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FARMERS' MARKETS AROUND STATE SEEKING GROWERS, VENDORS

Nearly 40 market masters around the state have notified the Department of Agriculture that they are seeking farmers and other vendors for their market as the season begins to get into full swing.

While the skyrocketing popularity of farmers' markets has been heralded by most local food advocates as positive, it has also posed a few challenges in a small state boasting 125 markets among its 169 towns.

For many market masters, attracting the ideal mix of farmers and other vendors for its customer base can be more difficult than expected.

Conversely, for growers and producers who rely primarily on direct-to-consumer sales, finding an efficient schedule of farmers' markets at which to sell all of their farm products can be a challenge.

"Farmers' markets are a terrific opportunity for farmers to interact with their customers and increase their margins through direct sales--as opposed to working through middlemen," said Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky. "But they are also time- and labor-intensive, so finding the right combination and schedule is key, whether you are a bigger grower working large acreage or a smaller grower without the flexibility of workers to grow, harvest and staff a market."

Fortunately, there are many new and beginning farmers looking to get into a market or two to help them get started. According to USDA's 2012 Census of Agriculture, Connecticut led New England in its increase of farms over the previous five years. Among the farmers' markets actively recruiting farmers is the one run by the Department of Agriculture at the state-owned Regional Market in Hartford.



Potted roses for sale recently at the Hartford Regional Market Farmers' Market

As the only farmers' market operated by DoAg, open seven mornings a week, it offers a unique marketplace that has served both wholesale and retail customers for decades in the capital city's South Meadows, easily accessible from the intersection of Interstates 91 and 84.

"It is unlike anything else in the state," said Linda Piotrowicz, director of DoAg's Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation, who became executive director of the Regional Market last fall. "Often regarded as one of our 'best-kept secrets,' we are working to get the word out and bring in more farmers throughout the entire season, including summer, fall, and even winter."

Farmers' market stalls, approximately 10- to 12-foot wide and 30 feet long, are available for four- or twelve-month periods. Farmers may sell from their stalls between 4:00 and 9:00 a.m., any or every day of the week during their agreement term.

Weekends attract the most customers from the general public, while weekday mornings see a steady flow of wholesale customers who come to buy for small grocery stores, restaurants, and roadside stands.

The Regional Market is also home to about a dozen warehouse tenants who provide produce, meats, dairy, and other products to schools, restaurants, retailers, hospitals, and other institutions year round, and who often offer public sales from their docks during farmers' market hours.

DoAg updates the market's Facebook page – <http://www.facebook.com/HartfordRegionalMarket> – regularly with information on which vendors and products will be available, as selection changes from week to week and the season progresses.

See Pages 3 and 4 for listing of markets seeking growers and vendors.



**Hartford Regional Market
Farmers' Market**



PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	105.00	111.00
boners 80-85% lean	102.00	110.50
lean 85-90% lean	97.00	110.00
CALVES graded bull		
No 1 114-128 lbs	470.00	510.00
No 1 102-112 lbs	545.00	565.00
No 1 94-100 lbs	580.00	595.00
No 1 80-92 lbs	600.00	635.00
No 2 112-128 lbs	470.00	500.00
No 2 98-110 lbs	530.00	547.00
No 2 88-96 lbs	560.00	595.00
No 2 80-86 lbs	685.00	685.00
No 3 100-130 lbs	495.00	520.00
No 3 90-98 lbs	540.00	480.00
No 3 72-88 lbs	630.00	660.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	162.00	166.50
Ch2-3	157.50	162.50
Sel1-3	150.00	160.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	147.00	149.00
Ch2-3	139.00	147.00
Sel1-2	130.00	141.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm3-4	161.00	164.50
Ch2-3	156.00	160.00
Sel1-2	151.00	155.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:		
40-50 lbs	275.00	305.00
50-60 lbs	245.00	245.00
70-80 lbs	220.00	245.00
80-110 lbs	225.00	233.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: 2-3		
100-160 lbs	80.00	92.00
100-120 lbs	82.00	100.00
BUCKS		
110-170 lbs	75.00	97.00
160-200 lbs	87.00	107.00
200-300 lbs	60.00	70.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.		
40-60 lbs	175.00	212.00
60-80 lbs	225.00	250.00
80-100 lbs	265.00	275.00
Nannies/Does: 50-80 lbs	155.00	172.00
80-130 lbs	170.00	210.00
130-180 lbs	220.00	255.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	270.00	310.00
150-250 lbs	335.00	375.00

