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## PASSPORT PROGRAM SHOWCASES, PROMOTES CT'S FARM WINERIES

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One sure sign of summer approaching is the arrival of DoAg's blue Passport to Connecticut Farm Wineries booklets in tasting rooms all over the state.

Entering its tenth season, the Passport has become a staple for attracting customers to the state's 32 farm wineries by encouraging them to collect as many "stamps" as possible to qualify for prize drawings.

"People have been asking for them for weeks," Patty Baillargeon said as she stamped a customer's booklet at Hopkins Vineyard in Warren. "They get excited for it because it means the start of the warm weather and getting out and taking day trips to wineries and other places they might not otherwise visit."

Jamie Jones of Jones Winery in Shelton said he typically distributes about 3,000 of the passports during the season.

"It definitely helps bring in people from out of state and from the other end of the state," Jones said. "We're very fortunate to have this program as a partner in promoting what we do here."

People who stop at the wineries also tend to go to shops and restaurants and other attractions in the area. "It has economic benefit beyond just the farm winery," Jones said.

The program was created in 2004 and has been supported by a USDA Specialty Crop Grant administered by DoAg and by funding from the Community Investment Act. The CT Farm Wine Development Council has partnered with the CT Vineyard and Winery Association to advance the program, and DoAg's marketing efforts have steadily increased participation.

DoAg Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky serves as Chairman of the wine council.

"I think the Passport has been very successful in highlighting the diversity of what each of our unique farm wineries have to offer," Reviczky said. "It's a great way to bring attention to this industry and to encourage visitors to make these wineries a destination."

Part of the attraction of the program also is the chance to win prizes, including two 14-day trips for two to Spain, where the winners will stay at the Benalmadena Palace in Malagna.

One grand prize drawing will be held for those who visit 16 wineries in the book, and a second will be held for those who visit all 32 wineries and the CT Wine Festivals in July and September.

Other prizes include a limousine tour of eight wineries for eight people, overnight stays at selected hotels in Connecticut, and certificates for two bottles of wine from one of the state wineries.

**More information is available at [CTGrown.gov](http://CTGrown.gov) or by emailing [CTWinePassport.ct.gov](mailto:CTWinePassport.ct.gov), where customers are also welcome to provide feedback on their experiences at the wineries.**



Jamie Jones checks the progress of grape vines starting to bud at his family's farm winery in Shelton—one of 32 included in DoAg's popular Passport winery promotion. Below, passports are available in each winery's tasting room.



**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

		Low	High
49-54	200-400 lbs	80.00	85.00
	300-400 lbs	n/a	
54-58	200-400 lbs	86.00	91.00
	300-400 lbs	n/a	
Sows, US1-3	300-500 lbs	76.00	82.00
	500-700 lbs	86.00	91.00
Boars	300-700 lbs	n/a	

**PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS**

Lancaster, PA, per cwt. April 16

	Low	High
Gr US 1- wt 20-25	310.00	325.00
wt 25-30	255.00	275.00
WT 30-40	220.00	270.00
wt 40-50	210.00	220.00
wt 100-130	130.00	145.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, May 12, 2014

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	60.00	75.00
61-75 lbs.	100.00	115.00
76-90 lbs.	130.00	150.00
91-105 lbs.	165.00	175.00
106 lbs. & up	185.00	190.00
Farm Calves	2.00	240.00
Starter Calves	65.00	74.00
Veal Calves	85.00	260.00
Open Heifers	110.00	140.00
Beef Steers	122.50	147.50
Beef Heifers	118.00	141.00
Feeder Steers	130.00	150.00
Stock Bulls	130.00	150.00
Beef Bulls	100.00	132.50
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	55.00	76.00
Butcher Hogs	95.00	130.00
Goats each	95.00	300.00
Kid Goats	50.00	145.00
Canners	up to	111.00
Cutters	112.00	116.00
Utility Grade Cows	118.00	121.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	35.00
Chickens each	3.00	20.00
Ducks each	5.00	19.00
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Lambs	75.00	180.00
Sheep	60.00	85.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	LOW	HIGH
APPLE,MAC,FCY,120CT	16.00	18.00
CHIVES,12's	10.00	10.00
FIDDLEHEAD,PER LB	5.00	6.00
BEDDING PLANTflat,48/1	7.00	10.00
TOMATOES 25LB	21.00	22.00

