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CONNECTICUT WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT

The latest news and updates in Connecticut agriculture

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Celebrate National CSA Week from February 20-26 by finding a farm near you offering a share of their CT Grown products and signing up to receive a weekly allotment - from cut flowers and veggies to meats, dairy and shellfish - there's something for everyone.

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Left: Zania Johnson and Emmanuel Marte of Micro2Life; Right: Dishuan Harris of Root Life.

Black Farmers in Connecticut Working Towards a More Inclusive CT Grown Future

As part of Black History Month, we're highlighting how Connecticut's Black-owned farms are planting the seeds for the state's agricultural future. In addition to providing CT Grown products for the market, Black farmers are often actively involved in nonprofit groups working to improve access to fresh food in Connecticut's cities through urban farms, community gardens, educational programs, and more.

Agriculture remains a predominantly White profession; just 2 percent of farmers in the United States are Black. The ratio is similarly lopsided in Connecticut. The last USDA Census of Agriculture in 2017 found just 25 Black farmers responded among Connecticut's more than 9,500 agricultural producers.

Yet many young Black farmers are actively working to change perceptions about farming and encourage people of color to consider it as a career. Let's take a closer look at some of these producers, how they're shaping the future of CT Grown, and how you can support them.

[Read the full blog and farmer profiles here.](#)



STILL TIME TO RESPOND TO THE 2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

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Agriculture, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Although the deadline for submitting the ag census has just passed, NASS will continue to accept completed census questionnaires through the spring to ensure all farmers and ranchers take advantage of the opportunity to be represented in the widely used data.

“My sincere appreciation is extended to all the producers who have completed the census to date. Without participation from producers like you, the census data cannot accurately reflect the health and well-being of U.S. agriculture,” said NASS Northeastern Regional Director King Whetstone. “There is still time for farmers to respond. When you respond to the census, you are ensuring you are seeing yourself in the data and showcasing the industry you are a part of. Census data drives decision-making at all levels of government. It is an indispensable tool that assists in both developing and administering programs that impact the agricultural community. Simply put, the census is your voice, your future, your opportunity.”

NASS will continue to follow up with producers through the spring with mailings, phone calls, and personal visits. Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to complete their ag census either online at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail as soon as possible.

Federal law under Title 7 USC 2204(g) Public Law 105-113 mandates that everyone who received the 2022 Census of Agriculture questionnaire complete and return it, even if they are not currently farming. The same law requires NASS to keep all submissions confidential, use the information for statistical purposes only, and publish aggregate data to prevent disclosing the identity of any individual producer or farm operation.

NASS will release the results of the ag census in early 2024. To learn more about the Census of Agriculture, visit nass.usda.gov/AgCensus. On the website, producers and other data users can access frequently asked questions, past ag census data, special study information, and more. For highlights of these and the latest information, follow USDA NASS on Twitter at [@usda_nass](https://twitter.com/usda_nass).

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS

[Sports complex, farming, or open space: UConn researcher weighs in on Wethersfield debate over 32-acre Kycia Farm](#), Hartford Courant, 2/15

[CT's Maple Syrup Producers Seeing Early Start to Production Because of Mild Winter](#), NBC CT, 2/14

[Maple sugaring demos at Guilford's Dudley Farm; museum joins National Register of Historic](#), Stamford Advocate, 2/14

[Enjoy A Farm-To-Glass Brewing Experience At This Unique Brewery In](#)



SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT GUIDANCE NOW AVAILABLE

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) is now accepting applications for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) for the 2023 program year. Applicants must submit a completed application by March 1, 2023 at 4:00 PM using [Cognito Forms](#).

Funding priorities for the 2023 SCBGP include:

- Research, development, and dissemination of innovative production practices to enhance farm viability, natural resource conservation, and climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Market access (local, regional, national, or international), marketing, branding, and consumer education
- Producer collaboration—including establishing or strengthening producer associations and cooperatives
- Value chain enhancement—including strengthening relationships between producers, aggregators, processors, distributors, retail businesses, and consumers
- Pest and disease management
- Technical assistance to address efficiency, conservation, climate change, business viability, workforce development, labor issues, succession planning, and challenges facing beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers
- Enhancing food safety and improving the capacity of specialty crop businesses to comply with Food Safety Modernization Act or food safety audit program requirements

specialty crop producers,” said Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt said. “From pest and disease management to technical assistance and enhancing food safety modernization, the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program funds strengthen our food systems through enhanced agricultural production.”

