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NEW CONNECTICUT-GROWN LABELING LAW TO BE ENFORCED WITH RANDOM INSPECTIONS AT FARMERS' MARKETS

The below information was sent by email last week to market masters at all 129 certified farmers' markets in Connecticut.

The Department of Agriculture will be performing unannounced inspections at farmers' markets for compliance with new requirements regarding the sale of produce and products labeled Connecticut Grown.

Under the law, only products grown or produced in Connecticut may be advertised or sold as Connecticut-grown.

Enacted last October 1, **Public Act 15-245, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS AS "CONNECTICUT-GROWN,"** requires anyone selling a claimed Connecticut-grown farm product at a farmers' market to do so in the "immediate proximity" of a sign that identifies it as Connecticut-grown and discloses the name and address of the person or business that grew or produced it.

Violators receive a warning for a first violation and a \$100 fine for each subsequent violation. The act also increases, from \$25 to \$100, the fine for violating the Connecticut-Grown law.

Products grown or produced in Connecticut or within a 10-mile radius of the point of sale may be labeled as native, native grown, local, or locally grown. Upon request of the agriculture commissioner or his designee, the person who sold the product must provide written proof of the veracity of these claims within 10 days after the sale.

CT Grown price cards (pictured above) are available free of charge from the Department of Agriculture. Cards are 5x7 and come in pads of 50. These cards meet new labeling laws.

Price card request forms can be found here: http://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/marketing_files/2015/POP_orderform2015.pdf

Peaches and other stone fruit (nectarines and most varieties of plums) will be almost nonexistent this year because of the deep freeze that occurred back in February, referred to by many growers as the Valentine's Day Massacre.

If any peaches or other stone fruit appears at your

This farm product was grown/produced by the following farm:

_____ (Farm Name)

in _____ (Town), Connecticut.



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market, please make sure it is well-documented. For producer-only markets, the fruit should be from the individual grower bringing it in.

For exempt markets, receipts that bear the name of the farm the fruit was produced on should be available.

Any vendor at an exempt market that buys and resells Connecticut Grown produce from another Connecticut grower, must post the name and location of the farm at which it was grown. Remember, no out of state produce is allowed at any certified farmers' market.

For more information, please contact Rick Macsuga: 860-713-2544, Richard.Macsuga@ct.gov or Elizabeth Aguilar: 860-713-2543, Elizabeth.Aguilar@ct.gov.

Under the act, the Connecticut Grown sign at a farmers' market must:

- be readily visible to consumers;
- be at least three by five inches in size;
- have lettering in a size, font, or print clearly and easily legible; and
- state something substantially similar to "THIS FARM PRODUCT IS CONNECTICUT-GROWN. THIS FARM PRODUCT WAS GROWN OR PRODUCED BY THE FOLLOWING PERSON OR BUSINESS: (insert name and address)."

To read the complete act please refer to the link below:
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2015/act/pa/pdf/2015PA-00245-R00SB-00348-PA.pdf>

LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	73.50	77.50
boners 80-85% lean	73.00	77.50
lean 88-90% lean	66.00	71.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	123.50	126.50
Choice 2-3	119.00	123.00
Sel 1-2	114.00	118.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	112.50	115.00
Ch 2-3	106.00	109.50
Sel 1-2	98.00	104.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	117.00	119.00
Ch 2-3	106.00	109.50
Select 1-2	98.00	104.50
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 120-128 lbs	120.00	135.00
No 1 70-120 lbs	142.00	190.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
40-50 lbs	235.00	240.00
50-60 lbs	227.00	230.00
60-70 lbs	212.00	230.00
80-90 lbs	217.00	242.00
90-110 lbs	227.00	242.00
110-130 lbs	202.00	227.00
130-150 lbs	215.00	225.00
150-200 lbs	200.00	227.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	75.00	100.00
160-200 lbs	80.00	111.00
BUCKS		
160-200 lbs	70.00	85.00
200-300 lbs	50.00	90.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.		
20-40 lbs	140.00	160.00
40-60 lbs	185.00	215.00
60-80 lbs	225.00	270.00
100-120 lbs	335.00	335.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES:		
Select 1, by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	195.00	230.00
130-180 lbs	230.00	275.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1		
100-150 lbs	305.00	340.00
150-250 lbs	350.00	380.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	220-300 lbs	57.00	62.00
48-52	220-300 lbs	55.00	58.50
Sows, US 1-3			
	500-700 lbs	38.00	41.50
Boars	500-900 lbs	9.00	14.00

N. HOLLAND, PA. FEEDER PIGS

Sold by the cwt.

