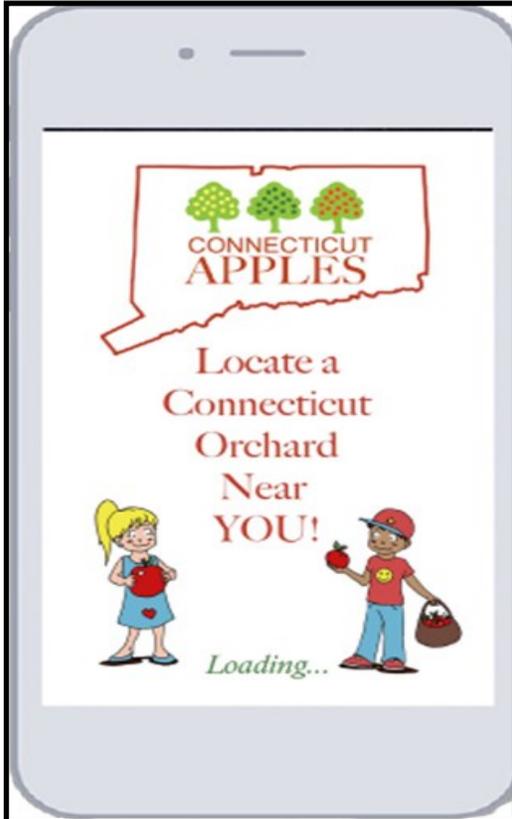


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STATE'S APPLE CROP STRONG, CUSTOMERS CAN FIND ORCHARDS WITH FREE MOBILE APP

Connecticut's apple crop is expected to be very strong this season, and customers for the first time can find information on orchards across the state through a new digital mobile phone app available for free from the CT Apple Marketing Board (CAMB.)

Although many growers had to irrigate during the recent dry weather, the crop is bountiful and orchards are in full swing, said Brian Kelliher, chairman of the apple marketing board.

"The dry conditions actually serve to create an intense flavor in the apples," said Kelliher, owner of Easy Pickin's Orchard in Enfield. "Growers have been able to irrigate enough to ensure an excellent crop, so everyone will be able to find their favorite varieties at their local orchard."

Finding orchards and details about them can be done through the mobile app - created with the help of a grant from the USDA and the state agriculture department - that is available for free download on the CAMB website: ctapples.org.

The app features an interactive map that links smartphone users directly to the website of individual orchards for information including directions, hours of operation and what apple varieties are available.

The app also includes a customer-loyalty program that offers a discount for participants that make four visits to any Connecticut orchard, and a "children's passport" filled with fun and educational activities.

CAMB's social media presence also includes Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram.

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said apples are one of the state's largest and important agricultural crops, with an average yearly harvest of about a half-million bushels worth \$12 million.

"It's exciting to see the success that the CAMB is having in using social media to promote the state's orchards," Reviczky said. "This is a great way for customers to learn about our extraordinary Connecticut Grown apples and where to find them."

Above: A free digital app that directs customers to state apple orchards.
Below right: A Connecticut Grown pricing sign reflecting changes in state law.

STRICTER CONNECTICUT GROWN LABELING LAW TAKES EFFECT OCT. 1

The Department of Agriculture is reminding farmers, food producers and consumers of changes in state law that as of Oct. 1 mandate stricter labeling of Connecticut Grown produce and value-added products.

The governor in July signed into law legislation that all products sold at farmers' markets as Connecticut Grown must be accompanied by a sign that lists the name and address of the farm or business where the product was grown or made.

The sign also must be "in the immediate proximity" of the offered product.

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said the change is intended to ensure the integrity of the Connecticut Grown brand, both for the benefit of consumers and producers.

"It's a matter of fairness and of truth-in-advertising," Reviczky said.

"Consumers have the right to know what they are buying and ethical producers who play by the rules deserve protection from unfair competition by those looking to falsely use the Connecticut Grown label," Revi-

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PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	LOW	HIGH
breakers 75-80% lean	88.00	96.00
boners 80-85% lean	87.00	94.50
lean 88-90% lean	81.00	90.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	138.50	145.00
Ch2-3	136.00	152.00
Sel1-3	125.00	146.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	124.00	135.00
Ch2-3	120.00	129.00
Sel1-2	117.00	124.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Choice2-3	128.50	138.50
Sel2-3	122.00	133.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA

CALVES <small>graded bull</small>		
No 1 106-128 lbs	250.00	270.00
No 1 98-104 lbs	285.00	300.00
No 1 90-96 lbs	315.00	320.00
No 1 80-88 lbs	337.00	355.00

