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JOINT VENTURE GRANT PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH JANUARY 31

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is committed to fostering a healthy economic climate for agriculture, in part through promotion of agricultural businesses and an understanding among Connecticut's citizens about the diversity of Connecticut agriculture, its cultural heritage, and its contribution to the state's economy.

The agency's Connecticut Grown program and its familiar blue and green logo have supported this mission over the past three decades as Connecticut Grown has developed into the generic brand of Connecticut farm products.

Farmers, wholesalers, and retailers use the logo to identify and market farm products grown or produced in the state, helping consumers make purchasing decisions that support both local agriculture and the local economy.

Farm products are defined by Connecticut General Statutes as follows:

...any fresh fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, nuts, shell eggs, honey or other bee products, maple syrup or maple sugar, flowers, nursery stock and other horticultural commodities, livestock food products, including meat, milk, cheese and other dairy products, food products of "aquaculture", as defined in subsection (q) of section 1-1, including fish, oysters, clams, mussels and other molluscan

shellfish taken from the waters of the state or tidal wetlands, products from any tree, vine or plant and their flowers, or any of the products listed in this subdivision that have been processed by the participating farmer, including, but not limited to, baked goods made with farm products.

Complementing the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Connecticut Grown program is its Joint Venture Grant. Established in 1986 through the Regulations of State Agencies 22-38a-1 through 22-38a-4, the Joint Venture Grant program funds marketing projects using the Connecticut Grown logo to promote Connecticut farm products.

Joint Venture grants are \$2,995 or less for approved projects. Awardees have one year to complete approved projects and must provide a cash match of at least 50 percent of the project cost.

In-kind services and contributions cannot be used for any portion of the match. Expenses such as hotels, meals, travel costs, honoraria, salaries, other business operating expenses, and career-related or scholarship funds are also ineligible match expenses and do not qualify for reimbursement.

Proposed marketing projects must meet the following criteria:

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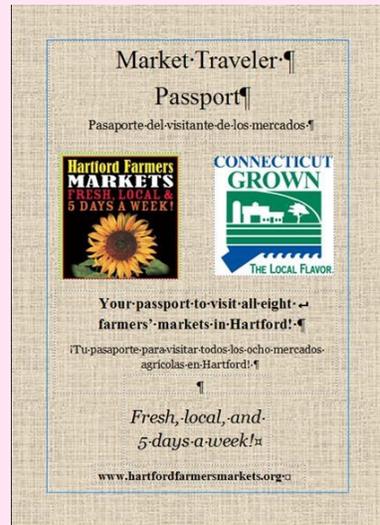
Buy CT Grown Forest Products

Support Local Jobs and Working Forests

Funded in part by the CT Professional Timber Producers Assoc.

Aluminum signs (left), produced with Joint Venture grant funds, help mills and foresters across the state showcase their production of Connecticut Grown forestry products in conjunction with sustainable agricultural practices.

The Market Traveler Passport (right), produced with Joint Venture grant funds, will help attract customers to Hartford's eight farmers' markets.



**WHOLESALE GREENHSE PRODUCE
U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL**

	Low	High
CUCMBR,prsn,20lb,DR	34.00	34.00
LEEK,5kg,NT	16.00	19.00
PEPPR,bl,rd,11lb,MX	17.00	20.00
PEPPR,bl,ylw,1 ¹ / ₉ bu,CN	17.00	22.00
TOMATO,chr,8/10oz,MA27	50	28.50
TOMATO,hrlm,10lb,can	22.00	25.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

	Low	High
49-54	220-300 lbs	59.00-63.00
	300-400 lbs	n/a
45-49	220-300 lbs	55.00-60.00
	300-400 lbs	62.00-65.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	62.00-68.00
	500-700 lbs	63.00-72.50
Boars	300-700 lbs	n/a

PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.

