

# Agricultural Report

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## CONNECTICUT GROWN PEACHES, PEARS, AND PLUMS

*Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation*

Connecticut grown peaches, pears, and plums are in season. Now is a good time to visit a Connecticut farm to buy some of these delicious fruits directly from the farmers that grew them or pick your own right from the tree.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) has a listing of 100 Connecticut pick-your-own farms available at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/ADaRC/Publications/Connecticut-Pick-Your-Own-Farms-By-County>.

Connecticut farmers are also bringing fresh peaches, pears, and plums to farmers' markets across the state. A list of more than 100 Connecticut farmers' markets is available at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOAG/ADaRC/Publications/Farmers-Markets>.

Stone fruit—a fruit with a stone, or pit, in the middle—is a significant economic driver in Connecticut.

According to the 2017 USDA Census of Agriculture, fruit and tree nuts accounted for more than \$25,000,000 of Connecticut farm sales in 2017. According to the Census, 508 Connecticut farms sold fruit and tree nuts in 2017, which was 9.2% of Connecticut farms with sales.

"Peaches have been really good with really good flavor this year," said Doug Bussa of Bussa Orchards.

Doug grows about 20 acres of apples, five acres of pears, and five acres of peaches on his farm in South Glastonbury.

Doug said his clingstone (early) varieties of peaches were a little small but his freestone (later) varieties are doing very well.

"Now we're in the height of peaches," said Doug. "It's a good time to do some canning and make some pies."

Doug said his pear and plum crop has been light this year due to a cool wet spring. So customers should get out

to the farms soon.

"Both pears and plums are a very small crop this year," said Doug. "There was poor pollination weather in the spring."

Many customers who visit Connecticut farms to buy peaches, pears, and plums also take advantage of the other opportunities offered by the farm.

In addition to peaches, pears, and plums Belltown Hill Orchards in South Glastonbury also sells fresh vegetables from their fields; their homemade jams, jellies, and preserves; as well as pies, cookies, and apple cider donuts made fresh in their own bakery.

Belltown Hill Orchards is a diversified fruit growing farm which started in 1910 on only seven acres of land. In the past 108 years the farm has expanded to 150 acres with apples representing approximately half of the total production acres and various other fruit including stone fruits making up the other half of the farm. Belltown Hill Orchards markets their fruit through their onsite farm market, pick your own, and wholesale retailers. Go to <https://www.belltownhillorchards.com> or call 860-633-2789 for more information about pick-your-own availability at Belltown Hill Orchards.

Lyman Orchards in Middlefield, offers pick-your-own peaches and includes a market offering fresh seasonal produce and baked goods made in the farm kitchen for sale. The farm also offers its own hard cider for sale in addition to other agritourism attractions like a sunflower maze and a corn maze. For more information about Lyman Orchards go to <http://www.lymanorchards.com>.

Follow DoAg on [Facebook](#) and [Pinterest](#) for more pick-your-own information and updates on Connecticut Grown seasonal produce.



*Doug Bussa of Bussa Orchards in South Glastonbury, CT.*

**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.08	1.34
LARGE	1.02	1.16
MEDIUM	.62	.75

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.46	1.59
LARGE	1.29	1.45
MEDIUM	.88	1.01
SMALL	.69	.79

**LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Choice 2-3	105.00	114.00
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing</b>		
breakers 75-80% lean	61.00	67.00
boners 80-85% lean	56.00	64.50
lean 88-90% lean	48.00	56.00
<b>CALVES - Graded bull</b>		
No 1 100-105 lbs	70.00	85.00
No 2 90-95 lbs	55.00	75.00
No 2 100-105 lbs	65.00	77.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-96 lbs	185.00	215.00
106-125 lbs	175.00	205.00
Choice 1-2		
50-53 lbs	170.00	185.00
60-63 lbs	190.00	210.00
70-78 lbs	172.00	195.00
80-88 lbs	160.00	205.00
Choice 2-3		
90-98 lbs	155.00	192.00
100-142 lbs	150.00	190.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight</b>		
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1</b>		
60-69 lbs	165.00	185.00
70-79 lbs	185.00	205.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1</b>		
100-149 lbs	190.00	225.00
150-199 lbs	230.00	255.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1</b>		
120-149 lbs	225.00	265.00
150-199 lbs	275.00	340.00