GREENCASTLE, PA

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: prices per cwt.		
Ch/Prime 2-3		
50-70 lbs	200.00	255.00
70-80 lbs	220.00	250.00
80-100 lbs	205.00	245.00
100-120 lbs	205.00	235.00
120-140 lbs	180.00	200.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Choice 1-3		
170 lbs	67.50	67.50
BUCKS		

NEW HOLLAND, PA

SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.		
50-60 lbs	175.00	195.00
60-80 lbs	220.00	245.00
80-100 lbs	255.00	275.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel1, by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	200.00	220.00
130-180 lbs	210.00	255.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1		
150-250 lbs	335.00	365.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

All prices per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	45.00	51.00
	300-350 lbs	49.00	50.00
	350-400 lbs	39.00	45.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	44.00	46.00
	300-400 lbs	38.00	42.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	27.50	35.00
	500-650 lbs	31.50	40.00
Boars			
	200-300 lbs	20.00	28.00
	300-650 lbs	12.00	15.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
APPLES, CORTLAND, 12- 3 LB	22.00	22.00
APPLES, CORTLAND, USXFCY	22.00	22.00
APPLES, GALA, 80 COUNT	30.00	30.00
APPLES, GALA, NG, LOOSE	22.00	22.00
APPLES, GINGRGLD, BU, NG	20.00	20.00
APPLES, HONYCRSP, USXFCY	45.00	48.00
APPLES, MAC, 12-3 LB FILM	22.00	22.00
APPLES, MAC, 80 COUNT	28.00	28.00
APPLES, MAC, NG, LOOSE	20.00	20.00
APPLES, MACOUN, XFCY	30.00	30.00
APPLES, MUTSU, BU, NG	24.00	24.00
APPLES, ZESTAR, BU, NG	20.00	20.00
BEANS, GREEN, HND PKD, BU	18.00	27.00
BEANS, WAX, HND PKD, BU	20.00	30.00
BEETS, GOLDEN, 25 LB LOOSE	22.00	22.00
BROCCOLI, 20 LBS	18.00	24.00
CABBAGE, GRN, 50LBS	14.00	16.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, 40 LBS	18.00	20.00
CARROTS, 25 LBS	11.00	12.00
CAULIFLOWER, CELLO, 12	18.00	22.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GAL	18.00	18.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	20.00	22.00
COLLARDS, 12	15.00	15.00
CORN, 5 DOZ	12.00	16.00
CORN, ORNMTL, 3/BNCH, 20	40.00	40.00
CORN, STRWB, BLUE, 3/BNCH, 20	28.00	30.00
CORN, STALKS, 10-12/BNCH/EA	3.25	3.25
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9 BU	18.00	24.00
EGGPLANT, PRPLE, 1-1/9	12.00	20.00
GOURDS, ORN, 1-1/9 BU	28.00	30.00
GRAPES, CONCORD, 8X1 LB	24.00	24.00
KALE, 12 COUNT	12.00	15.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LBS	25.00	26.00
PEACHES, 25 LBS	24.00	24.00
PEPPERS, BELL, LG, GRN, 1-1/9	12.00	18.00
PEPPERS, JALAPENO, 1/2 BU	24.00	24.00
PLUMS, RED, 24 LBS	24.00	24.00
POPCORN, 3/BNCH, 20 PER	28.00	30.00
POTATO, RNDWHT, US1, SZ A	9.00	12.00
POTATO, RNDWHT, US1, CHEF	10.00	12.00
POTATO, RUSSET, US1, 70/50 LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO, RNDWHT, US1, 10-5LB	12.00	12.00
POTATO, YELLW, #1, 10-5LB, SZA	18.00	19.00
PUMPKINS, FACE, PER LB	.20	.20
PUMPKINS, HOWDN, SM, 1/2 BU	18.00	20.00
PMPKN, HWDN, LGE, BIN	180.00	200.00
PMPKN, HOWDN WHT, JMB, BIN	285.00	285.00
PMPKN, FLAT MINI, 1/2 BU	15.00	16.00
PUMPKINS, SUGAR, PER LB	.23	.23
PUMPKN, RED, CNDRL, WHT, LB	.25	.26
SQUASH, ACORN/BTTNT, 1-1/9	12.00	20.00
SQUASH, GRN, YEL, 1/2 BU	10.00	16.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9	12.00	18.00
TOMATOES, 20 LBS	18.00	20.00
TOMATOES, CHRRY, 12- 1PT	12.00	18.00
TOMATOES, PLUMS, 25 LBS	15.00	18.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, September 21, 2015

