

# Agricultural Report

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## CONNECTICUT 2019 DAIRY FARM OF THE YEAR *Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation*

Hannan Holsteins Farm is the winner of the of the Connecticut 2019 Dairy Farm of the Year award. The award honors the hard work and dedication of Chris and Todd Hannan—two brothers who brought years of agricultural experience with them when they started their dairy operation ten years ago in Woodbury, CT.

Todd graduated from Cobleskill College and has worked at several dairy farms, including Arethusa farm, which won the 2013 Connecticut Dairy Farm of the Year award. Chris graduated from the University of Connecticut (UConn) with a bachelor's degree in Animal Science and Agronomy, and worked as a dairy management consultant for Cargill Animal Nutrition overseeing nutrition programs on many farms in New York and Southern New England, while running a farmsitting business for various dairies in Connecticut and Eastern New York.

They focus on efficiency of production and they are well known in the area for their excellent relationships within the agriculture area and also with community organizations and neighbors. They rent and manage nearby state land and they have truly benefited from their late father's strong relationships with the Southbury Land Trust that rents cropland to the brothers.

The Connecticut Dairy Farm of the Year award is presented through the New England Green Pastures Program. The New England Green Pastures Program began in 1947 when the Governor of New Hampshire challenged the other New England States to produce better pastures.

As the New England dairy industry has changed over the years, so have the objectives of the New England Green Pastures program. It has evolved from one of promoting pastures and forage management to its present objective of honoring an outstanding dairy family from each of the six New England States for total management (both production and financial) of the operating farm, considering the farm family's contribution to the agricultural community.

Dr. Sheila Andrew, UConn Professor and Dairy Extension Specialist, coordinates the Connecticut the Green Pastures Award judging team, which consists of a panel of previous years' award winners and UConn Extension staff.

Dr. Andrew said Chris and Todd Hannan have all the characteristics the judging team looks for in a nominee including excellent forage management, herd management, nutrient management, as well as community engagement to improve and promote the dairy industry.

"They started out with their love of cows and a few heifers. They knew they needed to get experience before setting up a business," said Dr. Andrew. "Now they have established a farm of their own with award winning cows and excellent production in a tight dairy market."

The New England Green Pastures program continues to emphasize the importance of a viable dairy industry in New England, primarily through the annual Outstanding Dairy Farm of the Year award for each of the six New England states. Each state winner is presented with an engraved silver pitcher at an awards banquet and evening program honoring these outstanding farm families held at The Big E in September.

The Green Pastures program also helps bring prominent teachers and research personnel to New England to conduct special in-service training sessions for Extension, agri-business and dairy leaders on problems facing the dairy industry.

Over the past 10 years, Todd and Chris have focused on genetic progress in their herd of 50 prized registered Holsteins, half of which are Red and White Holsteins, which has contributed to excellent quality milk and production. They have a total of 140 head of young stock and mature cows at their facility in Woodbury.

Chris and Todd farm approximately 350 acres of haylage, hay, and corn for silage and grain. Their skill at forage production can be seen in their success in a hay busi-



Chris and Todd Hannan of Hannan Holsteins Farm. Photo courtesy of UConn Extension.

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**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	.66	.91
LARGE	.60	.74
MEDIUM	.47	.60

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.58	1.72
LARGE	1.40	1.54
MEDIUM	.95	1.09
SMALL	.69	.79

**LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Choice 2-3	107.00	116.00
Select 1-2	110.00	119.00
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing</b>		
breakers 75-80% lean	56.00	62.50
boners 80-85% lean	54.00	61.00
lean 88-90% lean	45.00	50.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-94 lbs	167.00	185.00
100-140 lbs	140.00	187.00
Choice 1-2		
60-69 lbs	180.00	205.00
70-75 lbs	165.00	197.00
80-88 lbs	157.00	185.00
Choice 2-3		
90-99 lbs	145.00	170.00
100-140 lbs	140.00	167.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight</b>		
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1</b>		
50-59 lbs	142.00	165.00
60-69 lbs	145.00	175.00
70-79 lbs	165.00	190.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1</b>		
100-149 lbs	165.00	185.00
150-175 lbs	205.00	230.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1</b>		
100-149 lbs	200.00	255.00
150-190 lbs	265.00	310.00

**DAIRY CATTLE**

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

<b>FRESH/MILKING COWS</b>		
APPROVED	975.00	1450.00
MEDIUM	675.00	975.00
<b>BRED COWS</b>		
APPROVED	800.00	1300.00
<b>SPRINGER COWS:</b>		
APPROVED	975.00	1100.00
MEDIUM	650.00	975.00
<b>BRED HEIFERS</b>		
APPROVED	775.00	900.00
MEDIUM	625.00	800.00
<b>SPRINGER HEIFERS:</b>		
APPROVED	900.00	1125.00
<b>OPEN HEIFERS</b>		
APPROVED	350.00	475.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Per cwt.