**DAIRY CATTLE**

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

<b>FRESH/MILKING COWS</b>		
APPROVED	1075.00	1400.00
MEDIUM	550.00	1000.00
<b>BRED COWS</b>		
APPROVED	800.00	975.00
<b>SPRINGER COWS:</b>		
APPROVED	900.00	1325.00
<b>BRED HEIFERS</b>		
APPROVED	775.00	900.00
MEDIUM	600.00	725.00
<b>SPRINGER HEIFERS:</b>		
APPROVED	975.00	1175.00
<b>OPEN HEIFERS</b>		
APPROVED	525.00	585.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Per cwt.

<b>SLAUGHTER HOGS</b>		
<b>BARROWS AND GILTS</b>		
US 1-2 215-289 lbs	57.00	64.00
304-375 lbs	55.00	60.00
US 2-3 240-297 lbs	45.00	54.00
300-397 lbs	43.50	59.00
<b>SOWS</b>		
US 1-2 318-325 lbs	18.00	28.00
400-496 lbs	32.00	40.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices  
CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, GHS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 72	28.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 80	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 100	26.00	26.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 125	18.00	19.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 138	18.00	19.00
BEANS, ROUND GREEN, 1 BU	16.00	20.00
BEANS, FLAT GREEN, 1 BU	30.00	30.00
BEANS, WAX, 1 BU	30.00	32.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BROCCOLI, CROWN CUT, 20LB	12.00	16.00
CABBAGE, GRN, 50 LB	12.00	15.00
CABBAGE, RED, 50 LB, M/L	24.00	26.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, 40 LB	18.00	20.00
CAULIFLOWER, CRT, 12S	16.00	20.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	24.00	24.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	28.00	28.00
COLLARDS, CTN, 12S	13.00	16.00
CORN, BI-COLOR, 5 DZ	12.00	14.00
CUCUMBER, 1 1/9 BU, MED	16.00	18.00
EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 BU, MED	11.00	12.00
KALE, CTN, BNCH, 12'S	13.00	15.00
PEPPERS, CUBANELLE, 1 1/9 BU	18.00	18.00
RADISHES, RED, BNCH 24S	13.00	15.00
RHUBARB, 20 LBS, CRT, L	34.00	35.00
SQUASH, BNUT, 1 1/9 BU, M	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, ZUCCHINI, 1/2 BU, S	10.00	14.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, 1/2 BU, S	10.00	14.00
TOMS, FIELD, 20 LB, CRT, L	12.00	12.00
TOMS, VINE RIPE, 12 LB FLT, L	22.00	22.00
TOMS, VINE RIPES, 25 LB, M	20.00	20.00
TOMS, VINE RIPES, 25 LB, L	25.00	25.00
TOMS, CHERRY, 12 10-OZ CUP	24.00	25.00

**HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET**

Price Range. Per unit. August 24, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
APPLES, GINGER GOLD, HNDL	10.00	10.00
APPLES, MACINTOSH, BU	30.00	30.00
APPLES, PAULA REDS, HNDL	10.00	10.00
BEANS, GREEN, 1 1/9 BU	30.00	35.00
BEANS, WAX, 1 1/9 BU	30.00	35.00
CABBAGE, 1 7/8 BU	15.00	18.00
CANTALOUPE, 1 1/9 BU	15.00	16.00
CORN, 5 DOZ	18.00	20.00
CUCUMBER, SLICER 1 1/9 BU	15.00	20.00
CUCUMBER, PICKLING 1/2 BU	15.00	20.00
EGGPLANT 1 1/9 BU	10.00	15.00
PEACHES	26.00	30.00
PEPPERS, BELL, 1 1/9 BU	15.00	20.00
PEPPERS, HOTS, 1/2 BU	20.00	20.00
PEPPERS, HOT, 1 1/9 BU	15.00	20.00
PEPPERS, SWEET, CUB 1 1/9 BU	15.00	15.00
SQUASH, GOLDEN ZUCC	15.00	16.00
SQUASH, YELLOW	15.00	16.00
SQUASH, ZUCCHINI	15.00	16.00
TOMATOES, HEIRLOOM, 12- 1 PT	18.00	20.00
TOMATOES, HEIRLOOM, 10 LB	15.00	20.00
TOMATOES, PLUM	20.00	20.00
WATERMELON, EA	5.00	5.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - August 26, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
<b>Bob Calves:</b>		
45-60 lbs.	8.00	12.00
61-75 lbs.	15.00	20.00
76-90 lbs.	35.00	42.50
91-105 lbs.	45.00	55.00
106 lbs. & up	65.00	75.00
Farm Calves	n/a	n/a
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	140.00	142.50
Feeder Heifers	65.00	75.00
Beef Heifers	67.00	88.00
Feeder Steers	58.00	80.00
Beef Steers	69.00	77.00
Feeder Bulls	115.00	150.00
Beef Bulls	70.00	75.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	12.50	22.50
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	70.00	155.00
Lambs each	140.00	260.00
Goats each	120.00	290.00
Kid Goats each	60.00	120.00
Canners	up to	64.50
Cutters	65.00	69.00
Utility Grade Cows	70.00	74.00
Rabbits each	4.00	16.00
Chickens each	5.00	32.50
Ducks each	5.00	10.00
Guinea Hens	5.00	14.00

\*\* Please note- The Middlesex Auction will be open on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2019.\*\*

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT**

Price per ton, small squares. August 26, 2019

<b>ALFALFA/ GRASS</b>		
PREMIUM	335.00	410.00
GOOD	170.00	250.00
<b>GRASS HAYS</b>		
PREMIUM	300.00	380.00
GOOD	175.00	210.00

**BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC**

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, WA, XFCY, 80'S	35.00	35.00
CABBAGE, GRN, 45 LB CRT	26.00	26.00
CABBAGE, RED, 45 LB CRT	34.00	38.00
CARROTS, CA, 25 LB LOOSE	23.00	24.00
CUKE, LONG SEEDLESS, CRT	22.00	22.00
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	25.00	25.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LB	9.50	10.00
NECTARINES, TRAY-PAC, 56S	44.00	44.00
PEACHES, TRAY-PAC, 48S	44.00	44.00
PEPPER, RED BELL, 11LB, XL	28.00	28.00
PEPPER, YEL BELL, 11LB, XL	30.00	30.00
PEPPER, ORA BELL, 11LB, XL	32.00	32.00
PEPPER, GRN BELL, 1 1/9BU, XL	45.00	45.00
SPINACH, BABY, 4 LB	13.50	13.50
SQUASH, ZUC, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, YEL, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
TOMATOES, GRAPE, 12- 1 PT	15.00	15.00
TOMATOES, VINE RIPE, 11 LB	11.00	11.00



**AWARD WINNING CONNECTICUT CHEESE**

Connecticut cheese makers took 13 awards at the 2019 American Cheese Society Judging & Competition. Arethusa Farm Dairy, Calabro Cheese Corporation, Liuzzi Cheese, and the University of Connecticut (UConn), Department of Animal Science Creamery received awards in the following categories:

**BLUE MOLD CHEESES:** Blue-veined with a rind or external coating (made from cow's milk)

- 2nd PLACE - Arethusa Blue - Arethusa Farm Dairy

**FRESH UNRIPENED CHEESES:** Ricotta (made from cow's milk)

- 1st PLACE - Hand Dipped Ricotta - Calabro Cheese Corporation

**FRESH UNRIPENED CHEESES:** Cottage Cheese, Cream Cheese, Fromage Blanc, Fromage Frais, Mascarpone, Quark, and Ricotta (made from mixed, or other milks)

- 1st PLACE - Ricotta - Liuzzi Cheese
- 2nd PLACE - Ricotta di Bufala - Calabro Cheese Corporation

**ITALIAN TYPE CHEESES:** Fresh Mozzarella - 8 oz. or More (Balls or Shapes) - all milks

- 2nd PLACE - OF Gourmet FDL - Calabro Cheese Corporation
- 3rd PLACE - Filoncino - Liuzzi Cheese

