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CONNECTICUT FARMLINK PROGRAM CONNECTS FARMERS WITH FARMLAND

Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation

The Connecticut (CT) FarmLink Program was established by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) in 2007.

The goal of the program is to connect farmers seeking land with farmland owners looking to sell or lease acreage. CT FarmLink also provides resource information and some technical assistance about farm leasing, farm transfer, farm succession planning, family farm estate planning, and farm transfer strategies.

In essence, the CT FarmLink program postings serve as a sort of matchmaking website for prospective farm owners and farm seekers. Interested parties register by completing either a Farm Seeker Application or Farm Owner Application. The description of an available farm or an individual's needs for farmland is posted on the website.

Currently, participating farm owners or seekers email Connecticut Farmland Trust, Conservation Associate, Lily Orr at lorry@ctfarmland.org to acquire more information about any of the postings. By the end of August 2019, CT FarmLink will launch a new website that will make it easier for farmers to connect with farmland owners.

"Owners and seekers will soon have their own log-in profiles, be able to upload farmland photos or personal resumes, and can anonymously message interested parties. All land postings, seeker postings, and resources will be filterable, so finding what you are looking for will be much easier," said Lily.

The website, www.CTfarmlink.org, serves as a clearinghouse where landowners post descriptions and details of their farm for sale or lease, and those seeking land post information on what they desire. The site also provides links to programs, agencies, organizations, and upcoming training, and workshops.

"FarmLink is an online tool to help connect farmland owners with farmland seekers, with a goal of keeping Connecticut farmland in production," said Lily.

Land access is a significant barrier for farmers in Connecticut. According to the 2017 USDA Census of Agriculture, the average price of farmland in Connecticut is \$12,483 per acre—one of the highest in the country. A 2017 survey by the National Young Farmers Coalition found land access to be the number one challenge that young farmers and ranchers face.

Currently, there are about 300 farmland seekers and 78 landowners posted on the CT FarmLink website. The greater number of farmland seekers reflects the land access challenge many Connecticut farmers face.

CT FarmLink offers free site visits to landowners. During a site visit Kip Kolesinskas, consulting soil scientist, and Lily will see what is available on the property and determine what type of agriculture the land is best suited for. Based on the site visit, Kip and Lily will offer suggestions for describing the property on farmlink, features to consider in a lease or sale, and possible improvements that will increase the farm's potential.

CT FarmLink also offers free site visits to farm seekers. With permission from the landowner, Kip and Lily bring the farm seeker out to the interested property (or properties) to evaluate the land and infrastructure suitability for the seeker's needs and goals. Kip and Lily will offer suggestions to the farm seeker about what needs to be improved or thought more about before further pursuing the property.

To address the land cost barrier many farmers lease land, and CT FarmLink helps farmers find land available for lease. After a farmer has connected with a landowner, Land for Good, a nonprofit organization, can help to draft a lease agreement that works for both parties.

Land for Good also offers one-on-one consultation for farm seekers, farm families, and non-farming landowners to develop, promote and support diversity and innovation around farmland tenure, as well as assistance on succession, and estate planning.



Sheep grazing at a family farm in South Windsor. The sheep are cared for in part by a farmer the family met through CT FarmLink.

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.49	.68
LARGE	.43	.57
MEDIUM	.33	.46

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.19	1.49
LARGE	1.05	1.39
MEDIUM	.77	.89
SMALL	.69	.79