<b>SLAUGHTER HOGS</b>		
<b>BARROWS AND GILTS</b>		
US 1 201-240 lbs	60.00	70.00
US 1-2 211-295 lbs	51.00	61.00
US 2-3 300-397 lbs	30.00	37.00
<b>SOWS</b>		
US 1-2 404-493 lbs	21.00	32.00
505-571 lbs	28.00	35.00

**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, 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	18.00
BEANS, FLAT GREEN, 1 BU	30.00	30.00
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	22.00	23.00
CAULIFLOWER, CRT, 9S	14.00	18.00
CAULIFLOWER, CRT, 12S	15.00	17.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	20.00	20.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	22.00	22.00
COLLARDS, CTN, 12S	13.00	16.00
CORN, BI-COLOR, 5 DZ	12.00	14.00
CORN, ORN, INDIAN, 20-3S	40.00	50.00
CORN, ORN, INDIAN, MINI, BU	25.00	25.00
CORN STALKS, 35" BIN, 25S	125.00	125.00
CUCUMBER, 1 1/9 BU	16.00	18.00
EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 BU, MED	8.00	11.00
GOURDS, ORN, 1/2 BU	21.00	24.00
KALE, CTN, BNCH, 12'S	13.00	15.00
POTATOES, RUSSET, #1, 70S	19.00	23.00
PUMPKIN, HOWDEN, PA, 24" BIN	285.00	385.00
PUMPKIN, MINI, 1/2 BU	18.00	20.00
RADISHES, RED, BNCH 24S	13.00	15.00
SQUASH, BNUT, 1 1/9 BU, M	15.00	18.00
SQUASH, ZUCCHINI, 1/2 BU, S	10.00	15.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, 1/2 BU, S	16.00	20.00
TOMS, FIELD, 20 LB, CRT, L	12.00	12.00
TOMS, VINE RIPE, 11 LB FLT, L	13.00	13.00
TOMS, VINE RIPPES, 25 LB, M	20.00	20.00
TOMS, VINE RIPPES, 25 LB, L	25.00	25.00
TOMS, CHERRY, 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
BEETS, RED, NJ, 12S, BNCH	16.00	19.00
BEETS, GOLD, NJ, 12S, BNCH	16.00	19.00
CABBAGE, GRN, NJ, 50 LB	9.00	13.00
CABBAGE, NAPPA, NJ, 10-12'S	20.00	28.00
CABBAGE, RED, NJ, 50 LB, M/L	16.00	24.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, NJ, 40 LB	16.00	20.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	21.00	23.00
CUCUMBER, PICKLE, NJ, 1 1/9 BU	34.00	36.00
ONION, RED GLOBE, ID/OR, 25 LB	11.00	12.00
ONION, YELLOW SPANISH, 25 LB	13.00	14.00
PEPPERS, LONG HOTS, NJ, 1 1/9	18.00	20.00
PUMPKIN, HOWDEN, PA, 36" BIN	185.00	225.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, PA, 24" BIN, M	220.00	230.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, PA, 36" BIN, M	240.00	260.00
SQUASH, ACORN, GA, 1-1/9, M	16.00	20.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, NJ, 1-1/9, M	20.00	22.00
SWEET POTATOES, NC, 40 LB	28.00	32.00
TURNIPS, GA, PRPL TOP, 25 LB	14.00	18.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - September 23, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	5.00	8.00
61-75 lbs.	10.00	12.50
76-90 lbs.	15.00	20.00
91-105 lbs.	23.00	30.00
106 lbs. & up	34.00	37.50
Farm Calves	1@	70.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	90.00	115.00
Feeder Heifers	72.50	105.00
Beef Heifers	74.00	80.00
Feeder Steers	60.00	75.00
Beef Steers	70.00	117.50
Feeder Bulls	110.00	122.50
Beef Bulls	67.00	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	65.00
Feeder Pigs each	10.00	25.00
Sheep each	n/a	n/a
Lambs each	85.00	220.00
Goats each	2@	235.00
Kid Goats each	n/a	n/a
Canners	up to	57.00
Cutters	58.00	61.00
Utility Grade Cows	62.00	65.00
Rabbits each	3.00	12.00
Chickens each	3.00	20.00
Ducks each	8.00	21.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT**

Price per ton, small squares. September 23, 2019

ALFALFA/ GRASS		
SUPREME	390.00	410.00
PREMIUM	360.00	360.00
GOOD	275.00	275.00
<b>GRASS HAYS</b>		
PREMIUM	330.00	370.00
GOOD	250.00	305.00
FAIR	155.00	225.00

**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
PEARS, BARTLETT, 4/5 BU	36.00	36.00
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 1/9 BU, 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
SWEET POTATOES, #1, 40 LB	38.00	42.00
TOMATOES, GRAPE, 12- 1 PT	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES, VINE RIPE, 11 LB.	11.00	11.00

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ness that supplements their dairy income.