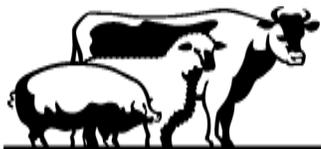
	Low	High
Gr US 1-	wt 20-25	280.00 280.00
	wt 30-40	200.00 225.00
	wt 40-50	175.00 190.00
	wt 50-60	n/a
	wt 60-80	n/a

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, December 30, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	22.00	25.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	37.50
76-90 lbs.	42.50	45.00
91-105 lbs.	50.00	55.00
106 lbs. & up	57.50	60.00
Farm Calves	65.00	100.00
Starter Calves	28.00	32.00
Veal Calves	80.00	135.00
Open Heifers	112.00	125.00
Beef Steers	90.00	110.00
Beef Heifers	105.00	128.00
Feeder Steers	77.50	105.00
Stock Bulls	80.00	135.00
Beef Bulls	93.00	116.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	one at	30.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	65.00	240.00
Kid Goats	40.00	85.00
Canners	up to	84.75
Cutters	85.00	89.50
Utility Grade Cows	90.50	94.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	1034.00	1183.00
Rabbits each	4.00	20.00
Chickens each	4.00	21.00
Ducks each	5.00	20.00
Feeder Pigs	17.50	55.00
Lambs	180.00	265.00
Sheep	30.00	65.00



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
ALFALFA SPRT,5lb	14.00	14.00
APPLE,empire,bu	18.00	18.00
APPLE,emp,xfcy,80ct	24.00	26.00
APPLE,hnycrsp,fcy,80ct	26.00	28.00
APPLE,mcntsh,12/3lb,fcy	15.00	17.00
APPLE,mcntsh,no1,140ct	16.00	16.00
CIDER,4/1gal	16.00	16.00
CRANBERRY,24/12oz	34.00	35.00
PARSNIP,18/1lb	23.00	23.00
PARSNIP,25lb	22.00	22.00
POTATO,10lb	2.50	2.60
POTATO,CHF,50lb	12.00	12.00
POTATO,rd,50lb	15.00	15.00
RUTABAGA,50lb	14.00	14.00
SQUASH,bttrnt,md,1 ¹ / ₉ bu	15.00	18.00
TURNIP,prpl,25lb	8.00	10.00
TURNIP,wht,bu	17.00	18.00

SHIPPED IN

ARUGULA,2lb,CA	9.00	9.00
AVOCADO,32ct,MX	36.00	37.00
BEAN,grn,bu,FL	18.00	19.00
CILANTRO,60s,TX	26.00	26.00
GARLIC,col,30lb,CA	60.00	62.00
ONION,cplln,10lb,NY	18.00	21.00
ONION,ylw,50lb,NY	12.00	17.00
ORANGE,clmntn,5lb,SP	4.50	4.50
ORANGE,nvl,113ct,CA	23.00	25.00
STRAWBERRY,8/1lb,FL	18.00	25.00
SWT POTATO,40lb,NJ	20.00	20.00
TANGERINE,64ct,FL	36.00	36.00



**RETAIL BEEF, USDA
NORTHEAST U.S. MAJOR SUPERMARKETS**

Prices per pound

	Low	High
BOTTOM ROUND,roast	4.99	4.99
BRISKET	4.99	6.49
CUBE STEAK	3.89	4.99
FILET MIGNON	14.99	14.99
GROUND,80-89%	2.99	5.49
LONDON BROIL	3.99	3.99
NY STRIP STEAK	6.99	7.99
RIBEYE,roast,bone-in	4.99	9.99
RIBEYE,steak	9.99	11.99
STEW MEAT	3.99	4.99
TENDERLION	12.99	14.99