Eligible applicants include commodity groups, agricultural organizations, colleges and universities, municipalities, state agencies, and agricultural nonprofits. Projects must benefit the industry as a whole and not a single organization, business, or commercial product. As a result, individual farms or businesses are encouraged to apply and partner with other eligible applicants rather than apply themselves. This is a reimbursement grant with awards up to \$100,000. CT DoAg strongly encourages innovative projects to develop new knowledge that can strengthen specialty crop businesses.

The goal of the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is to solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in domestic and foreign markets. Specialty crops are defined as any fruit or vegetable, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture. Also included is honey, maple syrup, Christmas trees and processed foods/food products which are made of at least 50% specialty crops (excluding added water). An eligible plant must be intensively cultivated and used by people for food, medicinal purposes, and/or aesthetic gratification to be considered a specialty crop.

For more information on the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, including grant guidance, application link, and project profile template, please visit the website, <https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/ADaRC/Publications/Specialty-Crop-Block-Grant>.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CT

APPLY TO EXHIBIT

Showcase your CT Grown products, services, and specialty foods in the CT Building at Big E Agriculture booths.

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www.CTGrown.gov

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.

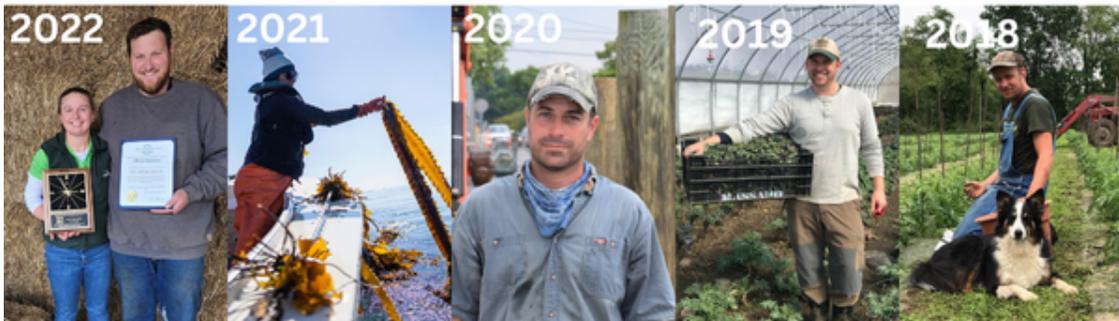
[Guidelines and Application here.](#)

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



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2023 Outstanding Young Farmer
Nominations Requested



CONNECTICUT SEEKS OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER NOMINATIONS

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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

SOLID GROUND FARMER TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDANCE FOR 2023 STIPENDS

UConn Extension is excited to announce their 2023 Solid Ground Stipend Program! UConn Extension's Solid Ground Program and the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources - Strategic Vision Implementation Committee are pleased to join forces to offer up to \$2,000 in stipends to new and beginning farmers in Connecticut.

This opportunity is intended for farmers with less than 10 years of experience operating their own business. Stipends can be used to purchase better tools and make upgrades to your operation instead of relying on low cost/low quality inputs.

Please read over the [Guidance doc](#) prior to completing the application.

Note that priority funding this year will go to:

- Supporting the success of early phase beginning farmers (those who have been operating their own farm business for 3 years or less)

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- Potential of stipend to contribute to conservation of natural resources, climate resilience, climate adaptation, or climate mitigation strategies
- Applicants who did not receive a Solid Ground Stipend in 2022 will receive priority for funding. *Applicants that were funded in 2022 are still eligible to apply.*

Applications are due no later than 5 pm on 3/3/23. Applications need to be submitted online.

[Click here to apply.](#)



CT NOFA's 41st Winter Conference
Wesleyan University - Middletown, CT

<p>March 6-11, 2023 <i>virtual workshops all week</i></p>	<p>March 11, 2023 <i>in-person gathering and celebration</i></p>
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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

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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.

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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.
- Reopening the [People's Garden Initiative](#). People's Gardens across the country grow fresh, healthy food and support resilient, local food systems; 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

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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.
- Inspire you to act, on your own or with others in your organization, business, or group, to dismantle these systems, to make changes in your work and the world that can build true equity and justice for all.

