

# Agricultural Report

Connecticut Department of Agriculture  
Ned Lamont, Governor  
Bryan P. Hurlburt, Commissioner



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## GOVERNOR LAMONT AND LT. GOVERNOR BYSIEWICZ TOUR FARMS *Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation*

Governor Ned Lamont and Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz joined Department of Agriculture (DoAg) Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt for a tour of Connecticut agricultural businesses on Tuesday, October 22.

“Connecticut farmers have continuously evolved over hundreds of years to stay viable, vibrant and an essential segment of our state’s economy,” said Governor Lamont.

“There is nothing more important than supporting Connecticut grown products—from shellfishing to wine to providing families with affordable and nutritious food options—it is important to my administration to meet with the farmers from around the state and learn about their stories, understand the heritage of their farms and hear how we can work to help them grow for generations to come.”

The day of touring included stops at some of Connecticut’s thriving agriculture business including Copsps Island Oysters in Norwalk, Jones Family Farm in Shelton, and the very first walk-through of the construction phase of the Brass City regional food hub facility in Waterbury.

The estimated completion date for the first-of-its-kind regional food hub is expected in December 2019. Federal, state, municipal, and non-profit resources were aggregated to execute the agriculture and urban development project – a replicable model for other regions to use and project which has the potential to change food distribution and local food production in Connecticut.

“When innovation and agriculture meet, you get Brass City Harvest,” said Lt. Governor Bysiewicz. “This exciting new regional food hub facility—the first of its kind in our entire state—will be a game changer in the farming industry and I can’t wait

to see this project through to completion.”

The new food hub will support the development of the local food system, creating an aggregation point for farmers to meet larger contract needs.

“These farm businesses are great examples of the diverse agricultural economy of Connecticut,” said Commissioner Hurlburt. “Our hard working farm families are finding innovative ways to take advantage of technology and market forces to meet the demands of their customers and expand their businesses.”

The visit to food hub highlighted the regional significance, revenue pathways, food processing, and transportation options which will make this facility a Connecticut landmark for food import/export.

“The Brass City Regional Food Hub has the potential to create a paradigm shift in the way we view our food system – and its economic potential,” said Sue Pronovost of Brass City Harvest. “As a partner to our state’s agricultural producers, we will be prepared to advance their products to more lucrative markets through innovative technologies and strict adherence to the Produce Safety Rule under FSMA.”

In 2019, Brass City Harvest was awarded \$99,700 through U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Specialty Crop Block Grant program administered by DoAg for a Regionalization of a Connecticut Grown Specialty Crop-Based Food System project.

The tour included a stop at Copsps Island Oysters, a fourth generation family of oystermen that have been harvesting from the waters of Long Island Sound since the 1940s. As the largest shellfish producer in Connecticut, Norm Bloom and his son Jim Bloom operate a fleet of 15 vessels that harvest year-round along the



*Governor Lamont and DoAg Commissioner Hurlburt travel out to shellfish beds with Jim Bloom of Copsps Island Oysters.*

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Connecticut coast and employ 70 employees at facilities in Norwalk, New Haven, and Noank.



*Lt. Governor Bysiewicz and DoAg Commissioner Hurlburt tour the Brass City Regional Food Hub in Waterbury, CT, with Sue Pronovost.*

Copps Island Oysters and DoAg's Bureau of Aquaculture have been recognized nationally and internationally for their success in improving the safety of Connecticut shellfish. Their innovative large-scale rapid-cooling system for oysters was the first of its kind developed in the nation.

During the tour Governor Lamont and Commissioner Hurlburt boarded an oyster boat to travel out to shellfish beds where the Governor learned about the oyster growing process. The tour included oyster harvesting and a demonstration of the rapid cooling system along with an explanation of the shipping and distribution process and the economic impact of the oyster industry in Connecticut.

"The reason for interest in Connecticut oysters is year-round quality and the reputation for food safety, which is the result of handling procedures and state testing," said J.P. Vellotti.

Aquaculture's success in Connecticut is the result of a cooperative program between DoAg and the aquaculture industry. DoAg's Bureau of Aquaculture works to insure safety and quality for consumers through water quality monitoring.



*Governor Lamont and Terry Jones of Jones Family Farms in Shelton, CT.*

Following Copps Island Oysters, the tour continued at Jones Family Farms in Shelton with a visit to the former dairy barn turned tasting room where participants learned about the history of the farm and significance of the Connecticut Farmland Preservation Program to the long-term sustainability of the seven-generation family farm.