US 1-2	12-29 lbs	192.00	222.00
	36-47 lbs	124.00	134.00
	50-56 lbs	114.00	128.00
	62-69 lbs	97.00	108.00
	73-75 lbs	90.00	101.00
	80-89 lbs	84.00	110.00
	101-144 lbs	82.00	100.00
US 2-3	13-15 lbs	162.00	170.00
	20-25 lbs	140.00	148.00
	35 lbs	140.00	140.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4OZ	16.00	16.50
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	14.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	5.00	6.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEETS, 12 LBS	18.00	18.00
BLUEBERRIES,PULP,12-1PT	30.00	32.00
BLUEBERRIES,CLAM, 12-1PT	24.00	26.00
CORN, SWEET, 5 DOZ	20.00	22.00
CUKES, 1-1/9	25.00	25.00
FIDDLEHEADS, 10 LBS	45.00	50.00
GARLIC SCAPES, PER LB	2.00	6.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, 12 CT	8.00	8.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, 24 CT	20.00	20.00
LETTUCE, RED/GRN LEAF, 12	8.00	8.00
LETTUCE, RED/GRN LEAF, 24	20.00	20.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, 12	8.00	8.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, 24	20.00	20.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB BAGS	18.00	20.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, BU	21.00	75.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, 20 LBS	27.00	28.00
PEAS, SNOW, 10 LBS	20.00	20.00
PEAS, SUGAR SNAP, PER LB	2.00	2.00
PEAS, SUGAR SNAP, 10 LBS	20.00	20.00
POTATO,RNDWT,10-5LB,#1-SZA	12.00	12.00
RADISHES, 24 LBS	12.00	12.00
RASPBERRIES, 18-1/2 PT	36.00	36.00
RHUBARB,OPEN FIELD, 20LBS	35.00	35.00
SQUASH,YELLOW, 1/2 BU	12.00	18.00
SQUASH,GREEN, 1/2 BU	12.00	18.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, SM, 1/2 BU	13.00	13.00
TOM,CHRY,GHSE,ONVINE,5 LB	16.00	18.00
TOMS,CHERRY,GHSE, 8-10 OZ	24.00	26.00
TOMS,HEIRLM,GHSE,M-L, 10 LB	24.00	25.00
TOMS,ONVINE, GHSE,11 LBS	11.00	12.00
TOMS, VINERIPE GHSE, 25 LBS	15.00	15.00

SHIPPED IN

BEANS,GRN,NC, MACH PK, BU	42.00	42.00
BLUEBERRY, NJ,CLAM,12-1PT	15.00	18.00
BLUEBERRY,ORG,NC,12-6OZ	23.00	23.00
CABBAGE,SAVOY, NJ, 1-3/4 BU	15.00	16.00
CHERRY,WA,18 LBS,9.5,BAGS	40.00	48.00
CHRRY,RANIER,OR,15LBS, 9.5	52.00	52.00
CHRY,DKRED,ORG,WA,18LB,11	60.00	60.00
COLLARDS, NJ,12 BNCH	12.00	13.00
CUKES, PCKL, NJ, 200-300	30.00	32.00
DANDELION, NJ, 12 BNCH	16.00	16.00
GARLIC,ELPHNT,JBO,CA,10LB	42.00	42.00
GRAPES,CA,XL,SDLS,#1,18LB	33.00	35.00
KALE, LACINITO, NJ, 12	18.00	20.00
LEEKs, CA, 12 BUNCHES/CTN	20.00	24.00
MUSHRM,ENOKI,PA,12- .5OZ	18.00	19.00
MUSHRM, OYSTER, PA, 5 LBS	11.00	11.00
MUSHRM, SHITAKE, PA, 3LBS	11.00	15.00
NECTRINE,YLW,CA,25LB,48-50	24.00	24.00
ONION,RED, NM, JBO, 25 LBS	15.00	18.00
PEACHES, SC, 2-3/4", 1/2 BU	22.00	23.00
PEPPER, BELL, GA, JBO,1-1/9	26.00	26.00
PEPPER,CUBANELLE,GA,1-1/9	16.00	20.00
PLUMS,RED, CA, 28 LBS, 30-35	30.00	35.00
SPINACH, NJ, 24 BNCH/CRT	18.00	18.00
SWISS CHARD,MXDCLR,CA, 24	24.00	24.00
TOMATO, GRAPE, FL, 20 LBS	20.00	22.00
TOMATO, PLUM, SC, XL, 25LBS	14.00	15.00
WATERCRESS, AL, BUNCH, 24	17.00	20.00
WATERMELON, GA,10-14LB, EA	3.00	4.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - July 4, 2016