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Choice 2-3	110.00	115.00
Select 2-3	104.00	110.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Choice 2-3	102.00	105.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	63.50	67.00
boners 80-85% lean	57.00	63.00
lean 88-90% lean	46.00	53.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 100-105 lbs	75.00	95.00
No 2 90-95 lbs	50.00	70.00
No 2 100-105 lbs	60.00	70.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
83-87 lbs	197.00	215.00
90-96 lbs	180.00	205.00
101-137 lbs	145.00	205.00
Choice 1-2		
50-59 lbs	195.00	220.00
65-69 lbs	195.00	220.00
70-79 lbs	180.00	210.00
80-87 lbs	175.00	187.00
Choice 2-3		
90-99 lbs	165.00	185.00
100-149 lbs	135.00	180.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight		
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
50-59 lbs	150.00	175.00
60-69 lbs	180.00	215.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
110-149 lbs	200.00	235.00
150-199 lbs	240.00	285.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
120-149 lbs	265.00	310.00
150-199 lbs	325.00	370.00

BOSTON MARKET CUT FLOWERS

Wholesale price \$/ unit as listed

CALLA, WHITE/ STEM	5.00	5.00
GERBERA, CND/ STEM	1.25	1.50
GLADIOLUS, BNCH 10S	12.50	15.00
IRIS, DK. BLUE, BNCH 10S	7.50	7.50
LAVENDER, BNCH	10.00	10.00
LILIES, ASIATIC, CND/BNCH	13.50	15.00
LISIANTHUS, BNCH 10S	20.00	20.00
PEONY, BNCH 10S	20.00	20.00
SNAPDRAGON, BNCH 10S	12.75	15.00
SUNFLOWER, BNCH 5S	7.50	8.75
SUNFLOWER per stem	1.00	1.00

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, 80	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88	31.00	32.00
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, GREEN, 1 BU	22.00	24.00
BEANS, WAX, 1 BU	32.00	32.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12-1 PT	32.00	33.00
CABBAGE, GRN, 50 LB	17.00	18.00
CABBAGE, RED, 50 LB, M/L	20.00	26.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, 1 7/8 BU	20.00	20.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	24.00	24.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	28.00	28.00
COLLARDS, 1 3/5 BU, 12S	13.00	16.00
CORN, BI-COLOR, 5 DZ	18.00	20.00
CUCUMBER, 1 1/9 BU, MED	20.00	22.00
CURRENTS, RED, 12- 1 PT	35.00	37.00
KALE, CTN, BNCH, 12'S	13.00	15.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, 1 1/9 BU	60.00	60.00
PEAS, SUGAR SNAP, 10 LB	35.00	35.00
RADISHES, RED, BNCH 24S	13.00	14.00
RHUBARB, 20 LBS, CRT, L	34.00	35.00
SQUASH, BNUT, 1 1/9 BU, M	15.00	15.00
SQUASH, ZUCCHINI, 1/2 BU, S	8.00	15.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, 1/2 BU, S	14.00	19.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8- 1 QT	36.00	38.00
TOMS, GHS, 25 LB, M	25.00	25.00
TOMS, GHS, ON VINE, 11 LB	13.00	13.00

SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, NY, XFCY, 64	31.00	31.00
APPLE, FUJI, NY, XFCY, 125	19.00	19.00
APPLE, JONAGOLD, NY, XFCY, 125	24.00	24.00
BEETS, RED, NJ, BNCH 12S	16.00	18.00
BEETS, GOLD, NJ, BNCH 12S	18.00	20.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 2 BU	25.00	26.00
CARROTS, CA, BNCH, 24S	22.00	24.00
CUKE, PICKLES, GA, 150-200	24.00	28.00
EGGPLANT, GA, 1 1/9 BU, MED	14.00	16.00
LETTUCE, GRN LF, CA, 24S	26.00	30.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, CA, 24S	24.00	28.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	6.50	8.00
PEACHES, YELLOW, GA, 1/2 BU #1	22.00	26.00
PEPPER, CUBANELLE, NJ 1 1/9 BU	20.00	23.00
PEPPER, JALAPENO, GA 1/2 BU	14.00	15.00
SWISS CHARD, MIXED, NJ, 12's	18.00	18.00

BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, WA, XFCY, 80'S	35.00	35.00
BLUEBERRIES, CAN, 12-1 PT	27.00	27.00
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, CRTN	14.00	16.00
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	25.00	25.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LB	9.50	10.00
RASPBERRIES, CA, 6-12 OZ	30.00	33.00
SQUASH, ZUC, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, YEL, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - July 22, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	10.00	15.00
61-75 lbs.	18.00	22.50
76-90 lbs.	25.00	30.00
91-105 lbs.	32.00	35.00
106 lbs. & up	40.00	50.00
Farm Calves	n/a	n/a
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	92.00	125.00
Feeder Heifers	97.50	100.00
Beef Heifers	67.00	78.00
Feeder Steers	97.50	100.00
Beef Steers	72.00	92.00
Feeder Bulls	87.50	100.50
Beef Bulls	67.00	84.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	150.00	160.00 by \$
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	75.00	280.00
Lambs each	110.00	285.00
Goats each	115.00	360.00
Kid Goats each	65.00	270.00
Canners	up to	62.00
Cutters	63.00	67.00
Utility Grade Cows	68.00	72.00
Rabbits each	5.00	18.00
Chickens each	3.00	19.00
Ducks each	6.00	17.00

DAIRY CATTLE

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

FRESH/MILKING COWS		
APPROVED	850.00	1450.00
MEDIUM	500.00	825.00
SPRINGER HEIFERS:		
APPROVED	900.00	1100.00
OPEN HEIFERS		
APPROVED	215.00	300.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. July 22, 2019

ALFALFA/ GRASS		
PREMIUM	350.00	365.00
GRASS HAYS		
GOOD	300.00	300.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
BARROWS AND GILTS		
US 1-2 205-295 lbs	54.00	61.00
313-335 lbs	54.00	61.00
US 2-3 210-280 lbs	52.00	57.00
SOWS		
US 1-2 310-390 lbs	30.00	34.00
443-485 lbs	31.00	31.00
625-650 lbs	33.00	33.00

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CT FarmLink helps landowners determine what resources are available to ensure farmland remains in agricultural production, including DoAg's Farmland Preservation Program and Farmland Restoration Program.

"Through the site visits and conversations with landowners we suggest local, state, and federal programs that are available to them," said Lily. "Since FarmLink is a partnership between Connecticut Farmland Trust and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, we have direct means of connecting people to the appropriate programs and helping them through the process of applying or executing."



An East Haddam farmer used CT FarmLink to offer land for lease to other farmers.

Some landowners that have preserved their farmland through DoAg's Farmland Preservation Program have also used CT FarmLink to find farmers interested in working the permanently protected farmland. CT FarmLink helps land that has been protected remain active farmland.

DoAg's Farmland Preservation Program preserves working lands by acquiring development rights to agricultural properties, ensuring that the land remains available only for agricultural use.

Several Connecticut farms that have been permanently protected for agriculture use through DoAg's Farmland Preservation Program have also taken advantage of funding through DoAg's Farmland Restoration Program (FLRP).

The FLRP provides matching grants of up to \$20,000 for restoration activities that increase the state's farmland resource base for agriculture, with a priority placed on prime and important farmland soils and on human and livestock food production.

Activities eligible for funding under the FLRP include reclamation of grown-over pastures, meadows, and cropland; clearing and removal of trees, stumps, stones, and brush to create or restore agricultural use; and other activities. Both farmland owners and farmers who lease land may be eligible. For more information about the FLRP go to www.CTGrown.gov/grants.



A North Granby landowner connected a with farmer through CT FarmLink.

Administrative support for the Connecticut FarmLink Program is funded through the Community Investment Act which provides funding for open space, farmland preservation, historic preservation, and affordable housing. Farmland Owners and farmland seekers interested in participating in the CT FarmLink Program should visit www.CTfarmlink.org, email Lily at lorr@ctfarmland.org, or call 860-247-0202 ext. 227 for more information.