"Nearly all the money received from the state of Connecti-

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**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	.67	.93
LARGE	.61	.75
MEDIUM	.52	.65

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.60	1.75
LARGE	1.42	1.56
MEDIUM	.95	1.15
SMALL	.69	.79

**LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Choice 2-3	102.00	130.00
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing</b>		
breakers 75-80% lean	50.00	54.50
boners 80-85% lean	43.00	53.50
lean 88-90% lean	41.00	46.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
93-99 lbs	187.00	215.00
100-145 lbs	150.00	205.00
Choice 1-2		
70-79 lbs	195.00	230.00
83-87 lbs	193.00	210.00
Choice 2-3		
90-99 lbs	170.00	195.00
100-137 lbs	150.00	182.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight</b>		
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1</b>		
40-49 lbs	140.00	150.00
50-59 lbs	155.00	175.00
60-69 lbs	155.00	175.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1</b>		
125-149 lbs	160.00	190.00
150-199 lbs	180.00	225.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1</b>		
100-149 lbs	220.00	255.00
150-199 lbs	260.00	325.00

**DAIRY CATTLE**

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

<b>FRESH/MILKING COWS</b>		
SUPREME	1400.00	1650.00
APPROVED	1100.00	1425.00
MEDIUM	800.00	1075.00
<b>SPRINGER COWS:</b>		
APPROVED	900.00	1425.00
MEDIUM	750.00	950.00
<b>BRED HEIFERS</b>		
APPROVED	650.00	875.00
MEDIUM	400.00	625.00
<b>SPRINGER HEIFERS:</b>		
APPROVED	850.00	1300.00
MEDIUM	700.00	825.00
<b>OPEN HEIFERS</b>		
APPROVED	175.00	350.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Per cwt.

<b>SLAUGHTER HOGS</b>		
<b>BARROWS AND GILTS</b>		
US 1 234-280 lbs	58.00	68.00
US 1-2 265-290 lbs	58.00	62.00
US 1-2 300-380 lbs	56.00	61.00
<b>SOWS</b>		
US 1-2 425-470 lbs	33.00	34.00
US 1-2 513-560 lbs	35.00	37.50

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices  
CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 80S	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88S	31.00	32.00
BEANS, ROUND GREEN, 1 BU	20.00	22.00
BEANS, CRANBERRY, 1 BU	40.00	45.00
BEANS, WAX, 1 BU	24.00	26.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BROCCOLI, CRTN, 14S	17.00	18.00
CAULIFLOWER, CRT, 9S	32.00	32.00
CAULIFLOWER, CRT, 12S	32.00	32.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GAL	20.00	20.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GAL	22.00	22.00
CORN, BI-COLOR, 5 DZ	10.00	13.00
CRANBERRIES, 24- 12 OZ BAGS	30.00	33.00
EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 BU, MED	9.00	13.00
POTATOES, RUSSET, 50 LB, #1, 70S	18.00	19.00
PUMPKIN, HRLM MIX, 24" BIN	285.00	300.00
PUMPKIN, WHITE, 24" BIN	285.00	385.00
PUMPKIN, MINI, 1/2 BU	18.00	20.00
RADISHES, RED, BNCH 24S	13.00	15.00
SQUASH, ACORN, 1-1/9, M	14.00	18.00
SQUASH, BNUT, 1 1/9 BU, M	14.00	18.00
SQUASH, BCUP, 1 1/9 BU, M	16.00	18.00
TOMS, VINE RIPE, FIELD 20 LB	11.00	13.00
TOMS, VINE RIPES, 25 LB, GH	18.00	18.00
TOMS, CHERRY, GH, 12- 10 OZ	24.00	25.00

**SHIPPED IN**

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, NY, XFCY, 64S	31.00	31.00
APPLE, FUJI, NY, FCY, 125S	19.00	19.00
APPLE, GNGR GLD, NY, XFCY, 64S	32.00	32.00
APPLE, GNGR GLD, NY, XFCY, 80S	32.00	32.00
APPLE, GNGR GLD, NY, XFCY, 88S	32.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, NY, US ONE, 125S	18.00	18.00
APPLE, PAULA RED, XFCY, 80S	32.00	32.00
APPLE, PAULA RED, XFCY, 100S	26.00	28.00
APPLE, RED DEL, WAXFCY, 100S	38.00	42.00
BEETS, RED, NJ, 12S, BNCH	16.00	18.00
BEETS, GOLD, CND, 12S, BNCH	20.00	20.00
CABBAGE, GRN, NY, 50 LB	8.00	10.00
CABBAGE, NAPPA, NJ, 10-12'S	18.00	22.00
CABBAGE, RED, CND, 50 LB, M/L	16.00	22.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, CND, 40 LB	16.00	18.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	20.00	23.00
COLLARDS, GA, CRTN, 12S	13.00	15.00
CUCUMBER, PICKLE, FL, 1 1/9 BU	30.00	36.00
KALE, GA, CRTN, BNCH, 12'S	13.00	15.00
KOHLRABI, CRTN, BNCH, 12'S	18.00	20.00
ONION, RED GLOBE, ID/OR, 25 LB	10.00	12.00
ONION, YELLOW, 50 LB SACKS	13.00	13.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, CRTN, 60S	18.00	20.00
PARSNIPS, MI, 20 LB BAG, LOOSE	30.00	30.00
PUMPKIN, HOWDEN, 36" BIN, M	100.00	150.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, PA, 24" BIN, M	180.00	200.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, PA, 36" BIN, M	240.00	300.00
SPINACH, SAVOY, BU, 24S	22.00	26.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, PA, 1-1/9, M	20.00	22.00
SWEET POTATOES, NC, 40 LB	26.00	28.00
SWT POTATOES, NC, WHT, 20 LB	30.00	30.00
TURNIPS, GA, PRPL TOP, 25 LB	14.00	18.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - October 21, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	n/a	n/a
61-75 lbs.	n/a	n/a
76-90 lbs.	10.00	12.50
91-105 lbs.	15.00	20.00
106 lbs. & up	25.00	30.00
Farm Calves	n/a	n/a
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	85.00	130.00
Feeder Heifers	75.00	87.50
Beef Heifers	51.00	60.00
Feeder Steers	60.00	80.00
Beef Steers	64.00	66.00
Feeder Bulls	n/a	n/a
Beef Bulls	68.00	70.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	50.00	60.00
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	60.00	110.00
Lambs each	90.00	210.00
Goats each	65.00	325.00
Kid Goats each	50.00	160.00
Canners	up to	55.00
Cutters	56.00	60.00
Utility Grade Cows	61.00	65.00
Rabbits each	4.00	20.00
Chickens each	3.00	27.50
Ducks each	5.00	22.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT**