Chris and Todd Hannan are first-generation dairy farmers that got their start in agriculture with 4-H sheep and beef projects.

"Being a young first generation business owner, I have viewed this industry from the outside and had the opportunity to enter the Holstein business because agriculture has been my passion from a young age," said Chris.

The brothers grew up in Southbury, CT, and got their first Holstein heifers from their uncle's farm when they were in high school. Their dad did some crop work as a hobby but they weren't born into farming, and they had to figure out how to make it happen themselves.

"Not having an established business, we had to start our business from scratch and make the connections to help further our business," said Chris. "We have had to use outside-the-box thinking and adaptability to enter the industry and survive in volatile markets."

They participated in the agriscience and technology program at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury, CT, and continued to study agriculture and animal science in college. After college, they working

independently in agriculture for several years before reuniting to start Hannan Holsteins Farm with a small herd of prized registered Holsteins they had boarded at several other farms. Their herd of Black & White, and Red & White Holsteins, includes the offspring of 2003 Reserve Grand Champion Red & White at World Dairy Expo, Hannan Rubens Courtney-Red.



2003 Reserve Grand Champion Red & White, Hannan Rubens Courtney-Red.  
Photo courtesy of Dairy Cow Daily.

Their herd has set state records for milk production thanks to the high quality of feed crops they produce themselves. Their 40-cow tie-stall dairy has a 23,000 pound rolling herd average and 108 BAA. The Holstein Breed Age Average (BAA) value provides a way to compare the score of an animal (and herd average) to the average of the breed, taking into account age of the animal and stage of lactation.

Both brothers are well known for maintaining strong relationships within their local agricultural and community organizations, as well as their neighbors.

"Farming in a suburban setting forces us to be proactive in dealing with neighbors and educating the public," said Chris.

Those relationships have enabled them to rent and manage nearby state land for crop production including land held by the Southbury Land Trust.

"The majority of the land we use is owned by private land trusts," said Chris. "As an industry there will be fewer farms feeding more people and it will force us to help educate the population on the role Registered Holstein cattle play in creating a higher level of consumer safety in the dairy products we produce."

Chris has been recognized by Holstein Association USA as a Distinguished Junior Member Finalist and is a past president and vice president with the New England Holstein Association. He has also been involved in Agri-Mark as regional secretary and a voting representative. Chris is a member of the Nature Conservancy Sunny Valley Farm Committee, Litchfield County Dairy Committee, and Nonnewaug High School Ag Advisory Board.

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## USDA OFFERS RCPP TRAINING WEBINAR

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recently announced the launch of the updated Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). To assist potential partners who are interested in applying, NRCS is holding a webinar for training and assistance on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 3:00 PM.

USDA is now accepting proposals, they are due December 3, 2019. For more information, visit the [RCPP webpage](#) or view the [Application for Program funding](#) on grants.gov.

For information about how to join the webinar by phone and computer go to <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/rcpp>.

## NEW ENGLAND VEGETABLE & FRUIT CONFERENCE

Registration is now open for the 2019 New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference. This conference will take place in Manchester, NH on December 10-12, 2019.

The New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference and Trade Show includes more than 25 educational sessions over 3 days, covering major vegetable, berry and tree fruit crops as well as various special topics. A Farmer to Farmer meeting after each morning and afternoon session will bring speakers and farmers together for informal, in-depth discussion on certain issues. Go to <https://newenglandvfc.org/registration> to register online. For assistance with registration call 207-933-2100 or email mark.hutton@maine.edu. For more information about the conference go to <https://newenglandvfc.org>.

## PA 490 EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

The Connecticut Farm Bureau Association (CFBA) is hosting a comprehensive seminar regarding Public Act (PA) 490 for landowners, assessors and municipal leaders on Tuesday Oct. 1, 2019 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the W. J. Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, CT.

The seminar will provide an overview of PA 490 – Connecticut's current use assessment law for farmland, forestland, and open space land. The program will include tips for applying for, maintaining, and transferring 490 land to avoid tax penalties. Time for questions and answers. Presented by CFBA Executive Director Joan Nichols. The seminar is free for full and part-time CFBA members, \$20 for non-members. To register visit [www.cfba.org](http://www.cfba.org). To join or renew CFBA membership visit [www.cfba.org](http://www.cfba.org) or call 860-768-1100.

## NO-TILL / COVER CROP FARM FIELD DAY

The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut (CT NOFA) is hosting a No-Till /Cover Crop Farm Field Day on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Sub Edge Farm, 199 Town Farm Road, Farmington, CT.

The event includes presentations, field demonstrations, a farm tour, and an equipment demonstration of no-till seed drill and roller-crimper. The event includes lunch, networking, and USDA NRCS rainwater simulator demonstration. All farmers are welcome. To register go to <https://ctnofa.org/event/organic-no-till-field-day-at-sub-edge-farm>. For additional information call Amanda at 860-345-3977 ext. 100.

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