




Young Farmer Resource Directory

A Resource Guide for
High School and College Students
Exploring Careers and
Opportunities in Agriculture

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Agricultural Science and Technology Educational Centers

There are 19 Vo-Ag high schools in Connecticut. Every student, regardless of where they live, has the opportunity to apply to attend one of these programs for free. To find out more about the application process and what school you would attend please visit: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Academic-Office/ag_science/aste_common_application.pdf?la=en

Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Science and Technology Education Center

60 St. Stephen Road
Bridgeport, CT 06605
P: (203) 275-2929
www.bridgeportedu.net/Domain/1530

Common Ground High School (Environmentally focused)

358 Springside Ave.
New Haven, CT 06515
P: (203) 389-4333 | **E:** joinus@commongroundct.org
commongroundct.org

Glastonbury High School Agriscience and Technology Center

330 Hubbard Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033
P: (860) 652-7200 ext. 1101
sites.google.com/a/glastonburyus.org/ghs

Housatonic Valley Regional High School Agriculture Center Region 1 School District

246 Warren Turnpike Road
Falls Village, CT 06031
P: (860) 824-5123
www.hvrhs.org

Killingly High School Regional Agriculture Center

226 Putnam Pike Road
Dayville, CT 06241
P: (860) 779-6675
www.killinglyschools.org/aged

Ledyard High School Regional Agri-Science and Technology Center

24 Gallup Hill Road
Ledyard, CT 06339
P: (860) 464-9600 ext. 7128
www.ledyardagriscience.weebly.com

Lyman Hall High School Vernon E. Cleaves Agricultural Science & Technology Center

70 Pond Hill Road
Wallingford, CT 06492-4849
P: (203) 294-5322
www.lhaged.org

Lyman Memorial High School Regional Agriculture Center

917 Exeter Road
Lebanon, CT 06249
P: (860) 642-7759 | Principal, (860) 642-3547
lebanonagscience.yolasite.com

Middletown High School Regional Agriculture Science and Technology Center

200 LaRosa Lane
Middletown, CT 06457
P: (860) 704-4599
mhs.middletownschoools.org/departments/agricultural_science__technology

Nonnewaug High School Region 14 Ellis Clark Agriscience & Technology Center

5 Minortown Road
Woodbury, CT 06798
P: (203) 266-4038 ext. 2810
www.ctreg14.org/schools/nonnewaug-high-school
www.woodburyffa.org/our-story



**Northwestern
Regional High School
Region 7
Agricultural
Education Center**

100 Battistoni Drive
Winsted, CT 06098
P: (860) 783-6059 or (860) 379-8525
www.nwr7.com

**Rockville High School
Regional Agricultural
Education Center**

70 Loveland Hill Road
Vernon, CT 06066
P: (860) 870-6050 ext. 371
www.vernonpublicschools.org/rockville-high-school-home/academics/agriculture-science-and-technology-education

**Shepaug High School
Region 12**

159 South Street,
Washington, CT 06793
P: (860) 868-6214
www.region-12.org/agriscience

**E. O. Smith High School,
Region 19
Regional Agriculture
Education Center**

1235 Storrs Road
Storrs, CT 06268
P: (860) 487-0877 ext. 4571
www.eosmith.org

**Sound School
New Haven Regional
Aquaculture Center**

60 South Water Street
New Haven, CT 06519
P: Main, (475) 220-6800 | Aqua/Ag (475) 220-6812
sound.school



**Southington
High School Regional
Agriculture Center**

720 Pleasant Street
Southington, CT 06489
P: (860) 628-3229 ext. 415
www.southingtonschools.org/schools/high-school/southington-high

**Suffield High School
Regional Agriculture
Center**

1060 Sheldon Street
West Suffield, CT 06093
P: (860) 668-3817
www.suffield.org/page.cfm?p=547

**Trumbull High School
Regional Agriscience
Center**

536 Daniels Farm Road
Trumbull, CT 06611
P: (203) 452-4200
www.trumbullps.org/th/ag

**Wamogo High School
Regional Agriculture
Center**

98 Wamogo Road
Litchfield, CT 06759
P: (860) 567-7410
wrhs.rsd6.org

**Westhill High School
Stamford Regional
Agriscience &
Technology Center**

125 Roxbury Road
Stamford, CT 06902
P: Ag office, (203) 977-4974 | Coord. (203) 977-4974
stamfordpublicschools.org/westhill-high-school
stamfordagriscience.com





Youth Programs

Connecticut also offers a variety of youth programs during both the summer and academic year to provide students with experience working in the food system.