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

December 27, 2013

Average Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	80.50	85.00
boners 80-85% lean	75.50	80.50
lean 85-90% lean	68.50	75.50
CALVES graded bull		
No.1 95-120lbs	159.50	173.75
No 2 95-120lbs	135.50	152.25
No 3 80-120lbs	89.50	118.50
SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr		
High dressing	117.00	125.25
Avg.dressing	95.50	106.50
Low dressing	90.50	93.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm2-3	130.75	134.25
Ch2-3	n/a	
Ch1-3	126.50	127.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/prm2-3	133.00	134.75
Ch1-3	126.75	130.00
Sel1-2	120.50	123.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/prm2-3	111.50	113.75
Ch 2-3	102.50	108.25
Sel1-2	91.00	96.00
VEALER 60-120lbs	27.00	52.75
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3		
40-60lbs	295.00	295.00
60-80lbs	216.00	285.00
80-110lbs	200.00	248.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3		
110-120lbs	130.00	132.00
120-160lbs	90.00	120.00
160-200lbs	78.00	110.00
Bucks		
140-150lbs	n/a	
160-200lbs	58.00	87.00
200-300lbs	72.00	85.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est. wt.		
40-60lbs	137.00	167.00
60-80lbs	155.00	200.00
80-100lbs	205.00	245.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130lbs		
130-150lbs	177.00	220.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs		
150-250lbs	285.00	360.00
	400.00	515.00

EASTERN PA GRAIN

December 30, 2013

Average price per bushel

BARLEY	3.03
CORN	4.33
OATS	3.37
SOYBEANS	13.01
WHEAT	6.58

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

Per doz., USDA Grade A/Grade A white in cartons (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.34	1.38
LARGE	1.32	1.36
MEDIUM	1.22	1.26

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons (delivered)

XTRA LARGE	2.22	2.29
LARGE	2.18	2.28
MEDIUM	1.43	1.53

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com.

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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 today at 203-444-6553.

136-R. Quality corn silage, kernel processed, finely chopped. Also 100% Alfalfa balage 4 x 4 bales, delivery available if needed. Burke Ridge Farms 860-559-3009 or 860-748-9336.

137-R. John Deere 3960 Corn Choppers with 2 row heads and 1 grass head. Fargo Silage Dump Wagon. Burke Ridge Farms 860-559-3009.

138-R. Hay, 1st and 2nd cutting. \$6/bale pick up. 860-537-1974.

139-R. JD 4520 tractor, \$8,500. JD 4020 side console, \$11,500. JD 4040 new motor, cab, \$15,000. JD 6310 640 loaders, \$24,000. Case W11 payloader, new motor, \$12,000. New Holland 311, 310, 575 balers with throwers. New Holland 256, 258 hay rakes. New Holland 489, 492 haybine, 203-530-4953.

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6-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

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The Connecticut Week Agricultural Report offers affordable classified advertisements for your farm-related needs. See Page 4 for details and rates, or call Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2588 for more information.

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- Visual promotions must prominently display the Connecticut Grown at a size at least as large as any other logo.
- Oral promotions (such as radio ads) must feature the phrase "Connecticut Grown."
- Projects must be new and not completed.

Previously awarded applicants may apply with a new project proposal.

Applications are evaluated by a review team on the following:

- Frequency of Connecticut Grown logo impressions.
- Project duration.
- Innovation.
- Past awards to the same applicant, including how the Connecticut Grown logo was used on previously funded projects.

Many projects funded through the Joint Venture Grant program have successfully promoted Connecticut Grown farm products and helped strengthen the state's agriculture. Some examples of recently funded projects follow.

Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association used a \$2,000 grant to produce brochures and 24 x 36 inch aluminum Connecticut Grown signs being used by mills and foresters to showcase their production of Connecticut Grown forestry products in conjunction with sustainable agricultural practices in Connecticut's woodlands. Connecticut Grown forest products include furniture, houses, toys, bark mulch, carvings, and more.

The aluminum Connecticut Grown signs are provided to applicants approved to participate in the Connecticut Grown Forest Products program.

Hill-Stead Farmer's Market in Farmington used a \$1,500 grant to conduct projects that increased market visibility, including production of 3,500 farmers' market flyers, 150 market posters, 500 rack cards, 21,000 market calendars, and advertisements in local papers.

