

Agricultural Report

Connecticut Department of Agriculture
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2019 LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

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With the adjournment of the 2019 legislative session, the following is a roundup of proposals that the department worked on to support and enhance agriculture in our state. There were many proposals that were debated and passed into law, these are a few that the department engaged in over the course of the session.

[Hemp Pilot Program, Public Act 19-3](#)

The Department and stakeholders worked tirelessly together to design and implement a hemp program for hemp growers and processors in Connecticut that could be enacted and open for the growing season.

The bill was signed by Governor Lamont on May 9, 2019. After the Governor signed it, DoAg had its hemp program up and running so interested parties to apply for a grower and processor license as soon as possible. This legislation required DoAg to establish and operate a hemp research pilot program under the 2014 Farm Bill. The legislation also requires DoAg to prepare a hemp state plan in accordance with the 2018 Farm Bill. Once approved, the DoAg must submit the plan to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) secretary for approval.

The legislation also removes hemp from the controlled substance list, and specifies that, 1. Marijuana does not include hemp or hemp products; and 2. THC that is in hemp but does not exceed 0.3 percent on a dry weight is not a controlled substance.

[Honey & Maple Syrup, Public Act 19-18](#)

The bill exempts all in-state maple syrup and honey production, including its preparation, packaging, labeling, and sale, from regulation under the

state's Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) and cottage food law. It also exempts producers from the requirement to obtain a DCP food manufacturing license. The legislation allows maple syrup and honey producers to be licensed, inspected, and enforced by DoAg. It requires the commissioner to adopt regulations for overseeing maple syrup and honey production. Existing law already exempts maple syrup prepared and sold on residential farms from the state FDCA.

[Community Investment Act – Dairy Agricultural Sustainability, House Bill 7424](#)

The state budget which was passed out of the House and Senate increased the CIA's Ag Sustainability account by \$1.5 million for each fiscal year in 2020 and 2021, in addition to the previously allocated \$1 million per fiscal year for a total investment of \$2.5 million per fiscal year above the CIA generated funding levels.

[Green Economy – Anaerobic Digesters, HB 5002](#)

This bill creates a pathway for on farm anaerobic digesters to be sited. The legislation exempts certain anaerobic digestion facilities at animal feeding operations from DEEP permit

requirements to construct and operate a solid waste facility. It allows the DEEP commissioner to procure up to 10 megawatts of energy and requires PURA to establish interconnection standards for biogas which is generated from farms. The liquid material end product must be used as fertilizer and any solid material end products must be used for animal bedding, soil or soil amendment, fertilizer, or other value-added products. The legislation passed the House



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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.55	.73
LARGE	.59	.63
MEDIUM	.40	.53

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.10	1.49
LARGE	1.00	1.39
MEDIUM	.78	.88
SMALL	.69	.79

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Choice 2-3	113.00	116.50
Select 2-3	104.00	111.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Choice 2-3	104.00	107.00
Select 2-3	95.00	99.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	60.00	66.50
boners 80-85% lean	59.00	66.00
lean 88-90% lean	51.00	59.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 100-105 lbs	85.00	100.00
No 2 80-85 lbs	60.00	80.00
No 2 110-115 lbs	65.00	80.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
81-89 lbs	195.00	222.00
90-98 lbs	200.00	230.00
100-145 lbs	190.00	217.00
Choice 1-2		
50-56 lbs	170.00	200.00
60-69 lbs	170.00	200.00
70-78 lbs	177.00	190.00
80-89 lbs	176.00	200.00
Choice 2-3		
90-98 lbs	180.00	213.00
100-140 lbs	174.00	195.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight		
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-49 lbs	130.00	155.00
50-59 lbs	160.00	175.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
100-149 lbs	190.00	235.00
150-199 lbs	220.00	250.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
115-149 lbs	225.00	275.00
150-199 lbs	270.00	305.00
200-249 lbs	305.00	355.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
BARROWS AND GILTS		
US 1 203-275 lbs	64.00	91.00
US 1-2 220-295 lbs	56.00	63.00
300-375 lbs	50.00	62.00
US 2-3 257-285 lbs	50.00	54.00
SOWS		
US 1-2 430-470 lbs	47.00	51.00
420-490 lbs	50.00	53.00
500-595 lbs	49.00	50.00
SOWS		
US 2-3 370-375 lbs	43.00	45.00

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	28.00	28.00
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
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	22.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	27.00	27.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB, LSE, M	28.00	36.00
PARSNIPS, 18 1-LB BAG, M	28.00	34.00
RHUBARB, 20 LBS, CRT, L	35.00	36.00
TOMS, GHS, 25 LB, S-M	26.00	26.00
TOMS, GHS, ON VINE, 11 LB	14.00	14.00
TOMS, GHS, CHERRY, 12 10-OZ	24.00	25.00

SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 88	32.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, NY, 125, #1	19.00	19.00
ASPARAGUS, NJ, 28 LB, BNCH	38.00	45.00
BEETS, RED, NJ, 12S, BNCH	17.00	18.00
BEETS, GOLD, NJ, 12S, BNCH	22.00	22.00
BLACKBERRIES, GA, 12-6 OZ.	15.00	16.00
BLUEBERRIES, GA, 12-1 PT	26.00	27.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 1 3/4 BU	18.00	22.00
BROCCOLI, CTN, CA, 14'S	18.00	21.00
CABBAGE, GRN, NY, 50 LB	18.00	20.00
CABBAGE, RED, NJ, 50 LB, M/L	30.00	37.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, GA, 40 LB, M/L	24.00	26.00
CABBAGE, NAPA, GA, 50 LB	24.00	25.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	22.00	20.00
CAULIFLOWER, CA, 12's	16.00	22.00
COLLARDS, NJ, 1 3/5 BU, 12'S	16.00	16.00
CUCUMBER, GA, 1 1/9 BU, MED	26.00	28.00
CUKE, PICKLES, GA, 150-200	38.00	40.00
EGGPLANT, GA, 1 1/9 BU, MED	20.00	26.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24'S	16.00	18.00
FIDDLE HEADS, MA, 10 lb	60.00	65.00
KALE, NJ, CTN, 1 3/5 BU, 12'S	16.00	17.00
KALE, TUSCAN, NJ, 1 3/5 BU, 12S	18.00	18.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, NJ, 24S	15.00	22.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, NJ, 24S	17.00	22.00
LETTUCE, GRNLF, NJ, 24S	17.00	22.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, NJ, 24S	17.00	22.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	6.50	8.00
MUSHROOM, SHITAKE, 3 LB	14.00	16.00
ONION, GREEN LEEK, CA, 12S	22.00	24.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ, CTN, 60'S	28.00	32.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, CTN, 60'S	30.00	34.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, NJ, 1 1/9 BU	65.00	66.00
RADISHES, NJ, CRT, BNCH, 24S	22.00	23.00
SPINACH, SAV, NJ, 1.3 BU, LSE	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, ZUC, NJ, 1/2 BU, S	12.00	18.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, GA, 1/2 BU, S	18.00	22.00
SWEET POTATOES, NC, 40 LB	28.00	32.00
SWISS CHARD, RED, CA, 24's	18.00	18.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - June 10, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	10.00	15.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	40.00
76-90 lbs.	45.00	55.00
91-105 lbs.	60.00	70.00
106 lbs. & up	80.00	85.00
Farm Calves	100.00	125.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	80.00	105.00
Feeder Heifers	70.00	85.00
Beef Heifers	70.00	79.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	112.50
Beef Steers	74.00	86.00
Feeder Bulls	62.50	115.00
Beef Bulls	76.00	79.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	75.00	145.00
Lambs each	60.00	125.00
Goats each	80.00	230.00
Kid Goats each	70.00	220.00
Canners	up to	70.00
Cutters	71.00	74.00
Utility Grade Cows	75.00	78.00
Rabbits each	5.00	37.50
Chickens each	4.00	27.50
Ducks each	8.00	12.00
Pigeons each	4.50	6.00

DAIRY CATTLE

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

FRESH/MILKING COWS		
APPROVED	1000.00	1400.00
MEDIUM	750.00	800.00
BRED HEIFERS:		
APPROVED	825.00	1175.00
SPRINGER HEIFERS:		
SUPREME	1225.00	1275.00
APPROVED	875.00	1225.00
OPEN HEIFERS		
MEDIUM	360.00	385.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. June 10, 2019

ALFALFA/ GRASS		
PREMIUM	330.00	400.00
GRASS HAYS		
GOOD	240.00	240.00
FAIR	165.00	200.00

BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC

Price Range. Per unit.

BLUEBERRIES, CA, 12-6 OZ	20.00	20.00
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
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	26.00	26.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LB	9.50	10.00
SQUASH, ZUC, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, YEL, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
STRAWBERRIES, CA, 8-1 LB	19.00	19.00
SWEET POTATOES, 40 LB	35.00	42.00

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and Senate, and is currently awaiting the Governor's signature.

[Dog Quarantines, Rabies and Disposals – House Bill 7297](#)

This legislation was recommended by DoAg's Domestic Animal Control Working Group. The legislation shortens the mandatory quarantine period for an animal that has bitten or attacked a person from 14 days to 10 days. It requires an examination on the 10th day of quarantine, rather than the 14th day, to determine whether to continue or end the quarantine.

Under the legislation, a biting or attacking dog, cat, or ferret must be quarantined (1) in a public pound, veterinary hospital, or commercial kennel approved by the state veterinarian or (2) on the premises of the animal's owner or keeper if the animal has a current rabies vaccination. However, if the animal does not have a current rabies vaccination, then it will be quarantined in a public pound, veterinary hospital, commercial kennel approved by the State Veterinarian, or the premises of the owner or keeper if there is a medical necessity determined by a licensed veterinarian. The legislation passed the House and Senate, and is currently awaiting the Governor's signature.