**ITALIAN TYPE CHEESES:** Fresh Mozzarella - Under 8 oz. (Ovalini, Bocconcini, Ciliegine sizes) - all milks

- 2nd PLACE - Bocconcini - Calabro Cheese Corporation

**ITALIAN TYPE CHEESES:** Burrata - Fresh mozzarella encasing a distinctly separate core made from softer curd and cream, or other soft cheese (all milks)

- 2nd PLACE - Burrata - Liuzzi Cheese

**FLAVORED CHEESES:** Hispanic-Style with Flavor Added - all milks

- 2nd PLACE - Chipotle Queso Blanco - UConn Department of Animal Science Creamery
- 3rd PLACE - Green Chile Queso Blanco - UConn Department of Animal Science Creamery

**SMOKED CHEESES:** Smoked Italian Styles (Mozzarella, Scamorza, Bocconcini, Ovalini, etc.) - all milks

- 1st PLACE - Burrata - Liuzzi Cheese
- 3rd PLACE - Smoked Fresh Mozzarella - Liuzzi Cheese

**FARMSTEAD CHEESES:** Farmstead Category Aged 60 days or more - less than 39% moisture (made from cow's milk)

- 2nd PLACE - Tapping Reeve - Arethusa Farm Dairy

**JOB OPPORTUNITY - AGRICULTURE MARKETING & INSPECTION REPRESENTATIVE 1**

The Department of Agriculture is recruiting for one (1) Agriculture Marketing & Inspection Representative 1. In this position, you will inspect and/or audit farms growing and harvesting Hemp for compliance with state and federal laws and regulations. You must also be familiar with the growing and harvesting of fruits and vegetables, producing and processing milk, and regulatory requirements for poultry and livestock health. more information go to <https://www.jobapscloud.com/CT/sup/bulpreview.asp?R1=190821&R2=4884AR&R3=001>

**JOB OPPORTUNITY STATE ANIMAL CONTROL SUPERVISOR**

The Department of Agriculture is recruiting for one (1) State Animal Control Supervisor. In this position you will oversee the Animal Control Division, which is charged with the enforcement of laws pertaining to the licensing and control of dogs, the licensing and inspection of pet facilities and rabies control. For more information go to <https://www.jobapscloud.com/CT/sup/bulpreview.asp?R1=190813&R2=0468PS&R3=001>

**ADVERTISEMENTS****FOR SALE**

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227

5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci Zyskowski today at 203-444-6553

27-R. Pollination services for small scale farms. Call Hilltop Apiaries for information at 860-408-9039

50-R. Clean straw and mulch hay for sale at the barn. 860-628-1100

52-R. Once used pumpkin bins for sale, they are all in good shape \$8 - \$10 each, limited supply. About 1,700 feet of 40 foot 4 inch wade rain pipe .75 per foot. Call Karl 860-268-5931 or Glenn 860-930-4331 for details

56-R. 20' X 24' Bench Mart SR Series Poly-Tex Greenhouse. Very good condition including all steel shelves and benches. Sliding front and back doors. New slide side panels. \$2500 or BO. Contact wkogut@cox.net or 203-641-1632 for more information

57-R. Beef heifers, Hereford/Angus cross, born April, 2 available. \$450 each. Call 860-537-1974

59-R. Compost, screened & unscreened Top Soil, Mulch. Pick up at any of our 3 yards. Supreme Forest Products. Southington, Harwinton, West Hartford. Please call 860-485-1636

60-R. E.R. Hinman Since 1830. Producing fine Native Hardwoods & Softwood. Rough sawn, planed, kiln dried lumber. Native Hemlock for your out building needs. For the Farmer, Contractor, Homeowner. Please call 860-673-9170

62-R. 3000 Ford Tractor with implements. Ford 3pt hitch [8 pcs]: 2-row corn planter, Chipper shredder, Disc Harrow, 5' Bush hog mower, Cultivator, York Rake, Scraper Blade, Rear scoop. Tractor 1971 AC 310 10 HP, w/trailer. 1976 Simplicity 7010 /w rototiller. Honda 2x4 RV. Gas tanks cutting torches. All -nigher woodstoves. Stihl and Husqvarna chainsaws. ICB plastic tanks 350 gal. Like new Craftsman tractor /mower. Call 860-918-8515

