

# Connecticut Weekly AGRICULTURAL REPORT

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## CONNECTICUT GROWN STRAWBERRIES ARE JUNE'S FEATURED CROP IN DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE'S MONTHLY PROMOTION

The Department of Agriculture is featuring Connecticut Grown strawberries during the month of June as part of the agency's ongoing promotion of specialty crops.

Many strawberry farms in the state began harvesting last week for retail sales, and pick-your-own operations are expected to get underway this coming weekend.

"I encourage everyone to support our hard-working strawberry growers by going to a local farm to pick your own, or to buy some at a farm stand or market while the chance lasts," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "It is a short season and not an opportunity to be missed."

Strawberries will be promoted on iHeartRadio stations 92.5 FM, 105.9 FM and 95.7FM; Full Power Radio stations 97.1 FM, 99.5 FM and 104.5 FM.

It is also featured on Pandora radio, social media and the agency's website: [www.ctgrown.gov/strawberry](http://www.ctgrown.gov/strawberry), which

includes a listing of all pick-your-own farms in the state.

Consumers can also go to the agency's Pinterest page [www.pinterest.com/GrowCTAGg](http://www.pinterest.com/GrowCTAGg) to find Connecticut strawberry patch listings, recipe ideas and more.

The agency's monthly promotion is funded by a USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant. The graphic at top left is from the agency's Facebook page promotion of the crop.

The photo at top right was posted by Massaro Community Farm in Woodbridge, on June 3 with the hashtag #CTGrown.

It shows strawberries being picked to bring to a farmers' market last weekend.

The Dept. of Agriculture is encouraging farms to use the #CTGrown hashtag to share photographs, news and events on their farms that may be published on the agency's Facebook page and in the Weekly Agricultural Report.



**LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	72.50	80.00
boners 80-85% lean	73.00	77.50
lean 88-90% lean	70.00	75.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	126.00	130.50
Choice 2-3	123.00	127.00
Sel 1-2	117.00	122.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	119.50	121.50
Ch 2-3	112.00	118.00
Sel 1-2	106.00	112.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	no test	
Ch 2-3	no test	
Select 1-2	no test	
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 94-128 lbs	160.00	172.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
40-50 lbs	265.00	305.00
50-60 lbs	250.00	290.00
60-70 lbs	245.00	272.00
70-80 lbs	228.00	230.00
80-90 lbs	215.00	240.00
90-110 lbs	205.00	227.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	85.00	113.00
120-160 lbs	85.00	115.00
200-300 lbs	85.00	92.00
BUCKS		
160-200 lbs	95.00	95.00
200-300 lbs	67.00	95.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.		
20-40 lbs	160.00	175.00
60-80 lbs	255.00	260.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES:		
Select 1, by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	220.00	240.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1		
100-150 lbs	255.00	305.00
150-250 lbs	330.00	365.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Per cwt.

52-56	250-300 lbs	53.00	57.50
	300-350 lbs	47.00	50.00
	350-400 lbs	45.50	48.00
	400-450 lbs	42.00	43.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	49.00	53.00
	300-400 lbs	40.00	45.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	400-700 lbs	47.00	51.50
Boars	250-350 lbs	34.00	39.00
	350-650 lbs	15.00	18.00

**N. HOLLAND, PA. FEEDER PIGS**

US 1-2	30-40 lbs	170.00	200.00
	40-50 lbs	160.00	200.00
	60-80 lbs	90.00	120.00
	80-100 lbs	50.00	90.00
US 2-3	20-30 lbs	110.00	120.00
	30-40 lbs	100.00	120.00
	40-50 lbs	230.00	230.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4OZ	16.00	16.00
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
FIDDLEHEADS, 10 LBS	45.00	50.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB BAGS	22.00	23.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, BU	50.00	50.00
PEAS, SNOW, 1/2 BU	20.00	20.00
PEAS, SUGAR SNAP, 1/2 BU	20.00	20.00
RHUBARB, OPEN FIELD, 20LBS	35.00	35.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8-1 QT	26.00	32.00
TOM, CHRY, GHSE, ONVINE, 5 LB	16.00	18.00
TOMS, CHERRY, GHSE, 8-10 OZ	24.00	26.00
TOMS, HEIRLOOM, GHS, 10 LBS	24.00	25.00
TOMS, ONVINE, GHSE, 11 LBS	12.00	14.00
TOMS, GHSE, VINERIPE, 25 LBS	15.00	15.00