[Regional Animal Shelters – Public Act 19-8](#)

This legislation, which was signed in to law, allows towns with a population of less than 50,000 to regionalize their animal control facility. There are currently 68 towns that have their own facility, 27 facilities that are shared, and 15 towns that use a commercial kennel. This will allow towns to save money through economies of scale and regional facilities.

SIGN UP NOW TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN HIGH-PRIORITY WATERSHEDS

Are you a Connecticut farmer looking to do more to protect the water quality in the surrounding area? If you live within one of the state's two priority watersheds, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has an initiative that could be right for you.

Through the National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) farmers can implement conservation practices within a local area to protect water bodies within selected watersheds. NRCS works closely with conservation partners and state water quality agencies to select watersheds where on-farm conservation can deliver the greatest benefits for clean water.

Connecticut's priority watersheds are:

- Broad Brook, which covers an area of approximately 10,099 acres in north central Connecticut. Four municipalities are located in this watershed including East Windsor, Ellington, Somers, and Tolland – with the majority in East Windsor and Ellington. The watershed includes two segments, totaling slightly more than 10 miles that are impaired for recreation due to elevated bacteria levels.
- Little River Watershed, which covers an area of approximately 15,646 acres in the northeastern part of the state. There are multiple municipalities located at least partially in this watershed including Woodstock, Putnam, Pomfret, and Thompson; the northern portion extends into Massachusetts. The watershed includes two segments, Muddy Brook (5.44 miles) and Peckham Brook (.89 miles), impaired for recreation due to elevated bacteria levels.

The NWQI helps farmers implement voluntary conservation practices such as nutrient management, cover crops, conservation cropping systems, filter strips, terraces, and buffers which protect and improve water quality where it is needed most. These types of practices enhance agricultural productivity and profitability.

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GREENHOUSE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL CONFERENCE

Growers of greenhouse crops are invited to learn more about planning and forecasting for success with biological controls, proper identification of aphids and thrips, biological controls at DS Cole, supplemental food and their applications, and grower case studies.

The conference will be held June 19, 2019 at the Jones Auditorium at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington St, New Haven, CT. Five pesticide recertification credits available. The fee for this conference is \$25. The registration deadline is June 14, 2019. To register contact Leanne Pundt at 860-626-6855 or leanne.pundt@uconn.edu.

DOAG ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FARMERS' MARKET AT THE REGIONAL MARKET

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) is now accepting applications for the Farmers' Market at the Regional Market. Applications and information can be found on DoAg's website at www.ct.gov/doag. For more information call 860-713-2543 or email Erin.Windham@ct.gov.

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ity, while also improving water quality by enhancing soil health and optimizing the use of agricultural inputs.

If you are a producer in East Windsor, Ellington, Somers, and Tolland and would like to see if you're qualified or would like more information, contact the Windsor Service Center at (860) 688-7725; if you're located in Woodstock, Putnam, Pomfret, and Thompson, contact the Danielson Service Center at (860) 779-0557. Deadline for applications is June 21, 2019.

HEMP PRODUCTION GROWERS MEETING

The UConn Extension will offer a Hemp Production Growers Meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the Tolland County Extension Center, 24 Hyde Avenue, Vernon, CT.

The meeting will include presentations by University of Connecticut and Connecticut Department of Agriculture staff that cover the following topics:

- CBD hemp research update;
- Growing hemp in field;
- Growing hemp in controlled environment;
- Seed sources, dioecy, feminized seed, and pollen drift;
- Regulatory update; and
- Pre-harvest sampling and testing.

Registration is \$10 and includes a light dinner at 6:00 p.m., networking, and a mini trade show. To register call 860-875-3331 or email mackenzie.white@uconn.edu by Monday June 24th. Checks should be check made payable to UConn and mailed to UConn Extension, 24 Hyde Ave., Vernon, CT 06066.

NRCS CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for the National Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) Program.

The 2019 National CIG priorities are: increasing the pace and scale of conservation adoption, water quantity, pollinator habitat and urban agriculture. National CIG applications are due July 30, 2019.

CIG is a voluntary program intended to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production. Under CIG, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds are used to award competitive grants to non-federal governmental or nongovernmental organizations, Tribes, or individuals.

CIG enables NRCS to work with public and private entities to accelerate technology transfer and adoption of promising technologies and approaches to address some of the state's most pressing natural resource concerns.

NRCS is also offering statewide CIG competitions (award maximum of \$75,000) in Connecticut. Projects must be within the state and may be area-based or statewide in scope.

The 2019 Connecticut CIG priorities are: aquatic resources, organic operation technologies, water quantity, and nutrient management and water quality

Applications for Connecticut's state CIG are due June 14, 2019. For more information go to <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ct/programs/financial/cig>.

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