Bob Calves:	LOW	HIGH
45-60 lbs.	65.00	75.00
61-75 lbs.	275.00	285.00
76-90 lbs.	300.00	305.00
91-105 lbs.	310.00	315.00
106 lbs. & up	320.00	325.00
Farm Calves	330.00	340.00
Starter Calves	52.00	55.00
Veal Calves	135.00	290.00
Open Heifers	130.00	140.00
Beef Heifers	88.00	108.00
Feeder Steers	120.00	160.00
Beef Steers	150.00	138.00
Stock Bulls	120.00	190.00
Beef Bulls	125.00	137.50
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	35.00	65.00
Sheep	120.00	220.00
Lambs	190.00	370.00
Goats each	170.00	370.00
Kid Goats	70.00	260.00
Canners	up to	88.50
Cutters	89.00	92.00
Utility Grade Cows	93.00	95.00
Rabbits each	7.00	17.00
Chickens each	4.00	22.00
Ducks each	5.00	24.00

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

XTRA LARGE	2.04	2.22
LARGE	1.98	2.12
MEDIUM	1.57	1.70

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

XTRA LARGE	2.68	2.75
LARGE	2.57	2.64
MEDIUM	1.87	1.97
SMALL	1.03	1.13

WHOLESALE ORNAMENTALS

Mums, 6" , ea	2.10	2.10
Mums, 9" , ea	3.20	3.20
Mums, 12" ea	10.00	10.00
Mum, 12" Hanger, ea	10.00	10.00
Straw, Std Bale, ea	7.50	7.50
Straw, Mini Bale, ea	5.00	5.00

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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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.

8-R. CT non-GMO grain and corn. Hay and straw. Pleasant View Farms. Louis. 860-803-0675.

92-R. CORRECTED PRICE: 2000 Dodge 2500, 2WD, needs work. \$1,200.00. 1969 F600 whole or parts with rebuilt 330 ci engine and new clutch. \$800.00 or best offer. 203-577-3184.

94-R. Stafford: \$289,900. Attractive Country Living! Updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath Cape on 3+ acres. Spacious 7 year old barn with 2 bay garage, heated office & full bath. Also includes 14x10 cabin with screened porch. Suitable for small animals, goats, sheep or contractors office. Preston: \$585,000. Former Christmas tree farm on 71+ acres, pond, gravel and frontage on 2 roads. Call Clint Charter, Wallace & Tetreault Realty, 860-558-3908.

95-R. For Sale: Purebred Black Angus cattle. 860-482-7144. Frank McCarty.

96-R. Wooden apple boxes 1 1/9 bu, 2000, \$4/each. 1/2 bushel baskets, \$4/each. Call Doug 860-657-4172.

101-R. Christmas Greens: Quality wreaths and roping. Many sizes and varieties. Samples gladly shown. 203-457-1344.

WANTED

85-R. Standing timber wanted. Hardwood/Softwood. Top prices paid. Licensed and insured. 10 acre minimum. 860-798-4039.

90-R. Firewood elevator about 30 foot, in good shape. 860-301-1061.

99-R. Help Wanted- Greenhouse Manager. Successful, fast-growing hydroponics operation located in Cheshire is currently seeking a qualified individual to join our team on a year round basis. The successful candidate will possess prior greenhouse experience working in a demanding, fast paced environment. This individual will have a strong attention to detail, the ability to prioritize on a daily basis, and management skills necessary to motivate and lead teams of workers on a project basis. In addition, the innate sense of getting plants to grow optimally is essential. Salary is commensurate with experience. If interested, please contact Allyn Brown at allyn@maplelane.com

MISCELLANEOUS

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.

CT FARM EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION

97-R. Wanted: Working Orchard Manager and passionate person for family owned orchard in Central Connecticut. We grow apples, pears, peaches and nectarines, for pick-your-own, wholesale and our store. Call for more details. 203-213-8833.

102-R. Help wanted, looking for someone for help/partnership for cheese making/ice cream production and distribution of the products in the Storrs, eastern Ct area. Call 860-428-9502.

STRICTER CT GROWN LABELING**LAW TAKES EFFECT OCT. 1****(Continued from Page 1)**

-czyk said, noting that the department typically receives numerous complaints per year about alleged deceptive practices.

The new law pertains only to produce or products labeled Connecticut Grown. 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.

The changes in the law will be reflected in Connecticut Grown pricing signs issued free to growers and producers by the agriculture department.

A space for the name and address of the farm or business will now be included on the 5-by-7-inch signs, which also bear the Connecticut Grown label and logo.

Producers also may make their own sign containing the required information. The new law also increases the fine for violators from \$25 to \$100. Reviczky said first-time violators will typically receive a warning.