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290

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

48-R. 1086 International tractor with 6 bottom plow, 12 ft wheel harrow, asking \$15,000. 860-623-4366

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

44-R. Connecticut Greenhouse Company. 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 or call Toby 203-654-1595

49-R. Attention Hemp Growers: Farmland and Greenhouse space available for sale/rent to licensed growers. Thirty acres of land and 3 acres of greenhouse space. Call Alex @ 203-223-4853 for details

PLANT SCIENCE DAY: AUGUST 7, 2019

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station will host the 109th Plant Science Day on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lockwood Farm, 890 Evergreen Avenue, Hamden, CT. This annual event is free and open to all.

Among the highlights of the day are the Century Farm Award and the Samuel W. Johnson Memorial Lecture. The Century Farm Award is presented to a farm that has been in family operation for more than 100 years. This year's recipient will be Hastings Farm of Suffield, CT.

The Memorial Lecture, named for Professor Johnson, director of the Station from 1877 to 1900, was established as a forum to discuss issues of concern to Connecticut residents and the Station. This year's Memorial Lecture will be provided by Mr. Keith B. Bishop, Co-CEO, of Bishop's Orchards in Guilford, CT.

Plant Science Day will also include a "question and answer" tent to provide information on identification of insects, plant disorders, soils and their management; a Kids' Korner that offers a special activity for young children to help them enjoy and explore; and a self-guided activity for Girl Scouts and older children.

For more information go to <https://portal.ct.gov/CAES>.

INTERNATIONAL FARMING SCHOLARS AWARDS

Applications for the 2020 Nuffield International Farming Scholars awards are being accepted until September 30, 2019.

Nuffield International inspires people to make a difference in the world of agriculture by developing the individuals in agriculture who will shape the future of agriculture and our local and global communities. For more information go to <http://www.nuffieldinternational.org/scholarship.html>.

SERVSAFE MANAGER CERTIFICATION

A ServSafe Manager Certification course will be offered by CLiCK on Saturday, August 3, 2019, 10:15 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. The course will be held at 41 Club Road, Windham, CT.

The cost of the class is \$150 per person. If you are a Connecticut farmer the class is free courtesy of a Farm Viability Grant provided by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

For more information visit <https://clickwillimantic.com> or call 860-786-7907. To register email Rachel LaPorte at rachael.clickwillimantic@gmail.com.

HEALTHY SOILS WORKSHOP

Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) will offer a Silvopasture & Agroforestry 101 workshop on Wednesday, August 14, 2019; 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The workshop will be held at Hidden Blossom Farm, 18 Old Barrows Road, Union, CT.

The workshop is part of Connecticut RC&D's Healthy Soils Initiative. In collaboration with partners, this workshop will focus on the basics of silvopasture and agroforestry. The day will include guest speakers, demonstrations, and field walks in rugged terrain. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Two CEU's from DEEP Forestry Division will be available for this event.

The registration fee is \$25 and lunch is included. For additional information and registration go to <https://ctrcd.org/silvopasture-agroforestry-workshop>. For more information, please contact Amanda at ajohnson@ctrcd.org or call 860.345.3977 x100.

CT NRCS EQIP APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 26TH

Are you a Connecticut landowner operating a vegetable, nursery, orchard, greenhouse, or other field crop operation who's looking for ways to improve your conservation efforts?

Are you the owner or operator of an Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) or Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) in Connecticut looking for ways to protect natural resources?

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to help farmers take voluntary actions to minimize potential resource concerns by providing technical and sometimes financial assistance for the adoption of practices that will protect natural resources.

NEW – qualified applicants can use EQIP to address gypsy moth damage. Options include an opportunity for early successional cutting, an addendum to applicants with an existing forestry management plan to remove dead and dying trees, and a template plan for those with a current forest stewardship plan.

Applications are accepted year-round; however, to be eligible for current year funding you must ensure your application is submitted to your local NRCS office by July 26, 2019.

For more information go to the Getting Started section of the Connecticut NRCS website at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ct/home>.

To find out more, fill out eligibility forms, or 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.

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