an additional \$55K and given a presence at the Dairy Innovation Showcase at the 2023 Grow-NY Summit.

Applications are now open through **March 31, 2023**. To learn more about the competition, please visit: <https://dairyinnovation.org/>.

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Development Council

APPLICATION PERIOD: JANUARY 17 – FEBRUARY 28, 2023

The Women's Business Development Council's Equity Match Grant Program is designed to help Connecticut women-owned businesses grow! Grants between \$2,500 and \$10,000 will be awarded for clearly defined projects that will have a measurable impact on the business, its growth and profitability. The grant funds cannot be used towards operating expenses, payroll, or real estate improvements. Applicants are required to provide a minimum 25% match.

Eligibility**Businesses must:**

- be at least 51% woman-owned
- have been established for at least two years
- have a record of annual sales/revenue in the last twelve months greater than \$25,000 and less than \$2,000,000
- be headquartered in CT, registered in the state of CT and owned by a CT resident
- be owned by a woman at least 18 years old
- be in good standing with the CT Department of Revenue Services (DRS)
- have an established business checking account
- utilize a formal, digital bookkeeping/financial system (e.g., QuickBooks)
- be a for-profit business

The following businesses are not eligible:

Child care businesses (see <https://ctwbdc.org/childcare-business/funding> for info on funding opportunities for child care businesses); businesses or individuals that have previously received an EMC or WBDC municipal grant; medical marijuana dispensaries and alcohol distributors; adult businesses such as strip clubs; vape retailing; tobacco shops and smoking lounges; businesses having to do with gambling; gun stores and ranges; cash advance, check cashing, or pawn shops; bail bond; collection agencies or services; and auction or bankruptcy or fire or "lost our lease" or "going out of business" or similar sale; current WBDC vendors or contractors (former vendors are eligible a year after working with WBDC)

Match Requirement

Applicants are required to provide a minimum 25% match, unless their business is located in an economically distressed community, as defined by CT DECD.

For example, if the business receives a \$10,000 grant, the business must have invested \$2,500 in their business over the past 12 months OR be able to invest an incremental \$2,500 of their own funds in the purchase they are seeking to fund.

Information Sessions

For more information on the application process, register for a live or pre-recorded information session at ctwbdc.org/class-listings

ENGLISH

Thurs, 1/19 12:00 – 1:00 PM
Wed, 1/25 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Mon, 1/30 5:30 – 6:30 PM
Thurs, 2/9 12:00 – 1:00 PM
Wed, 2/15 5:30 – 6:30 PM
Tues, 2/21 10:00 – 11:00 AM

SPANISH

Wed, 1/18 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Wed, 2/1 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Thurs, 2/16 5:30 – 6:30 PM

What Previous Recipients are Saying

"The grant has been inspirational for me. I feel very motivated to show my worth and prove to myself that I can achieve the goals I have set. Having the equipment I needed to create a new line of products by using a more effective production process has challenged me to get focused and committed to the goal I had set. That motivation is priceless."

"It's been a year since I received my equity match grant and sometimes I pinch myself at where we've come in that time. I'm so proud to have a studio space I can call my own and bring our clients and employees into. Anytime I see our employees using the equipment we acquired with the grant funds, I recall how vital those items were to get us up and running."

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Learn more at ctwbdc.org/equity-match-grant-program/



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The Fellowship Fund is a grant program designed to purchase equipment for veterans in the beginning years of launching an agricultural business. The application will remain **open until February 14**, and award announcements will be made in April.

Visit the [Fellowship page](#) for more details on the program and eligibility. If you are a new applicant, please view this [video](#) to learn how to create a strong application.

[Learn More](#)



NEW DAIRY PROCESSING GRANTS FROM NE-DBIC

The new Dairy Processing Research & Development Innovation Grant is now open!

Projects funded through this program will support dairy processors in gaining knowledge that will allow them to make informed, long-term business investments with positive environmental and/or economic impacts.

Licensed dairy processors and producer associations from the Northeast are invited to apply. Educational or research institutions may apply but are required to partner with a minimum of two Northeast-based dairy processors.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**The Dairy Farm Innovation & Alternative Management Grant closes on February 2.**

This grant focuses on the implementation of community- and climate-forward dairy production. Grants will range from \$15,000 to \$75,000 with a 25% (cash or in-kind) match commitment required.

Total funds available: \$900,000.

NE-DBIC is accepting more Grant Reviewers.

As a grant reviewer, you'll help score grants and have an impact on what gets funded across the region. Please fill out our [Grant Reviewer Interest Form](#) and contact Kathryn Donovan with any questions: kathryn.donovan@vermont.gov or 802-585-4571.