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	60.00	67.50
61-75 lbs.	72.50	100.00
76-90 lbs.	117.50	120.00
91-105 lbs.	122.50	127.50
106 lbs. & up	135.00	140.00
Farm Calves	145.00	210.00
Starter Calves	50.00	55.00
Veal Calves	130.00	135.00
Open Heifers	100.00	110.00
Beef Heifers	100.00	102.00
Feeder Steers	115.00	135.00
Beef Steers	100.00	105.00
Stock Bulls	115.00	150.00
Beef Bulls	110.00	115.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	1@	22.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	95.00	180.00
Lambs each	120.00	230.00
Goats each	135.00	230.00
Kid Goats each	65.00	365.00
Canners	up to	70.00
Cutters	71.00	74.00
Utility Grade Cows	75.00	78.00
Rabbits each	5.00	26.50
Chickens each	3.00	13.00
Ducks each	2.00	8.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.83	1.02
LARGE	.77	.91
MEDIUM	.46	.59

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.27	1.39
LARGE	1.16	1.29
MEDIUM	.58	.68
SMALL	.48	.58

USDA NORTHEAST RETAIL

Per unit, in dollars.

BEETS, PER BUNCH	2.49	2.99
BEETS, PER LB	1.29	1.29
BLUEBERRIES, 1 PINT	.99	3.99
BOK CHOY, PER LB	1.49	1.49
COLLARDS, PER LB	.99	1.49
CUKES, EACH	.34	1.50
KALE, PER BUNCH	.99	2.49
KALE, PER LB	1.29	1.99
LETTUCE, BOSTON, EA	.99	.99
LETTUCE,RED/GRNLF,EA	.79	1.99
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, EA	.97	1/99
NECTARINES, PER LB	.99	3.99
PEACHES, PER LB	.69	2.99
PLUMS, PER LB	1.49	2.49
RADISHES, PER BUNCH	.97	.99
RASPBERRIES, 6 OZ	2.00	3.49
SWISS CHARD, PER LB	.99	.99
TOMATO,CHERRY,1 PT	2.00	2.50

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

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

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.

49-R. For Sale: Parts for Grimm hay tedders. Also, rough lumber. Sylvan Tetrault. 860-684-3458.

67-R. 99 Dart Hill Road, South Windsor. 5.5 acres, Rural Residential. Fully approved building lot with sewer available, well required. Ideal for horses, ambitious gardener, agricultural or home business. 800 foot driveway. Creative owner financing available. \$248,000.00. Annette Griffin, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services N.E. Properties. 860-604-7845.

72-R. Ashley McCullough proudly representing Farm Family, a company that has been providing clients with reliable service for more than 60 years. Let me help you with your insurance needs. Specializing in Farm, Business, Home and Life Insurance. Get a quote today. Ashley.McCullough@Farm-Family.com or 401-397-1050.

73-R. For Sale: Mulch hay in 500 lb round bales. Asking \$19.00 per bale. Call Mike Sr. – 860-528-4660.

75-R. 11'6" aluminum row boat with new oars. \$350.00. James A. Fazzone 203-250-6677.

76-R. 8 yearling Baldy steers. 8 open yearling Baldy heifers. 4 bred Baldy heifers due August. 860-485-5720.

77-R. Gleason 1 yard soil, flat and pot filler, feed and return elevator. Probably the most rugged greenhouse/nursery equipment made. Easy adjustments. Very good condition. Come see. Looking for offers. Takagi Jr. propane water heater, ignites and shuts off on water flow. New in box. Stainless steel exhaust pipe included. Both \$300.00. 48" slat fin exhaust fan. \$200.00. Wheeler Farm, Portland, CT. 860-342-2374.