FRESH New London
120 Broad Street, Room 220
New London, CT 06320
P: (860) 574-9006
E: info@freshnewlondon.org
www.freshnewlondon.org

Mission Statement: FRESH New London builds momentum for food system change through community-based agriculture and youth empowerment. We are a community farm and educational hub dedicated to building a healthy and just food system. We use food to connect the community, encourage stewardship, inspire leaders and incite change.

Program Focus: The intersection of growing food, empowering youth, and connecting community. Areas of experience include: urban gardening, produce sales, and community organizing to plan, realize and maintain community spaces.

Program Structure: Seasonal—Summer growing and produce sales programs, Winter and Spring activism programs—all focused on connecting food to other forms of justice and equity.



4-H
1376 Storrs Road
Storrs, CT 06106
P: (860) 486-4127
E: nancy.wilhelm@uconn.edu
www.4-h.uconn.edu

Mission Statement: Develop citizenship, leadership, responsibility and life skills of youth through experiential learning programs and a positive development approach.

Program focus: Provides experiences where young people learn by doing. Welcomes young people of all beliefs and backgrounds, giving them a voice to express who they are and how they make their lives and communities better.

Program Structure: Hands-on projects in areas like health, science, agriculture and civic engagement in a positive environment. Guidance is provided by adult mentors, and participants are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles.



Green Village Initiative

Green Village Initiative (GVI)
325 Lafayette Street #9101
Bridgeport, CT 06604
P: (203) 227-5320
E: info@gogvi.org
www.gogvi.org

Mission Statement: Growing food, knowledge, leadership and community through urban gardening and farming, to create a more just food system in Bridgeport.

Program Focus: Our farms and gardens nurture a grassroots movement of urban growers of all ages across the city. We manage a network of Community and School Gardens, Reservoir Community Farm and a Youth Leadership program.

Program Structure: Youth program meets monthly in the evening to offer activities participants have identified as useful to build their own sense of efficacy. Summer program focuses on agricultural work and produce marketing.





Grow Hartford
190 Wethersfield Avenue
Hartford, CT 06114
P: (860) 296-9325
E: hartfordfood@hartfordfood.org
www.hartfordfood.org

Mission Statement: A youth program that advocates against social injustices such as food injustice, racism, and adultism. Our mission is to not only bring awareness to these issues but to also motivate citizens to bring change.

Program Focus: The 10 slices of justice campaign, focused on increasing youth voices in the school meal program for the City of Hartford.

Program Structure: Summer program focuses on agriculture and produce sales with some social justice training. The academic year program focuses on the 10 slices of justice campaign.



GROW Windham/Windham Youth CORE
872 Main Street
Willimantic, CT 06226
P: (860) 423-4534 ext. 312
E: info@growwindham.org
www.growwindham.org

Mission Statement: A collaboration of community partners dedicated to promoting access to healthy food in the Windham region through the support of community food projects and food- and garden-based youth programming.

Program Focus: Positive focus on community, opportunities, and utilizing opportunities to drive projects.

Program Structure: Summer growing and market seasons. Academic year organizing and media programs. Youth move through a tiered structure to take on more responsibilities and lead the program.



**The Institute for
Community Research**

The Institute for Community Research
75 Charter Oak Avenue, 2-100
Hartford, CT 06106
P: (860) 248-0845
E: Kathy.engle-dulac@icrweb.org
icrweb.org

Mission Statement: We conduct research in collaboration with community partners to promote justice and equity in a diverse, multiethnic, multicultural world.

Program focus: Building collaboration and youth leadership across Connecticut, incorporating research skills and systems thinking into food justice movement

Program structure: Year-round coordination, event planning, capital and connection building.



New Britain ROOTS
57 Fern Street
New Britain, CT 06053
P: (860) 259-4290
E: joey@newbritainroots.org
www.newbritainroots.org

Mission Statement: A non-profit dedicated to promoting food security in our community. We work with local farmers and healthy food advocates to make fresh, nutritious food accessible and affordable to all. Our organization strives to teach through a social justice lens, educating youth and adults alike in programs focused on sustainable farming and empowered eating practices.