PA FEEDER PIG SUMMARY

US #1-2 20-35 lb	170.00	225.00
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WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5LB	14.00	14.00
APPLES, MAC, 120, US#1	17.00	17.00
APPLES, CORTLAND, 12-3LB, #1	15.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12OZ	12.00	15.00
BEETS, 25LB LOOSE	9.00	9.00
CIDER, APPLE 4-1 GAL	24.00	24.00
FIDDLEHEAD FERNS, 10 LB	60.00	60.00
LETTUCE, HYDROPONIC, 12/CS	15.00	15.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1LB	24.00	26.00
RUTABAGAS, 50LBS	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, BTTRNT, 1-1/9 BU	26.00	28.00
TOMATOES, 12LB, GRHSE, VR	24.00	25.00
TOMS, CHRY, GHSE, ONVINE, 5LB	12.00	14.00

SHIPPED IN

ASPARAGUS, NJ, BNCHED, 22LB	40.00	44.00
BASIL, FL, BU, 15	24.00	25.00
BLUEBERRIES, GA, 12-6 OZ	18.00	19.00
BOK CHOY, FL, 50LB	22.00	26.00
CARROTS, GA, 16-3LB	19.00	23.00
CHERRIES, CA, 16LB/10-1/2ROW	64.00	68.00
COLLARDS, GA, 12	13.00	15.00
ENDIVE, NJ, 1-1/3 BU, 18	20.00	22.00
KALE, NJ, BUNCHED, 24	14.00	15.00
PARSLEY, NJ, 1-1/9 BU, 60	40.00	40.00
PEACH, SC, GLDPRINCE, 1/2BU	25.00	32.00
RADISHES, NJ, 24/CRATE	15.00	18.00
RHUBARB, MI, GRHSE, 20LB	34.00	35.00
SPINACH, SAVOY, NJ, 1-1/3BU, 24	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, GA, 1/2BU	10.00	15.00
SWISS CHARD, TX, 12/CTN	16.00	20.00
TURNIP GREENS, GA, 12/CTN	13.00	16.00

EAST COAST WHOLESALE HERBS

CHIVES, NH, 1LB	8.00	10.00
CILANTRO, NJ 1/2BRUCECRT, 30	8.00	8.00
CIPOLINOS, NY, 10 LBS	16.00	20.00
DILL, NJ, 1/2BRUCE CRT, 24	17.00	18.00
MINT, NJ, 1/2 BU, 12	12.00	14.00

USDA -RETAIL NE DAIRY

BUTTER, 1 LB	2.50	3.99
CHEESE, NATURAL, 8 OZ	1.49	3.50
CHEESE, NATURAL, 1 LB	2.50	4.49
COTTAGE CHEESE, 16 OZ	1.99	2.99
CREAM CHEESE, 8 OZ	1.48	2.58
FLAVORED MILK, HALF GAL	2.50	2.50
ICE CREAM, 48-64 OZ	1.99	3.99
MILK, 1/2 GAL (ALL FAT TESTS)	1.99	2.50
MILK, GAL (ALL FAT TESTS)	3.69	3.69
SOUR CREAM, 16 OZ	.98	2.50
YOGURT, GREEK, 4-6 OZ	.85	1.00
YOGURT, GREEK, 32 OZ	4.49	4.49
YOGURT, 4-6 OZ	.39	.60
YOGURT, 32 OZ	2.19	2.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT., May 25, 2015

