



**Growing Farms in Your Community  
CT Agriculture Commission Conference  
Saturday, March 24  
EastConn  
376 Hartford Turnpike  
Hampton, CT  
9am to 3:30 pm  
Cost: \$15- Includes Farm to Table Lunch  
and Conference Materials**

**Topics will include:**

- A welcome from CT Department of Agriculture Commissioner, Steven Reviczky
- New programs and initiatives you need to know about
- Getting results from your agriculture commission (Expertise from Massachusetts)
- Assessing the market channel best suited for your farm profitability
- Connecting Farmers to Farmland
- Updates from Agriculture Commissions
- Resources for Agriculture Commissions: Helping farmers find the answers they need
- Food Systems: Helping your town consider agriculture in everything they do

Registration information is attached

If you would like more information about this conference, please contact Jennifer Kaufman, AGvocate Program Director at 860-450-6007 or at [AGvocate@yahoo.com](mailto:AGvocate@yahoo.com).

*The AGvocate Program is a Program of Eastern CT Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc that in 2009. Funded through CT Department of Agriculture Farm Viability Grants, it provides a forum for municipal officials, agricultural producers, and other stakeholders to strengthen the farm-friendliness of Connecticut towns. More information about the AGvocate Program is available at [AgInfoTLGV.org/AGvocate](http://AgInfoTLGV.org/AGvocate), or by contacting Jennifer Kaufman at 860-450-6007, [AGvocate@yahoo.com](mailto:AGvocate@yahoo.com).*

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**Conference Agenda**

**8:30-9:00 am—Registration--Coffee, juice, light refreshments**

**9:00-9:30 am—Welcome --CT Department of Agriculture Commissioner, Steven Reviczky**

**9:30-10:00 am--New Programs and Initiatives** CT Dept of Ag's Community Farms Preservation Program and Farmland Restoration Program, Farmland ConneCTions, Municipal Guide on Land Use Regulations Related to Livestock

**10:15-11:00 am--Getting Results from your Agriculture Commission--Massachusetts Expertise** Steve Damon, Franklin County Representative, Massachusetts Association of Agricultural Commissions and Pete Westover, Contractor, Mass Dept of Agricultural Resources & Partner, Conservation Works, LLC

**11:15am -12:15 pm--Breakout Sessions (Choose one)**

- **A. Assessing the market channel best suited for your farm profitability--**  
-Matthew LeRoux, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, South Central New York Agriculture Program  
-Or-  
**B. Connecting Farmers to Farmland--**Jiff Martin UConn Cooperative Extension Sustainable Food Systems Program

**12:30-1:00 pm --Farm to Table Lunch catered by Hop River Cafe**

**1:00-1:45 pm--Updates from Connecticut's Agriculture Commissions --Past initiatives and goals for the future**

**2:00-3:00 pm--Breakout Sessions (Choose One)**

- A. Resources for agriculture commissions: Helping farmers find the answers they need --**Dawn Pindell, Executive Director Windham County Farm Service Agency and Joan Nichols, Government Relations Specialist, CT Farm Bureau Association  
-Or-  
**B. Food Systems: Helping your town consider agriculture in everything they do--**John Guskowski, Planner, CME Engineering, Inc.

**3:00-3:30 pm—An Update from Congressman Joe Courtney (tentative)**

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To register please mail a check for \$15.00 payable to Eastern CT RC&D, 24 Hyde Road  
Vernon, CT 06066, in addition to the information below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation (Agriculture Commissioner, Producer, Other) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how you would like your name and affiliation to appear on your nametag:

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