Program Focus: Growing and preparing nutritious foods, community events, early steps to build social awareness and systems thinking in young children through the food system.

Program Structure: After-school and Summer programs at New Britain middle and elementary schools, focused on agricultural work and produce marketing. City Growers program, a paid high school apprenticeship, also focused on agricultural work and produce marketing.



Nourish My Soul
PO Box 584
East Granby, CT 06026
P: (not available)
E: Alicia@nourishmysoul.org
nourishmysoul.org

Mission Statement: Dedicated to improving the food system through community based agriculture, nutrition education, and youth empowerment while advocating for food sovereignty. Food is the catalyst used to connect communities, encourage stewardship, and inspire new leaders in the food movement.

Program Focus: The Junior Chef, Growing Healthy Kids, and From the Ground Up programs all work with young Granby residents to connect growing and cooking food to improving and maintaining physical health. The Junior Chef program explores culinary arts, food systems, leadership and community outreach. From the Ground Up helps students develop and implement projects to address food systems concerns in their community.

Program Structure: Junior Chef and From the Ground Up are year-round. Growing Healthy Kids is a summer program for younger participants (5-9 years of age).



Universities

When it's time to think about post high school options colleges in the north east offer a variety of majors in agriculture and related fields.

CONNECTICUT

	Degree Programs:
University of Connecticut	Agriculture and Natural Resources, Agriculture Education, Animal Science, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Horticulture, Individualized Major, Landscape Architecture, Natural Resources, Resource Economics, Turfgrass and Soil Science
Yale	Biology (Ecology & Evolutionary), Environmental Engineering, Environmental Studies, Geology & Geophysics / Geology & Natural Resources
University of New Haven	Environmental Sciences, Marine Affairs, Marine Biology
Connecticut College	Botany, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Studies
Naugatuck	Environmental Science, Horticulture

MASSACHUSETTS

	Degree Programs:
Harvard	Environmental Science & Engineering, Environmental Science & Public Policy
UMass Amherst	Animal Science, Earth Systems, Environmental Science, Food Science, Horticultural Science, Natural Resources Conservation, Plant and Soil Science, Sustainable Food & Farming, Turfgrass Science & Management
Simmons	Environmental Sciences, Sustainability
Framingham	Environmental Science and Policy, Environmental Studies and Sustainability
Becker	Animal Care, Equine Studies
Mount Ida	Environmental Sustainability, Sustainability and Society
Springfield Tech	Landscape Design and Management Technology

VERMONT

	Degree Programs:
University of Vermont (UVM)	Animal Science, Ecological Agriculture, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Food Systems, Plant Biology, Sustainable Landscape Horticulture Certification Program: 6-month Farmer Training Program (skills-based education in sustainable farming)
Castleton	Environmental Science, Ecological Studies, Environmental Studies
VT Tech	Agribusiness Management Technology, Dairy Farm Management, Diversified Agriculture, Forestry, Landscape Design & Sustainable Horticulture
Green Mountain	Applied Environmental Science, Animal Conservation and Care, Environmental Studies, Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems, Natural Resources Management
Sterling College	Ecology, Environmental Humanities, Outdoor Education, Sustainable Agriculture, Sustainable Food Systems

NEW HAMPSHIRE

University of New Hampshire	Degree Programs:
	Bachelor: Animal Science Animal Science: Dairy Management Option Environmental Conservation and Sustainability Environmental Sciences: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ecosystems Option- Soil and Watersheds Option Environmental and Resource Economics Equine Studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Equine Industry and Management Option- Equine Science Option- Therapeutic Riding Option Forestry Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems (B.A. & B.S.) Associate: Applied Animal Science: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Animal Agriculture Concentration- Companion Animal Science Concentration- Equine Management Concentration Forest Technology Horticultural Technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Landscape Construction & Management Concentration- Plant Production Concentration Integrated Agriculture Management
NHTI-Concord	Environmental Sciences, Landscape and Environmental Design, Sustainable Agriculture