**SHIPPED IN**

APRICOTS, CA, 2 LYR, 80S	28.00	28.00
ASPARAGUS, NJ, LARGE, 28 LB	54.00	56.00
BEANS, GREEN, GA, MCH PK, BU	18.00	20.00
BEANS, WAX, GA, MCH PK, BU	38.00	40.00
BEETS, RED, NJ, BUNCH, 12	16.00	18.00
BITTERMELON, FL, 30 LBS	22.00	29.00
BLUEBERRIES, NC, 12-1PT	24.00	25.00
BLUEBERRY, ORG, NC, 12-6OZ	20.00	22.00
BOK CHOY, GA, 50 LBS	24.00	30.00
BOKCHOY, BABY, FL, 1.5 BU	28.00	30.00
BROCCOLI, FL, BNCHED, 14	18.00	18.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, NJ, 1-3/4BU	15.00	15.00
CABBAGE, RED, NJ, 1-3/4BU	18.00	18.00
CARROTS, GA, JMBO, 50 LBS	17.00	19.00
CELERY, FL, 2 DOZ	20.00	20.00
CHERRY, CA, 16 LBS, 9.5, BAGS	72.00	75.00
CHINESE CABBAGE, NJ, 1.3BU	18.00	24.00
CHOY SUM, LONG, CA, 30 LBS	35.00	35.00
COLLARDS, NJ, 12 BNCH	13.00	13.00
CORN, BICOLOR, GA, 4-4 1/2 DZ	14.00	16.00
CUKES, GA, WAXED, 1-1/9	12.00	14.00
DAIKON, NJ 1-1/9 BU, 12 CT	24.00	26.00
DANDELION, NJ, 12 BNCH	18.00	18.00
EGGPLANT, NJ, MED, 1-1/9	12.00	12.00
ENDIVE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	14.00	14.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	18.00	18.00
GARLIC, ELEPHNT, CA, 10 LBS	38.00	42.00
GINGER ROOT, HI, 30 LBS	56.00	56.00
GRAPE, SUGARONE, SDLS, 18LB	33.00	38.00
KALE, LACINITO, NJ, BNCH, 12	18.00	20.00
KOHLRABI, NJ, BNCH, 12	18.00	18.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, NJ, 24	16.00	18.00
LET, GRN LEAF, CA, 2.2 LB CTN	11.00	13.00
LET, RED LEAF, NJ, 24	18.00	20.00
LET, ROMAINE, NJ, 24/CTN	18.00	19.00
MUSTARD GRNS, GA, BNCH, 24	15.00	16.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, 60	20.00	22.00
PEPPER, GRN, JBO, GA, 1-1/9 BU	18.00	20.00
PLUMS, BLK, CA, 28 LBS, 40-45	44.00	44.00
RADISHES, NJ, BNCH, 2 DOZ	14.00	15.00
SPINACH, FLAT, NJ, BNCH, 24	18.00	18.00
SQUASH, YELLW, GA, MD, 1/2 BU	10.00	14.00
SQUASH, YELLW, GA, SM, 1/2 BU	14.00	16.00
SWISS CHARD, RED, CA, 12	16.00	18.00
TURNIP, PRPLE TOP, GA, 25 LBS	12.00	14.00
ZUCCHINI, NJ, MD, 1/2 BU	15.00	15.00
ZUCCHINI, NJ, SM, 1/2 BU	16.00	16.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**  
Middlefield, CT - June 6, 2016

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	60.00	64.00
61-75 lbs.	90.00	100.00
76-90 lbs.	150.00	152.50
91-105 lbs.	155.00	160.00
106 lbs. & up	162.50	165.00
Farm Calves	167.50	260.00
Starter Calves	50.00	55.00
Veal Calves	90.00	260.00
Open Heifers	70.00	90.00
Beef Heifers	70.00	105.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	125.00
Beef Steers	n/a	n/a
Stock Bulls	n/a	n/a
Beef Bulls	1@	97.00
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	1@	40.00
Sheep each	50.00	215.00
Lambs each	115.00	190.00
Goats each	75.00	350.00
Kid Goats each	45.00	120.00
Canners	up to	73.00
Cutters	74.00	79.00
Utility Grade Cows	80.00	84.00
Rabbits each	8.00	35.00
Chickens each	3.00	13.00
Ducks each	7.00	16.00

**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white  
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.47	.58
LARGE	.37	.51
MEDIUM	.30	.43

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**Per doz. Grade A brown in  
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	.93	1.19
LARGE	.85	1.04
MEDIUM	.52	.58
SMALL	.46	.56

**USDA WHOLESALE HERBS**

ANISE, CA, 24	28.00	30.00
ARUGULA, BABY, FL, 4 LB	12.00	14.00
BASIL, FL, 15 BNCHES	17.00	20.00
CHIVES, MA& NH, 1 LB	10.00	10.00
CILANTRO, NJ, 1/2 BCRT, 24	18.00	18.00
CIPOLINOS, NY, 10 LBS	16.00	18.00
DILL, NJ, 1/2 BCRT, 24	35.00	35.00
HORSERADISH, MS, 5 LBS	13.00	14.00
MINT, MA, 1/2 BU, 12 BNCH	10.00	14.00
OREGANO, FL, 1 LB BAG	8.00	9.00
ROSEMARY, FL, 1 LB, 12	7.00	9.00
SAGE, FL, 1 LB, 12 BNCH	7.00	9.00
TARRAGON, 1 LB, 12	8.00	10.00
WATERCRSS, FL, 12 BNCH	10.50	12.00
WATERCRSS, FL, 24 BNCH	17.00	20.00
WNTERCRS, GHS, PA, 2.2LB	13.00	16.00
WNTRCRS, ORG, GH, PA, 2.2#26.00	13.00	26.00

**FOR SALE**

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55-R. Used 12' pressure treated fence posts. Quantity pricing. Call or text 860-559-3009 or 860-888-3798.

