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Celebrating the Holidays, Connecticut Style

Hartford, CT – As the holiday season gets into full swing, meals, parties, gifts, and decorations fill our thoughts and plans. What better way to celebrate the season than by celebrating the beauty and flavor of Connecticut?

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has a wealth of free online resources to help you find the perfect CT Grown ingredients and adornments.

How about a CT Grown bird or roast for the holiday table? Find one in the Department's [CT Grown Meat Producers](#) listing. Seafood more your style? Check out the [Seasonal Buying Guide for CT Fish and Shellfish](#), compiled by UConn's SeaGrant Program and posted on the Department of Agriculture's website.

Looking for some delicious local wine and cheese for that cocktail party? Over two dozen Connecticut [vineyards and wineries](#) are listed online, and producers of award-winning cheeses are included in [Experience Connecticut Dairy Products](#).

Desserts made with CT Grown [honey](#) or [maple syrup](#) simply cannot be beat, especially when used in combination with delicious CT Grown [apples or pears](#). Unsure of which variety to use? Check out [Apple Varieties and Their Uses](#) to help your recipe turn out perfect.

For those celebrating Christmas, choosing a [CT Grown Christmas tree](#) is the obvious choice for the freshest tree possible. In fact, selecting one at a [pick-your-own farm](#) makes for a wonderful, festive, family outing.

Need a great gift? How about a basket of [Connecticut specialty food products](#)? These premium-quality items are made in small batches by local companies and taste just like Grandma's secret recipes. Sometimes even better.

No matter what holidays you are celebrating this season, there is a CT Grown product perfect for the occasion. To find sources of these products and many more, go to www.CTGrown.gov and click on "Publications" at the top of the page. Or, if you prefer, pay a visit to one of the CT Grown [holiday and winter farmers' markets](#) listed on the website.

Celebrate this year's holidays Connecticut style. Choose CT Grown.

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