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	55.00	60.00
61-75 lbs.	380.00	390.00
76-90 lbs.	420.00	445.00
91-105 lbs.	440.00	450.00
106 lbs. & up	460.00	470.00
Farm Calves	480.00	490.00
Starter Calves	50.00	55.00
Veal Calves	145.00	215.00
Open Heifers	142.50	145.00
Beef Heifers	119.00	131.00
Feeder Steers	162.50	167.50
Beef Steers	n/a	n/a
Stock Bulls	155.00	197.50
Beef Bulls	137.00	139.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	105.00	130.00
Feeder Pigs	47.00	127.50
Sheep	85.00	150.00
Lambs	50.00	210.00
Goats each	105.00	220.00
Kid Goats	40.00	145.00
Canners	up to	111.00
Cutters	112.00	115.00
Utility Grade Cows	116.00	119.00
Rabbits each	5.00	25.00
Chickens each	4.00	65.00
Ducks each	5.00	25.00

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.48	1.68
LARGE	1.42	1.56
MEDIUM	1.19	1.32

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.98	2.16
LARGE	1.92	2.10
MEDIUM	1.51	1.71

NEW HOLLAND, PA.**HOG AUCTION**

52-56	200-300 lbs	61.00	67.00
	300-350 lbs	58.00	63.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	54.00	60.00
	300-350 lbs	52.00	56.00
	350-400 lbs	43.00	45.00
Sows, US1-3			
	350-500 lbs	21.00	26.00
	500-650 lbs	24.00	28.00
Boars	500-600 lbs	11.00	12.00

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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43-R. 1955 Massey-Ferguson TO-35. Working tractor. Maintenance records and owners manual. With 5' bush hog. \$2,500.00. 860-481-0029.

44. FMC Model 1229 sprayer. 3 pt hitch. Single sided air delivery with 16 blade fan. For use on vegetables and dwarf fruit trees. Has J. Bean pump, and J. Bean rollover nozzles-Spray either dilute or concentrate by simply turning them. A 1/2 turn will shut off. Has fiberglass blower Housing and Fiberglass 100 gal. tank. Also has single handed spray gun. Have original operator's manual. Very nice. Asking \$2,800.00 or B.O. Tel. 203-283-4472 or 203-516-1693, leave message.

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51-R. JD 6200 2WD - Clean. \$11,000.00. JD 4000 - Real clean. \$11,000.00. Kubota L2500 loader, backhoe. 16 ft hay elevator. Hesston 4 star hydraulic tedder. 8A 3008 brush hog, heavy duty, used under 10 acres. \$4,800.00. NH 570 baler with thrower. \$10,500.00. NH 315 baler with thrower. 338 baler with kicker. \$5,500.00. IH round baler RBX 442. JD 300 round baler. \$6,000.00. 203-530-4953.

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FARMERS' MARKETS SEEKING GROWERS, VENDORS

- Avon-Farmington Valley: Sun., 11am-2 pm
Farmers/vendors
Daren Hall
fvfarmersmarket@gmail.com
- Andover: Fri., 3 pm-6 pm
Dairy, meat, bakery, food vendors
Catherine Palazzi
nanasworld@comcast.net
- Bethany: Sat., 9 am-1 pm
Fish, cheese, goat milk, eggs
Isabel Kearns
ikearns@bethany-ct.com
- Bloomfield: Sat., 9 am-noon
Fruit, mid-size farm, dairy, meat
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- Colchester: Sun., 9 am-1 pm
Artisan bread, prepared food
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- Cromwell: Fri., 4 pm-7pm
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Dairy
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judisedor@hotmail.com
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Prepared foods, soaps, seafood
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- Farmington: Fri., Noon-5pm
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richard.macsuga@ct.gov
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pchester@lebanonct.gov

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