



Many of the activities at Connecticut Agricultural Fairs date back to when the fair was organized, often in the early 1900's. A pie eating contest, baking, canning, and vegetable contests, and livestock exhibits are all part of our fairs' history. Examples of other interesting exhibits at fairs include:

- Brooklyn Fair, August 26-28 – people have the chance to see where their milk comes from as they watch cows being milked in a traditional milking parlor.
- Woodstock Fair, held annually on Labor Day weekend - an entire building is dedicated to Connecticut agriculture. Children can make their own butter like it was once made or learn the latest techniques for organic farming,
- Hebron Harvest Fair, September 9-11 – fairgoers can pick up baby chicks and see first hand what it takes to shear sheep.

Among the milestones of Connecticut Agriculture over the past 375 years are:

- The first farmers market was established in Hartford in 1643. Now there are over 120 markets in 97 towns;
- The oldest fair in Connecticut is the Brooklyn Fair, established in 1809
- The first commercial peach orchard in the country was the J.H. Hale Orchard, established in Glastonbury in 1875.

For more information on Agriculture and Connecticut Fairs go to: [www.ctfairs.org](http://www.ctfairs.org) and [www.ct.gov/doag](http://www.ct.gov/doag). For more information on the state's year-long 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: [www.CT375.com](http://www.CT375.com)

## UPCOMING FAIRS

- Brooklyn Fair, August 26, 27, 28, 29
- Chester Fair, August 27, 28, 29
- Terryville Lions Country Fair, August 27, 28, 29
- Litchfield Grange Fair, August 28
- Simsbury Grange Agricultural Fair, August 28
- Haddam Neck Fair, September 3, 4, 5, 6
- Woodstock Fair, September 3, 4, 5, 6
- Goshen Fair, September 4, 5, 6
- Hebron Harvest Fair, September 9, 10, 11, 12
- Ledyard Fair, September 9, 10, 11, 12
- North Haven Fair, September 9, 10, 11, 12
- Wapping Fair, September 9, 10, 11, 12
- Bethlehem Fair, September 10, 11, 12
- Granby Grange Agricultural Fair, September 11
- Killingly Grange Fair, September 11