Follow NE-DBIC on Facebook and Instagram!

The Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center is now on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram @ne.dairyinnovation](#). Connect with us on social to help spread the word about funding and more

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NORTHEAST DAIRY BUSINESS INNOVATION CENTER



At the Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center (NE-DBIC), our goal is to increase the resiliency of Northeast regional dairy.

Our wide range of grants includes funding for:

- Specialized equipment
- Food safety improvements
- On-farm milk storage and handling
- Dairy processing
- Technical support
- Innovation on the farm and in processing plants

We support dairy farmers, processors, and service providers through grants, events, workshops, and educational opportunities.

All to create more sustainable dairy businesses that benefit the land, livestock, farmers, processors, and our regional economy.



Scan to see our full grant calendar & learn how to apply for funding.

Or visit: agriculture.vermont.gov/dbic

Visit NE-DBIC

Ag Market Pricing

Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT
Prices provided on January 30, 2023

New Holland Dairy Auction - New Holland, PA

CT Farmers' Market Prices
Prices provided on October 27, 2022

Lancaster Farming Hay Market Report

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For Sale

Slightly used, very clean, 4 gallon white plastic buckets and matching lids; HDPE, food-grade. Bucket \$3.75, Lid \$1.00. Email for photo/dimensions. Minimum 50 please. Pick up in Lyme, CT, or large quantity delivered. bill@fatstonefarm.com (3/17/23)

Rain Flo irrigation pump. Four inch discharge. New condition. Please call 860-841-3082.

Dried Sawdust / Different Grades, \$20 per yard. You pick up or delivered with additional charge. 860-642-7084. Blue Slope Sawdust.

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

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

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

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Wanted

42-R. EZTRAIL kicker bale wagons, any condition. Cash paid. Call or text George, 860-918-5442.

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

Employment Opportunities

New London Community Meal Center is seeking a **Local Food Access Coordinator** (LFAC) to perform all aspects of purchasing for the LFPA project and for managing the inventory, distribution and control of those items for all distribution locations. The Coordinator must work with organizational representatives to identify the products to be purchased, identify the most appropriate source for the products, confirm all aspects of pricing, confirm all deliveries, maintain an inventory control database and work with the NLCMC bookkeeper on invoicing. In addition, the Coordinator will work with the Food Justice Action to research and plan for sustaining this and other local food initiatives, with a particular focus on the overlapping goals of farm viability and healthy food access for low income consumers. Within this framework, the Coordinator will work towards long term systemic change, through a food justice lens, with partners including, FRESH New London, the HIC, and other area organizations. The position is "housed" at the NLCMC with shared supervision by the NLCMC and community partners. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events
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2023 CT Farm Energy Workshops



FEBRUARY 1 | 3:30-5PM

**AUDUBON CENTER, 218 DAY ROAD
POMFRET CENTER, CT 06259**

FEBRUARY 9 | 3-4:00PM
(PART OF CLIMATE SMART AG MEETING)

**UConn Extension Center,
843 UNIVERSITY DRIVE,
TORRINGTON, CT 06790**





FEBRUARY 16 | 6-7:30PM

**UConn Extension Center,
1066 SAYBROOK ROAD,
HADDAM, CT 06438**

FREE REGISTRATION AT: WWW.CTFARMENERGY.ORG

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Climate Smart Agriculture

3-4pm Farm Energy Programs
4pm Berkshire AG Ventures
4:15pm Break
4:30-5:30pm Soil Health-Lessons Learned from the Field
5:30pm Dinner & Networking

FEBRUARY 9, 2023
 3 pm - 6 pm

**UConn Extension Center
 843 UNIVERSITY DRIVE,
 TORRINGTON, CT 06790**

Interested in making your farm more resilient? Concerned about climate change? Join us to learn about ways to enable your operation to be sustainable.

For more information & register visit:
<https://nwc.org/events/>

Should you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact info@nwc.org

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2023 Tri-State SARE Project Webinar Series

Improving Pasture Management for Sustainable Livestock Production





WEBINAR 1
Principals of Nutrient Management
Wednesday, February 22nd
 Speaker: Kirsten Workman (Cornell Extension PRO-DAIRY)

WEBINAR 2
Integration of pasture management and nutrient management
Wednesday, March 15th
 Speakers: Cheryl Cesario (UVM Extension)
 Rich Meinert (UConn Extension)

WEBINAR 3
Nutrient management decision making based on soil testing
Wednesday, April 19th
 Speaker: Heather Darby (UVM Extension)

All webinars will be held from 10 am to 12 noon

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