**SHIPPED IN**

ASPARAGUS,28LB,NJ	64.00	66.00
BEAN,grn,bu,FL	32.00	35.00
LETTUCE,GREEN LEAF,24,NJ	19.00	19.00
MUSTARD 12'S,GA	14.00	15.00
APRICOTS,24LB,CA	32.00	32.00
RADISHES 1/2BU,NJ	15.00	16.00
CORN,4dz,FL	15.00	17.00
DANDELION GREEN,12s,NJ	16.00	18.00
LETTUCE,BIBB,24CT,NJ	16.00	17.00
PEA,ENGLISH,1 1/9BU,CA	55.00	55.00
KALE,12ct,TX	17.00	18.00
BLUEBERRIES12/1PT,GA	27.00	27.00
SPINACH,1.3BU,NJ	19.00	20.00
RHUBARB,20LB,OR	32.00	32.00
PEA, SUGAR,10LB,GU	20.00	22.00
NECTARINES,72CT,CA	28.00	28.00
LEEKs,12'S,NJ	18.00	18.00
STRAWBERRIES,8/1LB.CA	14.00	20.00

**WHOLESALE MUSHROOMS**

	LOW	HIGH
WHITE,10LB,PA	13.00	15.00
SHIITAKE,3LB,LGN,PA	11.00	15.00
OYSTER,3LB,MED,PA	13.00	13.00
PORTOBELLA,CAPS,5LB,LGN	8.00	9.00
PORTOBELLA,5LB,LGN	9.00	11.00
PORTOBELLA,SLICED,6/6OZ	10.50	11.50

**USDA WEEKLY RETAIL BEEF PRICES  
NORTHEAST USA,PER LB.**

	Low	High
B/IN RIBEYE STEAK	7.99	9.99
TENDERLOIN	9.99	11.99
T-BONE STEAK	6.98	9.99
FILET MIGNON	9.99	17.99
SIRLOIN	5.39	5.99
LONDON BROIL	2.99	3.99
CUBE STEAK	4.29	4.99
GROUN BEEF, 80-90%	3.99	4.99
TOP ROUND STEAK	4.99	6.49

**PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Average Dressing

<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>		
breakers 75-80% lean	94.50	100.00
boners 80-85% lean	91.00	95.75
lean 85-90% lean	85.25	90.00
<b>CALVES graded bull</b>		
No 1 95-120lbs	315.00	354.00
No 2 95-120lbs	278.00	315.00
No 3 80-105lbs	225.00	271.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>		
HiCh/prm3-4	147.50	150.50
Ch2-3	142.50	146.75
Sel1-2	136.50	140.50
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS.</b>		
HiCh/prm3-4	149.00	153.75
Ch2-3	142.75	148.50
Sel	141.00	144.50
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>		
HiCh/prm2-3	131.75	137.00
Ch2-3	124.50	128.50
Sel2-3	121.00	124.25
VEALERS-60-120lbs	60.00	120.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3</b>		
40-60lbs	240.00	260.00
60-80lb	210.00	220.00
80-110lbs	212.00	227.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3</b>		
70-120 lbs	92.00	95.00
120-160lbs	57.00	76.00
Bucks	120-160lbs	50.00 50.00
	160-200lbs	45.00 58.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.</b>		
30-40lb	n/a	
40-60lb	137.00	172.00
60-80lb	215.00	225.00
80-100lb	230.00	260.00
Nannies/Does: 80.-130lbs	167.00	190.00
130-180lbs	180.00	200.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	195.00	240.00
150-200lbs	165.00	305.00

**EASTERN PA GRAIN**

Average price per bushel

BARLEY	3.08
CORN	5.21
OATS	n/a
SOYBEANS	14.90
WHEAT	7.62

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.28	1.32
LARGE	1.26	1.30
MEDIUM	1.14	1.18

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

Per doz. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.69	1.79
LARGE	1.63	1.73
MEDIUM	1.38	1.48

## ADVERTISEMENTS

The Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report offers affordable classified advertisements for your farm-related needs. See Page 4 for details and rates, or call Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2588 for more information.

Advertisements of 35 or fewer words for job openings at Connecticut farms may be placed for up to four weeks for free in the report's new **CT FARM EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION SECTION.**

### 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](http://www.bludon.com).

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or [www.bludon.com](http://www.bludon.com).

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

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.

56-R. Tomato stakes, tomato twine, fence boards, custom cut lumber. Staehly Products Co. LLC. 860-873-9774.

58-R. New Holland 479 Hay Bine. Good working condition. \$500. Call 860-274-8159.

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62-R. Hay Round Bales 4X5. Dried chicken manure. By the trailer load. 860-537-1974.

63-R. 1940's John Deere 2 row corn planter, \$500. Massey Ferguson 7' Sickle Bar mower with many extra parts, \$300. Holland single row bed form tool/mulch layer, \$1,500 comes with some plastic and drip tape. 8' finish transport harrow, \$500. Single row push seeder comes with a full set of seed plates and the row marker. Contact Paul 860-808-9293 or [Gilligan2610@aol.com](mailto:Gilligan2610@aol.com)

64-R. Winco 18 KW P.T.O. generator on trailer \$750.00. 10 ft. Bush hog rotary mower, Model OR126, excellent condition \$2,800.00. 860-657-6550.

