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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

2011 CONNECTICUT FARMERS' MARKETS

By Mark Zotti, Marketing Representative

In the year 1643, The General Court of Connecticut required that Hartford establish a public market. The "great country store" was open all day on Wednesdays at the southeast corner of Meeting House Yard, the Old State House site, and was "for all manner of commodities that shall be bought in, and for cattle, or any merchandise whatsoever." This is believed to be the first farmers' market in Connecticut and 368 years later a farmers' market still exists in the same location.

Farmers' markets have always held a place in Connecticut, but in the last 20 years, our state has seen an increase of more than 500% in the number of markets. They are spread throughout the state, providing Connecticut Grown farm products from more than 400 farmers. This state provides an ideal setting for agriculture to thrive. The close proximity of farmers to populated areas provides a distinct advantage for farmers and consumers alike. Connecticut farmers have taken advantage of this and maximized revenue potential through direct marketing sales. Connecticut consumers are enjoying easy access to farm-fresh products at farmers' markets close to where they work and live. Each purchase is not only supporting Connecticut farmers but many other local businesses and the local economy as a whole.

Another driving force behind Connecticut farmers' markets are the supplemental food programs they offer. Three such programs can be found at select farmers' market throughout the state.

Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAG) offers the WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP). The FMNP provides 56,000 nutritionally at-risk Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and 32,000 low-income seniors with benefits to buy fruits and vegetables. This program has experienced tremendous growth along with the growth of farmers' markets in Connecticut. In 1987, eligible clients redeemed approximately \$20,000 in FMNP benefits. Twenty-four years later, in 2010, WIC clients and eligible seniors purchased over \$774,000 worth of fruits and vegetables with FMNP checks at authorized farmers' markets throughout Connecticut.

(Please see the [FMNP page](#) of DoAG's website for more information.)

In addition to the FMNP, CT DoAG has worked with Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) State WIC Program and local WIC agencies statewide to introduce the new WIC Fruit and Vegetable Check Program. This program allows WIC clients the option to use their WIC fruit and vegetable checks at farmers' markets. This program in addition to the WIC FMNP provides WIC clients with greater purchasing power at farmers' markets while increasing farmer's sales. (See the [WIC Program page](#) of DPH's website for more information.)

The third supplemental food program available at Connecticut farmers' markets is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formally known as food stamps, which is run by the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS). This program requires the use of an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) machine to process transactions. In 2010, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported that Connecticut saw a 75% increase in SNAP redemptions at farmers' markets. Such a sharp increase is directly related the number of markets that were able to accept SNAP transactions and is concurrent with nationwide statistics. In 2011, 21 farmers' markets have reported they will offer SNAP/EBT this summer and additional success is expected. (See the [SNAP Program page](#) of DSS's website for more information.)

During the 2010 legislative session, Public Act 10-103, *An Act Concerning Farms, Food and Jobs*, was passed. Part of this bill extends the definition of "exempt items" to include acidified foods. Prior to the passing of this bill, jams, jellies, and preserves with a pH value of 4.6 or less, made by cooking fruit produced on the farm with sugar, were exempt from a processing facility inspection. This exemption permits these products to be produced in a residential farm kitchen and offered for sale on the farm or at the farmer's kiosk at a certified farmers' market. PA 10-103 added acidified foods to this list of exemption items. Farmers wishing to produce and sell acidified foods need to take the following additional steps:

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NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

May 2, 2011

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	104-119
LARGE	101-115
MEDIUM	81-94

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., May 2, 2011

Live animals brought the following average prices / cwt. (provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction)

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	30.00	42.00
61-75 lbs.	45.00	50.00
76-90 lbs.	55.00	60.00
91-105 lbs.	70.00	75.00
106 lbs. & up	80.00	85.00
Farm Calves	82.50	92.50
Started Calves	35.00	45.00
Veal Calves	70.00	135.00
Open Heifers	75.00	110.00
Beef Heifers	85.00	97.00
Feeder Steers	72.00	117.50
Beef Steers	77.00	100.00
Stock Bulls	87.50	127.50
Beef Bulls	67.00	85.00
Boars	1 at	20.00
Lambs each	20.00	115.00
Goats each	75.00	180.00
Kid Goats each	30.00	105.00
Canners	Up to	70.50
Cutters	71.00	76.00
Utility Grade Cows	77.00	80.50
Rabbits each	6.00	41.00
Chickens each	5.00	29.00
Ducks each	4.00	8.00