78-R. Lynn Blackmer, Nationwide Farm Master Certified Agent, Woodstock, CT. Farm, commercial, life insurance, and more. Cell: 860-377-8947 to see how Nationwide compares.

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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-Tetreault Realty (860) 644-5667.

CONNECTICUT GROWN STORE NOW ACCEPTING WHOLESALE ORDERS

The Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that its online storefront, www.ConnecticutGrownStore.com, is now accepting wholesale orders from farmers and farmers' market masters.

The store offers a wide selection of apparel for men, women, children and infants, plus coffee mugs, knit and baseball hats. Ideal for farm stands, markets or employee/volunteer appreciation gifts.

All proceeds benefit the Connecticut Grown program, which promotes Connecticut's farmers and the diverse array of agricultural products they grow. For more information and wholesale pricing, contact us directly at 860-713-2503.

JULY 25 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR PERMITS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS LOCATED AT THE FORMER FAIRFIELD HILLS HOSPITAL PROPERTY

The State of Connecticut, acting through the Department of Agriculture, will accept agricultural crop permit proposals through July 25, 2016, from interested parties wishing to farm the following lands of the Connecticut Military Department ("CT MD") and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture ("DOAg"):

- 119.5+/- acres of farmland on the grounds of the former Fairfield Hills Hospital property, located off Mile Hill Road, Craft Road, Old Farm Road and Queen Street in Newtown, consisting of the following parcels:
- 8± acres under the care, custody and control of CT MD, located off Mile Hill Road in Newtown, consisting of sloping and gently sloping hayland. **Parcel 1 must remain as hayland and will be available for cutting all year; however, it must be cut a minimum of two times per calendar year.**
- 11.5± acres under the care, custody and control of CT MD, located off Craft Street in Newtown, consisting of sloping and gently sloping hayland. **Parcel 2 must remain as hayland and will be available for cutting between November 1 and July 31 of each year. It cannot be cut or used by the permittee between August 1 and October 31 of each year. However, it must be cut a minimum of two times per calendar year;** and
- 100± acres under the care, custody and control of DOAg, located off Craft Road, Old Farm Road and Queen Street in Newtown, consisting of corn fields and gently sloping cropland/hayland.

Proposals will be accepted on the entire property described above. Food and fiber producing agricultural activities (row crops, hay, fruits and vegetables, etc.) and their overall impact on the productivity and condition of the land by the submitted applications will be taken into consideration by the state.

Applicants will be required to submit and utilize a soil conservation plan and follow best management practices for utilization of the land during the term of the agreement. The conservation plan should contain measures to minimize soil erosion and maintain the productivity of the land. The permittee will be required to establish a permanent cover on the areas being actively farmed in accordance with the conservation plan, including at the end of the permit period.

In accordance with C.G.S. 22-6e, the permits are to be for a term of five years, with the option to renew for an additional five years at the discretion of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

The submission of proposals will not be binding on the State of Connecticut, nor does it constitute a

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CONNECTICUT GROWN
BLUEBERRIES



FIND A FARM STAND

WWW.CTGROWN.GOV/BLUEBERRY



The Dept. of Agriculture is featuring Connecticut Grown blueberries during July as part of its ongoing promotion of specialty crops. Blueberries will be promoted on several iHeartRadio and Full Power Radio stations, as well as Pandora radio, social media and the agency's website: www.ctgrown.gov/blueberry

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competitive bid. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals not in the best interest(s) of the State of Connecticut.

Anyone wishing to submit a proposal must forward a completed **Connecticut Department of Agriculture Permit Proposal Form for Agricultural Use of Vacant Public Land**, plus any accompanying materials to: **The Resource Preservation Unit, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Room G-8, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.**



Mini strawberry-rhubarb pies are on sale now at Heirloom Market at Comstock Ferre, Wethersfield. The market shared the above photo on social media using the hashtag #CTGrown, which the Dept. of Agriculture is encouraging all in the agricultural community to do.

Proposals must be postmarked or hand-delivered by July 25, 2016.

The Permit Proposal Form is available online at www.ctfarmlink.org. Additional information and the parcel location map(s) are included with the Permit Proposal Form.

If you are unable to access the internet, have any questions or need to request additional information, you may call 860-713-2531 or email lance.shannon@ct.gov

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