65. NH 70 Bale Thrower, \$500. Ford 3PH 2-Row 309 corn planter, \$400. Case 200B Tractor, \$1,200. Ford 4500 Loader Tractor, \$4,000. Ford 4400 Loader Tractor, \$3,500. 860-376-2157.

66-R. Used Tobacco netting. Great to cover berry bushes. Please Call 860-683-0266.

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57-R. Full-time master hydroponic grower position available in Bridgeport. Must highly motivated, have experience with large computer controlled greenhouse, nutrient film technique growing technology and supervising others. Competitive salary and benefits. [www.bootcampfarms.com/jobs](http://www.bootcampfarms.com/jobs)



### 2014 CT WINE PASSPORT PARTICIPANTS

#### TOLLAND COUNTY

##### Cassidy Hill Vineyard

454 Cassidy Hill Road, Coventry  
860-498-1126

#### WINDHAM COUNTY

##### Sharpe Hill Vineyard

108 Wade Road, Pomfret  
860-974-3549

##### Taylor Brooke Winery

848 Rte. 171, Woodstock  
860-974-1263

#### FAIRFIELD COUNTY

##### Digrazia Vineyard

131 Tower Rd, Brookfield,  
203-775-1616

##### Jones Winery

Walnut Tree Hill Road, Shelton  
203-929-8425

##### McLaughlin Vineyards

14 Albert's Hill Road, Sandy  
Hook /203-426-1533

##### White Silo Farm & Winery

32 Route 37 East, Sherman  
860-355-0271

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY

##### Arrigoni Winery

1287 Rte. 66, Portland  
860-342-1999

##### Chamard Vineyards

115 Cow Hill Rd, Clinton  
860-664-0299

#### LITCHFIELD COUNTY

##### Bethlehem Vineyard and Winery

46 Town Line Road, Bethlehem  
203-266-5024

##### Connecticut Valley Winery LLC.

1480 Litchfield Tpke, New Hartford,  
860-489-WINE

##### Haight-Brown Vineyard, Inc.

29 Chestnut Hill Road, Litchfield,  
860-567-4045

##### Hopkins Vineyard, LLC

25 Hopkins Road, New Preston  
860-868-7954

##### Jerram Winery

535 Town Hill Road, New Hartford,  
860-379-8749

##### Land of Nod Farm & Winery

99 Lower Road, East Canaan,  
860-824-5225

##### Miranda Vineyard

42 Ives Road, Goshen  
860-491-9906

##### Sunset Meadow Vineyards

599 Old Middle Street, Goshen,  
860-201-4654

##### Walker Road Vineyards

11 Walker Road, Woodbury,  
203-263-0768

## 2014 CT WINE PASSPORT PARTICIPANTS

## NEW LONDON COUNTY

**Dalice Elizabeth Winery**

6 Amos Road, Preston

860-889-WINE

**Holmberg Orchard and Winery**

12 Orchard Drive, Gales Ferry

860-464-7305

**Jonathan Edwards Winery**

74 Chester Maine Rd, North Stonington

860-535-0202

**Maugle Sierra Vineyards**

825-827 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard

860-464-2987

**Preston Ridge Vineyard**

100 Miller Road, Preston

860-383-4278

**Priam Vineyards**

11 Shailor Hill Road, Colchester

860-267-8520

**Saltwater Farm Vineyard**

349 Elm St., Stonington

860-415-9072

**Stonington Vineyards**

523 Taugwonk Road, Stonington

860-535-1222

## HARTFORD COUNTY

**Lost Acres Vineyard**

80 Lost Acres Road, North Granby

860-324-9481

**Rosedale Farms/Rosedale Vineyards**

25 E. Weatogue Street, Simsbury

860-651-3926

## NEW HAVEN COUNTY

**Bishop's Orchards**

1355 Boston Post Road, Guilford,

866-2-BISHOP

**Gouveia Vineyards**

1339 Whirlwind Hill Road, Wallingford,

203-265-5526

**Paradise Hills Vineyard & Winery**

15 Wind Swept Hill Road, Wallingford,

203-284-0123

**Savino Vineyards**

128 Ford Rd, Woodbridge

203-387-2050



Head winemaker and vineyard manager Jim Baker samples some of the 2013 Cabernet Franc produced at Hopkins Vineyard, where (below) winery employee Patty Baillargeon stamps a Passport for a customer.



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