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65-R. For Sale: International sickle bar mower, silage wagon body, hay elevator, Toyota skid steer loader. Best Offer. 860-978-5200.

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.

**WANTED**

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**CT FARM EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION**

56-R. Full time position available. Angus cattle farm. Construction work. Call or text 860-559-3009.

**SEYBOLT FARM IN WOODSTOCK FOREVER PRESERVED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION**

A Woodstock farm where hay is grown to support a nearby dairy farm is the latest to be protected under the Dept. of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program.

Seybolt Farm on Route 169 (pictured above) is the 18<sup>th</sup> farm to be protected in the current fiscal year under the program, which has ensured that more than 42,000 acres of farmland will forever remain available for agricultural production.

The majority of the hayfields at the 117-acre farm are leased to the nearby Valleyside Farm, a dairy farm owned by Tim and Lucas Young.

Approximately 40 acres of Seybolt Farm are classified as having prime and statewide important soils.

It is the third farm protected in Woodstock in the past year, following the Peckham farm in August 2015 and the May Farm in February.

Owned by Reva Seybolt, the farm has an expansive view of three states, including Mt. Wachusett in Princeton, Mass., to the north and the northern hills of Rhode Island to the east.

**FREE SCREENING OF FILM FEATURING HORSE REHABILITATED BY DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE**

A film about a former champion barrel racer horse that was rehabilitated by the Dept. of Agriculture after being seized in a cruelty case will be shown at the New Haven Documentary Film Festival on Thursday June 9, at the Whitney Humanities Center Auditorium, 53 Wall Street, New Haven at 8:30 p.m.

Kelly Colbert's "His Name is Midnight" documentary recounts the journey of a Quarter Horse that was brought to the department's Second Chance animal rescue facility after being seized in 2011 from a Fairfield County horse farm whose owner was charged with animal cruelty.

Colbert got involved in 2012 when she saw a friend's Facebook posting about the case and immediately decided she wanted to adopt the horse, who now lives at a horse farm in rural New Jersey near Colbert's home and remains in great health.

To see the full story and the movie trailer go to [www.hisnameismidnight.com](http://www.hisnameismidnight.com) For more information on the film festival go to [www.nhdocs.com](http://www.nhdocs.com)



## Connecticut Hop Growers Association Workshop and Seminar

June 23, 1:00pm-4:00pm. Registration begins at 12:30pm.

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 153 Cook Hill Rd, Windsor, CT

Things to Look Forward to:

- **James Lamondia, Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station**, to speak about hops and current research at the experimental stations, including varieties tested in CT, pests, diseases, and comparisons between short and tall trellis experiments.
- **Jaime Smith, Department of Agriculture**, to discuss farm grants for starting up a new hop yard as well as diversifying a current farm.
- **Steve Schmidt, Schmidt Hops**, to present on setting up a hop yard. Topics to include designing a style to fit your piece of land and materials needed to construct the yard before planting.
- **PLUS:** Live demonstration of mobile hop harvester equipment, including a brief factual overview of the harvester.
- And More!!



Please join us for our first official workshop and seminar!  
We will be accepting new members and look forward to  
showing you what CHGA has to offer.



Questions? Contact us at [cthopgrowers@yahoo.com](mailto:cthopgrowers@yahoo.com)



### WEEKLY VEGETABLE PEST MESSAGE/REPORTS FROM THE FARM NOW AVAILABLE

The UConn Cooperative Extension System Vegetable Pest Message provides commercial growers with trapping and scouting information gathered from farms around the state.

It lets you know what pests to expect in the near future on your farm and how to manage them.

Information on pest populations from around the state is meant to supplement, not replace, on-farm monitoring.

The message is updated weekly on Friday afternoons from June through September and can be accessed by calling 860 870-6954 or on the vegetable crops section of the UConn IPM Web Site ([www.hort.uconn.edu/ipm/](http://www.hort.uconn.edu/ipm/)).

You can also send your email address to [Jude.Boucher@Uconn.edu](mailto:Jude.Boucher@Uconn.edu) and have the message sent to you.

#### KEEPING THE BEES

Honey bees are one of 326 species of bees in CT. A program about pollinators will be presented by UConn's Dr. Kimberly A. Stoner at Scout Hall, in East Windsor, June 14, at 6:00.

Learn more about issues affecting bees and how to encourage them. The event is sponsored by the CT Farm Bureau and co-sponsored by the East Windsor Agricultural Commission.

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