Price per ton, small squares. October 21, 2019

ALFALFA/ GRASS		
GOOD	290.00	290.00
GRASS HAYS		
PREMIUM	390.00	390.00
GOOD	280.00	330.00
FAIR	225.00	225.00
STRAW		
WHEAT	275.00	295.00

**BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC**

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, WA, XFCY, 80'S	35.00	35.00
BROCCOLI, 20 LB CRTN	10.00	10.00
CABBAGE, GRN, 45 LB CRT	23.00	23.00
CABBAGE, RED, 45 LB CRT	31.00	31.00
CARROTS, CA, 25 LB LOOSE	23.00	24.00
CAULIFLOWER, FRTN, 12S	13.00	26.00
GINGER ROOT, 30 LB CRTN	42.00	42.00
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	25.00	25.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LB	6.50	10.00
ONION, GREEN, CRTN, 48S	10.00	10.00
PEARS, BARTLETT, 4/5 BU	36.00	36.00
PEARS, BOSCH, 4/5 BU	36.00	36.00
SPINACH, BABY, 4 LB	13.50	13.50
SQUASH, ZUC, 1/2 BU, S-M	19.00	19.00
SQUASH, YEL, 1/2 BU, S-M	19.00	19.00
SWEET POTATOES, #1, 40 LB	37.00	43.00
TOMATOES, GRAPE, 12-1 PT	14.00	14.00

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cut for farmland preservation, we plowed it back into the farm for land purposes,” said Jaime Jones. “We used the money to purchase more adjoining farmland, which is important for buffers and crop rotation. With help from the UConn Cooperative Extension and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station we’re doing more with crop rotations for improved soil organic matter and cover crops.”

On the tour, the Jones family explained to Governor Lamont how the family farm has taken advantage of recent developments in production technology to respond to increased visitors and as a result demand for product.

“For us technology includes growing the newest and best variety of crops,” said Jaime Jones. “We’re not growing the same varieties as years ago. New crops have been developed with improved taste, yield, and disease resistance.”

“It was an honor to have the Governor visit and show him how our farm operates,” said Jaime. “And we appreciate the support the Department of Agriculture has provided to help our business grow.”

### FARM VIABILITY GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 12

Grant guidelines and applications for the Department of Agriculture’s Farm Viability Grant program are available online and must be submitted by November 12. Grant guidelines and forms can be found at [www.CTGrown.gov/grants](http://www.CTGrown.gov/grants).

The Farm Viability Grant can provide matching funds to Connecticut municipalities, groups of municipalities, regional

councils of governments, and/or agricultural non-profit organizations for projects that foster agricultural viability.

The maximum award under this program is \$49,999. Applicants must provide a 40% match through cash or in-kind services. Previously funded projects have included town-owned farm improvements, efforts related to farmland preservation, marketing and promotion for Certified CT Grown farmers’ markets, and a host of other efforts that foster agriculture viability.

### CONNECTICUT AG WELLNESS SUMMIT

Save the date for the upcoming Connecticut Ag Wellness Summit on December 5, 2019 at Maneely’s Conference Center in South Windsor, CT. This event is a follow up to UConn Extension’s Farmer Stress Support Training that was held for Connecticut Ag Service Providers in May 2019. This upcoming event will be for farmers, producers, and agricultural providers in Connecticut. There will be limited space. Stay tuned for more details. For more information go to <http://s.uconn.edu/farmstress>.

### 2019 UCONN BEEF AUCTION

The UConn Department of Animal Science will hold the 2019 UConn Beef Auction on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the UConn Cattle Resource Unit (Heifer Barn), Horsebarn Hill Road, Storrs, CT 06269. The event is free and open to the general public. Preview of animals begins at 10:00 a.m., the auction will be held at 12:00 p.m. Approximately 25 UConn animals are expected to be auctioned. For more information go to <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/beef/beefCalfSale.php#>.

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