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

APPLES, Fuji, 88ct, WA	50.75	50.75
APPLES, Gala, 113ct, xfcy, WA	45.50	45.50
ARUGULA, 12s, GA	21.50	21.50
BEETS, 25lb sacks, CA	41.00	41.50
BOK CHOY, 35lb, FL	37.00	37.00
CELERY, 1dz, CA	31.00	31.00
CILANTRO, 30s, FL	40.00	40.50
DAKION, 1-1/9bu, CA	40.00	40.00
EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 bu, FL	62.00	62.00
GREEN BEANS, bu, FL	29.00	31.00
LETTUCE, Greenlf, 24ct, CA	48.25	48.25
MUSHRM, Wht, 10lb, lg, PA	24.75	24.75
ONION, 40lb, md, yel, WA	31.50	31.50
ORANGES, Navel, 88ct, CA	37.00	37.00
PEPPER, Green bell, xl, FL	44.75	44.75
SPINACH, 4lb AZ	16.75	16.75
STRAWBRY, 8/1lb CA	32.25	32.25
TOMATOES, 10lb, md, FL	25.00	25.00

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, May 2, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers 75-80%lean	72.00-76.00	77.00 -78.00	68.00-72.00
Boners 80-85% lean	72.50-76.50	77.00-78.00	68.00-72.00
Lean 85-90% lean	66.00-70.00	72.00-76.00	60.00-65.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1	1145-1785 lbs	95.50-98.00	

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 4 one-gal	18.00	18.00
APPLES, Macintosh, xfcy, 100ct	22.00	23.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb, film	4.50	5.00
LETTUCE, Boston, grnhse, 12/4oz	14.00	16.00
TOMATOES, Grnhse, 25lb, loose	24.00	24.00

SHIPPED IN

ARUGULA, 4lb bag, FL	13.00	13.00
ASPARAGUS, 28lb, NJ	55.00	56.00
BEANS, Green, bu, FL	17.00	19.00
BLUEBERRIES, md/lg, 12/1pt, FL	36.00	36.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct, CA	10.00	13.00
CABBAGE, Green, md, 50lb, FL	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE, Nappa, 50lb, FL	18.00	20.00
CANTALOUPE, 9ct, GU	11.00	12.00
CARROTS, 50lb, md/lg, FL	25.00	27.00
CILANTRO, 24 bnchd, NJ	15.00	15.00
CORN, 4 half-doz, FL	12.00	15.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9bu, md, FL	18.00	20.00
DANDELION, Greens, crate, NJ	17.00	17.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu, md, FL	18.00	20.00
ESCAROLE, 1-1/9bu, FL	14.00	18.00
KALE, 16-18s, SC	11.00	12.00
LEEKS, 12s, NJ	24.00	24.00
LEMONS, 115ct, CA	20.00	22.00
LETTUCE, Greenlf, 24ct, AZ	22.00	26.00
MUSHROOM, 10lb, white, lge, PA	16.50	17.50
ONION, Vidalia, swt, 40lb, GA	18.00	20.00
PAPAYA, 8ct, HI	21.00	21.00
PEACHES, 32ct, FL	16.00	18.00
PEAS, SNOW, 10lb, GU	14.00	15.00
PEAS, English, bu, FL	30.00	35.00
POTATOES, 50LB, red, szA, FL	23.00	25.00
PEPPER, Red, 11lb, Grnhse, xl, CAN	28.00	33.00
PEPPER, Green bell, 1-1/9bu, xl, FL	16.00	20.00
RADISHES, 1/2bu, NJ	14.00	14.00
RHUBARB, 20lb, field, OR	40.00	40.00
SQUASH, Green, 1/2bu, md, FL	8.00	10.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb, FL	9.00	12.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

CALVES: All prices per cwt.

Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1	80-115 lbs	195.00-235.00
	80-90lbs	-N/A
Holstein Heifers: Number 1	85-100 lbs	196.00-260.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:		
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	40-60 lbs	228.00-245.00
	60-80 lbs	212.00-230.00
	80-90 lbs	220.00-232.00
	90-110 lbs	206.00-221.00
	110-130 lbs	190.00-204.00
	130-150	186.00-205.00
Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	40-60 lbs	N/A
	60-80 lbs	N/A
	90-110 lbs	N/A
	110-130 lbs	N/A
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh	120-160 lbs	77.00-91.00
	160-200 lbs	71.00-84.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	120-160 lbs	58.00-71.00
	160-200 lbs	56.00-68.00
	200-300 lbs	54.00-64.00

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown eggs in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	157-170
LARGE	143-160
MEDIUM	120-130

PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

May 2, 2011

Hay and straw market for eastern Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	200.00-225.00
Mixed Hay	200.00-225.00
Timothy	N/A
	Good
Alfalfa	160.00-200.00
Mixed Hay	170.00-200.00
Timothy	145.00-165.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	140.00-160.00
Mixed Hay	130.00-170.00
Timothy	130.00-150.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Monday, May 2, 2011

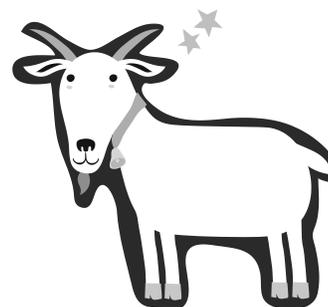
Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-300 lbs	66.00-70.00
45-49	300-400 lbs	57.00-60.00
	220-300lbs	62.00-64.00
Sows: US 1	300-500 lbs	45.00-50.00
	500-700 lbs	52.00-55.00
Boars:	300-800 lbs	27.00-29.50

SLAUGHTER GOATS:

All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.

Kids: 40-60 lbs	128.00-143.00
60-80 lbs	152.00-176.00
80-90 lbs	166.00-178.00
90-100 lbs	167.00-174.00
100-110 lbs	N/A
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	127.00-142.00
130-180 lbs	132.00-147.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	191.00-206.00
150 250 lbs	206.00-221.00



ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

1-R. CT Christmas Tree Growers, CT Sheep Breeders and CT Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency—Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, 1-888-526-8815, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

60-R. Hay 4x5 round bales, square bales 1st cut \$4. & 2nd \$5. 3 yr. Hereford with club calf heifer 1-26, \$1,000. 860-537-1974.

70-R. Hay, 1st cut \$4.00/bale. Feeder calves .90/lb live. Firewood, cut and split \$150/cord – you pick up. 860-916-9449.

73-R. Rye straw clean, seedless, excellent for garden mulch. Newly seed lawns, erosion control, animal bedding. \$5.00 per bale. 860-289-5188; 860-289-5055.

76-R. JD 1219 haybine-\$1500.00. Many extra parts, runs well, stored indoors. 860-437-7828; tomnancy8934@sbcglobal.net.

84-R. For Sale: Beautifully restored farmhouse with garden center, greenhouses, barn. Great location in Niantic, CT. Heavy traffic volume on corner lot. 1.62 acres waterfront. \$689,900.00. Art Clauson @ 860-984-3196.

85-R. Good hay. Good prices. Round bales, wrapped, conventional and organic \$30.00 and up. Square bales: good hay \$4.50, mulch \$3.50. 860-429-9698 or 860-234-1605. Ask for Tom.

87-R. East Hartford 5 1/2 acre mini farm in town with adequate acreage to keep 3 horses or raise crops. \$289,900. Plainfield 141 acres 1700 ft road frontage, 3000 ft on Quinebaug River. Boarded by Quinebaug State Wildlife Management, nearly 1/2 crop land. \$1,095,000. Call Clint Charter, Wallace Tustin Tetreault Realty 860.558.3908.

89-R. Used greenhouse frames, Monarail system, 26'X96', 14'X96', flat filler, shade nets, used boilers. Call 860-267-7480.

91-R. Rye straw-green and combined, heavy bales with plastic twine. \$6.00 per bale. Volume discount. 860-729-3772 or 860-872-1035.

93-R. Spruce trees 2'-3'. Great for screening/landscape. 860-376-2351.

94-R. 5 ft Woods rotary mower, works good, needs welding or for parts & blades \$350. Aluminum Track Rack for 6' pickup bed, only used a few times, cost \$1,500 will sell for \$600, Perfect for long items-ladders, planks etc. 860-423-1347 or 617-308-3015.

96-R. N.H. 271 Baler; N.H. 478 Mower Conditioner; N.H. 55 Side Rake; N.H. 163 Tedder 17 ft; Other hay equipment & wagons. 860-653-7603.