[Learn more and register here.](#)



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



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

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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 28, 2023

March 28, 2023

[Learn more and register](#)

Additional Support Opportunities

Online Training - Join a free **live webinar series** for transitioning farmers and 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.

ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF THE NORTHEASTERN DAIRY PRODUCT 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/>.

\$13 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR DAIRY PROCESSING

NE-DBIC announces a major investment in dairy processing through two new grants:

Dairy Processing Research & Development Innovation Grant

This grant offers \$1 million in funding to conduct projects that support sustainability and innovation for Northeast dairy processors across a variety of scales. Open to licensed dairy processors and producer associations from the Northeast, grants will range from \$75,000 to \$250,000 with a 25% (cash or in-kind) match commitment required. **This grant is open now and closes March 23.**

Existing Dairy Processor Expansion Grant

This grant offers \$12 million in funding to help processing facilities located in the Northeast expand utilization of regionally sourced milk, with a focus on acquiring specialized equipment needed to increase processing capacity through volume expansion and existing product line expansion.

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Northeast are invited to apply. Three tiers of funding are available to accommodate processors of all scales.



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.



WBDC Equity Match Grant

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 grant; pawn shops and medical malpractice; liquor stores and alcohol distributors; adult businesses such as strip clubs, vape retail (e.g., tobacco shops) and smoking lounges; businesses having to do with gambling; gun stores and ranges; cash advance, check cashing, or pawn shops; bail bonds; collection agencies or services and auction or bankruptcy or fire or "lost our lease" or "going out of business" or similar; 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	SPANISH
Thurs, 1/19 12:00 – 1:00 PM	
Wed, 1/25 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Wed, 1/18 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Mon, 1/30 5:30 – 6:30 PM	Wed, 2/1 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Thurs, 2/9 12:00 – 1:00 PM	Thurs, 2/16 5:30 – 6:30 PM
Wed, 2/15 5:30 – 6:30 PM	
Tues, 2/21 10:00 – 11:00 AM	

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/

Ag Market Pricing

Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT
Prices provided on February 13, 2023

Open on Monday, February 20,
regular schedule

New Holland Dairy Auction - New Holland, PA

Lancaster Farming Hay Market

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[New England Shell Eggs](#)

[Pennsylvania Weekly Cattle Auction Summary](#)

[Wholesale Ornamental Flowers - Boston](#)

[Pennsylvania Livestock Auction - Eighty Four, PA](#)

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2017 Eliminator Model 224 Seed & Grain Cleaner, includes extra screens. Additional screens are available from manufacturer for any grain or seed imaginable. Asking \$5,400 obo. Call or text Dan Dzen (860) 548-6763 (3/3/2023)

Bushel wooden apple boxes; in good-excellent condition \$250 for a quantity of 25 boxes. Call or text:860-908-3899. (3/3/2023)

4500' plus and 3.5' wide Fruit-Zone Roll Premium Grade Bird Netting made of black colored polypropylene with a 3/4 inch mesh (approximately 2.3#MSF), also called "side netting". Can be cross-cut or parted into narrower widths for fruit zone netting / side netting. Was a 5000' roll and we used about 220'. Asking \$150 please. Located in Colchester, CT. Rosemary or Tim: 508/873-6781 (3/10/2023)

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.

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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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Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. [Sonpal's Power Fence](#) 860-491-2290.

The SIG Insurance Agencies offer a wide range of carriers, can save you up to 23% on your farm insurance and provide better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call us for all your insurance needs with locations in CT, RI, NY and NH. Contact our AG department at 866-346-3744, option 4.

Transplanters, vacuum seeders, fertilizer applicators, garlic and potato planters and harvesters. High quality Italian-made precision equipment for the vegetable, tobacco, hemp, fruit, and floral markets. Call or email us today for details. Griffin Farm Equipment, LLC. 860-508-2426, Griffinfarm@aol.com; www.griffinfarmtools.com

Wanted

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

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Employment Opportunities

Do you have a passion for agricultural and public health? Are you a student who is currently applying to or enrolled in a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program? If so, an internship with the **United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)** may be right for you!

We are now accepting applications for the [Saul T. Wilson Jr. Internship program](#). Through this program, you will gain valuable, real-world experience in promoting and protecting the nation's agricultural animal health. For example, on any given day, you might work in a pasture collecting statistical information,

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