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## **Agriculture Commissioner Reviczky Predicts Berry Good Picking Conditions**

*Warm, sunny weekend will make for great strawberry picking despite recent rain*

(HARTFORD, CONN.) Connecticut Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky is encouraging residents to enjoy this weekend's sunny, warm, and dry weather by visiting a local farm to pick or purchase Connecticut Grown strawberries.

"Despite this week's cool, rainy weather, the strawberry crop is still doing well and the weekend is shaping up to provide great picking weather," said Commissioner Reviczky. "Berry picking is an ideal all-ages activity and wonderful way for the family to enjoy Father's Day together. Those berries can be turned into Dad's favorite dessert or simply enjoyed as is for a delicious, highly nutritious snack."

Strawberry season in Connecticut typically runs throughout the month of June. This year, cool weather delayed the start of the season, which means berries will still be plentiful in pick-your-own fields over the weekend. Some fields may still be damp on Saturday from the rain, so appropriate shoes or boots are recommended, as is calling ahead for specific picking hours and conditions.

"Strawberries will also be abundant at farm stands and farmers' markets this weekend, along with other early-season crops," said Commissioner Reviczky, who himself will be out shopping for his own perfect Connecticut Grown Father's Day meal.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture features lists of pick-your-own farms, farm stands, and farmers' markets on its website, [www.CTGrown.gov](http://www.CTGrown.gov) (click on "Where to find Connecticut Grown products").

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