The Bozrah Farmers' Market used a \$2,571 grant for a 30-second television commercial that ran on a local network in July and August this year. The advertisement is now posted on the market's website, www.bozrahfarmersmarket.org.

The commercial helped drive record attendance of more than 1,800 customers to the market on a single Friday in August. One farm reported its highest produce sales of the past five market seasons, and many of the other 33 vendors reported selling out during the market.

According to Bozrah Selectman Kitty McCue, "The small town secret is out thanks to the help from the Department of Agriculture's Joint Venture Grant. The word is out that a small unknown town of Bozrah has a big wonderful market."

Hartford Food System used a \$1,000 grant to create the Market Traveler Passport. The bilingual passport, scheduled for release in late spring 2014, will encourage residents to visit each of the eight farmers' markets in Hartford. Hartford Food System will produce and distribute 1500 copies through local community centers, WIC offices, YMCAs, senior centers, and area businesses.

Prizes such as water bottles and pins featuring the Connecticut Grown logo will be offered to those who obtain four or more stamps in their passport. The passport will showcase Hartford as a community that promotes local agriculture and provides convenient access to Connecticut Grown products for those living in, working in, or visiting the city.

The Danbury Farmers' Market Community Collaborative used a \$2,995 grant to conduct a trilingual campaign in English, Spanish, and Portuguese that featured 81 interior HARTtransit bus signs, bus pulse-point permanent kiosk signs, 500 reusable market bags, and a 15-second television commercial that ran in August and September on targeted cable programs. The multifaceted campaign was done in cooperation with HARTtransit, which provided interior bus signage space and large depot kiosks at no cost.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is now accepting Joint Venture Grant applications for 2014. Application forms and full guidelines are available at www.CTGrown.gov (look under "Featured Links"). Questions can be directed to Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 or jaime.smith@ct.gov.

Applications must be received no later than January 31, 2014.

REMINDER: USDA FSA ACREAGE REPORTS DUE JAN 15

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Bryan Hurlburt is reminding producers to report acreage for apples, peaches, and fall-seeded small grains to their local FSA office by January 15, 2014.

Producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses can prevent the potential loss of program benefits.

For more information on acreage reporting and NAP, contact your local office: Hartford/Tolland, 860-688-7725 x2; Litchfield/Fairfield, 860-626-8852; New Haven/Middlesex, 203-269-6665; New London 860-887-9941 x102; Windham 860-779-0557 x1.

JAN 17 IS APPLICATION CLOSING DATE FOR SEVERAL POPULAR NRCS PROGRAMS

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has a batch closing date of January 17, 2014, for ranking in several of its popular programs.

Financial assistance is available to Connecticut landowners who qualify for a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). CAPs are specialized, in-depth plans that address specific resources such as forestry and energy. The plans are written by technical service providers based on the objectives and needs of the landowner or land manager.

The On-Farm Energy CAP offers assistance in two ways: 1) it enables producers to identify methods to conserve energy on the farm through an audit; and 2) provides financial and technical assis-

tance to implement conservation practices recommended in the audit.

Assistance is also offered to landowners interested in implementing conservation practices that improve natural resources on farmland, forestland, and wetland areas through the EQIP Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP).

AMA provides financial assistance to eligible agricultural producers. The program provides payments to address issues such as water management, water quality, soil health, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into farming operations.

The WHIP program is for conservation-minded landowners who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat on agricultural land, non-industrial private forest land, and Tribal land.

In addition, the agency is accepting applications from producers interested in participating in the agency's Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for the next ranking period.

CSP helps established conservation stewards take their natural resource management to the next level to improve agricultural production and provide valuable conservation benefits such as cleaner and more abundant water, as well as healthier soils and better wildlife habitat."

For more information about EQIP, CAP, AMA, WHIP, CSP, as well as other NRCS programs, please go to www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov/programs or contact your nearest USDA Field Office: Danielson, 860-779-0557; Hamden, 203-287-8038; Norwich, 860-887-3604; Torrington, 860-626-8258; Windsor, 860-688-7725.



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