63-R. New Idea 323 one row corn picker in great shape. Everything works, used last year. Kept inside. \$1800. 860-355-1264, leave message

64-R. Apples for Sale- Macs, Macoun, Cortland. GAP Certified, high quality, priced to sell. Greater Hartford delivery or pick-up at farm. 860-712-2919

**WANTED**

6-R. Livestock wanted: Dairy cattle, heifers of any age, beef cows, bulls, steers, feeder cattle, veal, groups of sheep and goats. RyanM01@comcast.net or 860-655-0958. If no answer, leave message. All calls returned

**MISCELLANEOUS**

58-R. Pollination Service, package bees, queens, bee-keeping equipment. Call Mark for information 860-883-3229

61-R. Connecticut Herford breeders are selling at auction. 60 lots. September 7th. Contact 860-573-2829 for catalog.

65-R. Connecticut Greenhouse Co. Installation, maintenance and fabrication of greenhouses, cold frames and NRCS high tunnels. 12' to 30' wide by any length. Designed and manufactured in CT, a farmer owned and operated business. Maintenance parts, supplies and custom plastic. [www.ctgreenhouse.com](http://www.ctgreenhouse.com) or call Toby 203-654-1595

## JOB OPPORTUNITY - PROCESSING TECHNICIAN

The Department of Agriculture is recruiting for one (1) Processing Technician. The incumbent in this position will be accountable for the licensing and certification of our agency's hemp, agricultural commodities, pet facilities, livestock and poultry, animal control officers, animal importers, and milk/dairy operations. Responsibilities will include reviewing and evaluating applications for licensure and certification for compliance with statutes, regulations, policies and procedures; processing initial and possibly renewal applications; responding to written and telephone inquiries of a complex nature regarding program activities; explaining laws, regulations and licensing requirements to applicants, licensees and consumers; providing technical support to clerical staff and may supervise lower level clerical staff; authorizing the issuance of licenses, permits and/or certifications; composing informational materials on licensure requirements and procedures. For more information go to <https://www.jobapscloud.com/CT/sup/bulpreview.asp?R1=190820&R2=6435CL&R3=001>

## UConn AGRICULTURE CERTIFICATE SURVEY

UConn Extension is developing agriculture certificates to enhance skill sets of farmers, farm employees, students, and others interested. We would like your input on which program certificates would be most useful to you. This survey should take approximately three minutes. Go to [https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0cAjhUkSSulEsvj](https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0cAjhUkSSulEsvj) to compete the survey.

## INFORMATION FOR HEMP GROWERS

UConn Extension Vegetable Specialist, Shuresh Ghimire provides the following information for hemp growers:

For cannabidiol (CBD) hemp growers, identifying and removing male plants at early stage of flowering (before pollination) is critical. Female plants are ideal for CBD production as the inflorescences of female plant has significantly greater CBD content than male plants. Pollination and seed set drastically reduces CBD content.

Most cultivars currently grown in field are photoperiod sensitive. As daylength is getting shorter than 14 hours, you will start to see hemp flower, even in full sunlight field conditions. Some of you are already seeing lots of flowers, mostly where the plants are not exposed to full sunlight conditions. You will need to be vigilant in identifying male flowers and remove any male plants before pollination occurs.

Go to <https://fi348.infusionsoft.com/app/linkClick/7218/b41ff645c013a58e/329778/87f7d172d6a2afec> to download an August 9, 2019 UConn Extension Hemp Message that includes information about how to identify male and female hemp plants, and a link to a video that shows how to identify male and female flowers. This Hemp Message also includes a list of insects (with photos) that were spotted in field-grown hemp in Connecticut. It is important to note that currently there are no pesticides that are specifically labeled for use on hemp by the EPA. Go to <https://forms.gle/s431sJwazfykbVVA9> for to a brief survey with three questions about hemp growing.

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