98-R. Mill Creek 35 bushel manure spreader, new apron, top condition, Case 4 bar side delivery rake. Old barn came down, lots of oak and chestnut. Tel. 860-354-4659.

99-R. Old Maple Farm has some well-started chicks for sale. Excellent for backyard flocks. 860-599-0792.

100. Polled white faced bulls for sale. 8-18 months old. Pick from 6. 860-848-8151.

102. Mulch hay \$3.00 a bale. Cub Cadet, needs work. Includes mower deck, chains, snow plow \$200.00. 203-266-0722.

104-R. Tomato stakes, tobacco lath, landscape beams, rough cut lumber. Staehly Products Co. LLC 860-873-9774.

105. Cultivator 3 pt. spring trip excellent condition \$350.00. Generators McCulloch 7HP 115/230 volts low usage \$150.00. McCulloch 4HP 115 volts \$100.00. 203-623-2956.

WANTED

82-R. Wanted: 18.4-38 Radial tractor tire. Good condition. Call Bill @ 203-237-9400 or 203-641-2284 or wkoqut@cox.net.

86-R. Scrap Metal Removal. Fully insured, prompt and reliable family business specializing in scrap metal cleanup. Looking for farms, nurseries, large properties, etc with quantities of scrap (cars, trucks, heavy equipment, farm machinery, etc) We have all the necessary equipment and experience to perform cleanups safely and responsibly. Increase your property values by cleaning up your old scrap metal. Call 860-798-4039.

101. Wanted: Polled white face Hereford bull for breeder. 12-24 months old. 860-848-8151.

103. Looking for Belgian rabbits that are extra heavy for breeding. Telephone: 860-673-1800 before 6pm.

MISCELLANEOUS

7-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.

USDA PROVIDES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO HONEYBEE PRODUCERS

Beekeepers who have lost bees due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions can apply for disaster assistance through the Emergency Assistance for Honeybees Program (ELAP). Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack notes that healthy productive honeybees are vital to America's food supply and economy.

Within 30 calendar days of the loss producers must file a notice of loss with their local USDA Farm Service Agency office. An ELAP application will need to be completed by January 2012. ELAP reimbursement is about \$60/colony. Producers will be asked to provide an acreage report of the number of hives and type of honey produced and will need to obtain Noninsured Disaster Assistance. More information at www.fsa.usda.gov/ USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

USDA SEEKS TO FILL FIVE VACANCIES ON NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD

The USDA is seeking nominations to fill five imminent vacancies on the 15-member National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). Vacancies are for an organic producer, organic handler, consumer/public interest representative, scientist, and environmentalist. The NOSB is responsible for developing and recommending to the Secretary a proposed National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances and advising the Secretary on other aspects of the organic regulations. Appointees will serve a 5-year term of office beginning January 24, 2012. Notice is posted on www.regulations.gov (enter keyword or ID "AMS-NOP-11-0006-0001"). Nominations are due July 17, 2011. For more information, contact Katherine Benham at (202) 205-7806 or Katherine.benham@ams.usda.gov.

CT POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING 5/31/11

The CT Pomological Society's first twilight meeting of 2011 will be held May 31, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. until dark at March Farms, 160 Munger Lane, Bethlehem. The tour will cover the greenhouse-to-mato operation, orchards (moving towards a pick-your-own operation), and the NEW hayloft playscape (kids welcome). A picnic dinner will be held at the pond-side picnic area after the tour. Directions to the farm are available at <http://www.marchfarms.com/Location.asp>. Tour is open to both members and nonmembers. RSVP Richard.Macsuga@ct.gov (preferred) or 860-713-2544.

News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows. Submit concise summaries (150 words maximum) to linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

LAND USE ACADEMY 5/14/11 at UCONN STORRS

Land Use Academy Basic Training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2011, in Room 100 of the W.B. Young Building (1376 Storrs Rd), at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. This workshop provides instruction for local land-use commissioners on the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to support sound decision making. Curriculum covers the roles, responsibilities and legal requirements of commissions, as well as basic map reading techniques. The Academy is a partnership of the CLEAR, the CT Bar Association, the CT Chapter of the American Planning Association, and the CT Office of Policy and Management Office of Responsible Growth. Registration fee of \$35 covers instruction, morning snacks, lunch, and workshop materials. View agenda and/or register at <http://clear.uconn.edu/luacertificate/agenda.htm>.