New pricing signs may be obtained by calling 860-713-2503, or through the following link to the department's website, [CTGrown.gov](http://www.ct.gov/doag):

http://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/marketing_files/price_card_fillable_order_form.pdf

Complaints about use of the Connecticut Grown label may be directed to the Bureau of Regulation and Inspection at 860-713 2504.

SMART MARKETING PROGRAM AT CAES NEW HAVEN

The Dept. of Agriculture and UConn Extension are sponsoring an educational program called "Smart Marketing = More Customers, More Profits" on Nov. 3, at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) in New Haven.

Partial funding for this program is from a Dept. of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant Award.

Featured speakers at the program include:

- Bridget Behe, from Michigan State University who will be speaking on Current Consumer Perceptions on Pest Control.
- Rosa Raudales, from the University of Connecticut, who will be speaking on Maintaining High-Quality Plants in Retail Settings.
- Chris Beytes, Editor Ball Publishing, Chicago, IL, who will be speaking on Trends, CounterTrends and Game-Changers
- Hayk Khachatryann, from the University of Florida, who will be speaking on Ideas on How to Market to Your Customer What are Innovative Retailers Doing?
- A panel discussion with moderated by Chris Beytes and featuring Ryan Van Wilgen from Van Wilgen's Garden Center, Maggie Bridge from Sam Bridge Nursery and Greenhouses and Teri Smith from Smith's Acres.

A registration fee of \$25 is due by Oct. 28, payable by check only, to the University of Connecticut. Cost of admission includes coffee, lunch, and informational handouts.

Two pesticide recertification credits will be offered for attendees in CT, RI, MA, ME, NH, and VT.

For more information contact: Leanne Pundt at leanne.pundt@uconn.edu or call 860.626.6855 or visit the website: <http://ijpm.uconn.edu>

NEW ENGLAND VEGETABLE AND FRUIT CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW REGISTRATION OPEN

The New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference and Trade Show will be held Dec. 15-17 at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, New Hampshire.

The conference will include 32 educational sessions covering major vegetable, berry and tree fruit crops, as well as special topics such as hard cider and hops production.

'Farmer-to-Farmer' information-sharing sessions after each morning and afternoon session will bring speakers and farmers together for informal, in-depth discussions on timely issues of interest to growers.

There is also an extensive trade show with over 100 exhibitors that is open throughout the conference, and social mixers to help facilitate meeting fellow growers.

The featured speaker for the evening of the Dec. 15 will be Jean Martin Fortier, from Les Jardins de la Grelinette in Quebec, who will speak on how to make "\$100,000 Per Acre on a Small Farm."

The educational program offers five or six concurrent sessions each morning and afternoon, including:

- **Dec. 15:** tree fruit, food safety, specialty and ethnic crops, blueberries, winter growing, harvest & handling efficiencies, cut flowers, and more.
- **Dec. 16:** stone fruit, mechanical weed control, Brassica and leafy greens, strawberry production, vine crops, soil health, hard cider and farm-size decisions.
- **Dec. 17:** viticulture, sweet corn, technology, root

CT FARM ENERGY WORKSHOPS

Ways to make farm operations or rural small business more energy efficient and opportunities to explore energy production and sustainability will be discussed at two free workshops next month.

The workshops, which will cover current federal and state grants, incentives and financing, will be held:

- Thurs., Oct. 1, from 4:30-6 p.m. at USDA's Windsor office, 100 Northfield Drive, and:
- Thurs., Oct. 8, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Energize CT Center, 122 Universal Drive North, North Haven.

To register or for questions, please contact Amanda at the CT Farm Energy Program: ctfarmenergy@aol.com or 860-345-3977.

crops, organic, hops, greenhouse tomatoes, fertilizers, and greenhouse container growing.

Pre-registration to attend any part or all of the conference or trade show is \$115 for the first member of the farm or business and \$85 for each additional member (family or employee) when pre-registered with first member.

Pre-registration fee for students (high school or college) is \$50 each, when pre-registered by the instructor. There is an additional fee of \$30 per person for late registration or walk-ins. Hotel registration is separate, but conference rates apply if you provide the code "NEVF15".

The event is sponsored by the New England Vegetable & Berry Growers Association and the Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association in conjunction with the Universities of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont, as well as Cornell University, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Additional information on the NEVFC, including on-line and downloadable registration material, may be found at:

www.newenglandvfc.org

Contact: Registration – Mark Hutton, UMaine; 207-933-2700; mark.hutton@maine.edu

General questions- Jude Boucher (860) 875-3331; jude.boucher@uconn.edu

**Pre-registration must be received by November 30.
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