SEEING THE FOREST AND THE TREES LECTURE 5/6/11

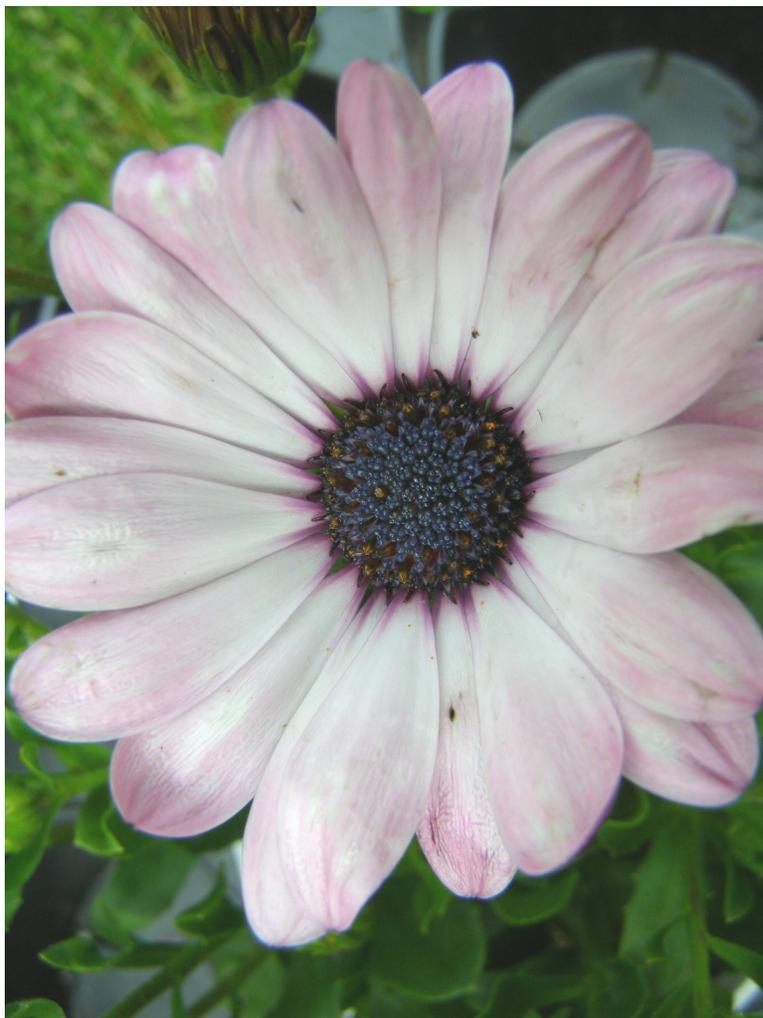
Seeing the Forest and the Trees, a lecture by Dr. Jeanne Romero-Severson, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Notre Dame, will be held Friday, May 6, 2011, in the Jones Auditorium of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven. Lecture begins at 11:00 a.m. and is preceded by tea at 10:30. Dr. Romero-Severson is an internationally recognized and respected quantitative and population geneticist. In this discussion, Dr. Romero-Severson will address conservation and restoration of the threatened and endangered forest trees based on population dynamics, site suitability, and the species capacity to respond to an introduced pathogen. Please call 203-974-8500 for more info.

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- *Perform a water test proving no coliform bacteria are present from the on farm water source;
- *Have a laboratory perform pH test on the finished product;
- *Restrict non processing individuals including pets, children and other potential contaminants from the kitchen;
- *Preparer must complete a safe food handling course that has been approved by the Department of Public Health or Department of Consumer Protection;
- *All fruits and/or vegetable used must have been grown on the farm;
- *These products can only be sold directly from the farm or at a certified farmers' market;
- *All acidified foods, jams, jellies, and preserves must be properly labeled.

Additional information can be found in the [Farmers' Market Reference Guide](#) on DoAG's website or by contacting the Department of Consumer Protection.

Farmers' markets have come a long way since the General Court's first market on the streets of Hartford in the 1600s. In the summer of 2011, Connecticut will be home to 120 certified farmers' markets in 90 different towns and cities statewide. For more information about Connecticut farmers' markets, see the [Farmers' Market page](#) of DoAG's website or contact the DoAG Marketing Bureau.



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