MAINE

University of Maine	Degree Programs:
	Botany, Environmental Horticulture, Sustainable Agriculture
University of New England (UNE)	Aquaculture and Aquarium Sciences, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Marine Entrepreneurship
Unity	Sustainable Agriculture, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, Environmental Science

RHODE ISLAND

University of Rhode Island (URI)	Degree Programs: Animal Science, Aquaculture and Fishery Technology, Landscape Architecture, Plant Sciences, Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
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NEW YORK

Cornell	Degree Programs: Agricultural Sciences, Animal Science, Environmental and Sustainability Sciences, International Agriculture and Rural Development, Landscape Architecture, Plant Sciences, Viticulture and Enology
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF)	Aquatic and Fisheries Science, Landscape Architecture, Natural Resources Management, Wildlife Sciences
SUNY Cobleskill	Agriculture and Food Management, Agricultural Engineering, Animal Sciences, Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Sciences, Plant Sciences
Stony Brook	Environmental Studies, Sustainability Studies





Other Programs

If college isn't the right fit for you there are other ways to become involved.



Educational Farms

There are many educational farms to visit in Connecticut that are open to the public, schools or even offer educational programs and camps.



FoodCorps is part of the AmeriCorps Service Learning Network. In Connecticut, FoodCorps members are placed in 15 high need school districts where they serve for one year connecting kids to healthy food in schools. **Visit: foodcorps.org**



World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF)
Gain experience in farming by volunteering to work on one of the many organic farms around the world in exchange for food and housing. **Visit: wwof.net**

ATTRA Opportunities

Visit ATTRA's website to find internships and apprenticeships in agriculture in Connecticut: **attra.ncat.org/internships/search_results.php?State=CT**

Local Food Policy Councils

Get involved in your local food system by joining your local food policy council. Visit the Connecticut Food System Alliance to find out more information about councils in your area:
ctfoodsystemalliance.com/food-policy-councils-of-connecticut-collaborative

4-H Education Center at Auerfarm

Bloomfield, CT
P: (860) 242-7144
E: info@auerfarm.org

Provides year-round experiential programs that engage students, adults and families in hands-on learning with agriculture and the environment. Group programs offered for preschool through seniors.

www.auerfarm.org

Ambler Farm

Wilton, CT
P: (203) 834-1143
E: amblerfarm@gmail.com

Ambler Farm offers programs for school groups, a summer program, and a farm apprenticeship program. They also host seasonal events for families.

www.amblerfarm.org

Bauer Park

Madison, CT
P: (203) 245-5623

Offers a farm museum, demonstration gardens, a tree nursery, community gardens, and both outdoor and indoor classroom facilities. School groups can be hosted for nature study, and public walks are held on weekends.

www.madisonct.org/166/Bauer-Park

Blue Slope Country Museum, Inc.
Franklin, CT
P: (860) 642-6413
E: museum@blueslope.com

Working dairy farm with a 200-year old collection of historical agricultural tools. Pre-K–12th grade customized school programs by appointment, seasonal family events, and summer activities.
www.blueslope.com

Dudley Farm Museum
Guilford, CT
P: (203) 457-0770
E: info@dudleyfarm.com

A restored farmhouse with barns and equipment that presents farming as it was in New England in the late 19th century.
www.dudleyfarm.com

Flamig Farm
West Simsbury, CT
P: (860) 658-5070
E: info@flamigfarm.com

Offers school tours, children's programs and summer farm adventure camp for ages 5–14. Seasonal events are also offered to families.
www.flamigfarm.com

FRESH New London
New London, CT
P: (860) 574-9006
E: info@freshnewlondon.org

FRESH has a “Drop-In Growing Garden” in collaboration with the Drop-In Learning Center, which provides summer and after-school learning opportunities. They maintain urban gardens and support community agriculture.
www.freshnewlondon.org

Gifts of Love Farm and Education Center
Simsbury, CT
P: (860) 676-2323
E: jmarshall@giftsoflovet.org

Spring and summer camps for children ages 4–13 which provide the experience of daily farm life. Farm incubator program for beginning farmers which helps in initiating a farming business—provides farmland and assistance with: growing organic crops, business plan implementation, and finding markets to sell products.
www.giftsoflovet.org/GiftsofLoveFarm

Grow Hartford (Hartford Food System)
Hartford, CT
P: (860) 296-9325

Operates three urban agriculture sites in Hartford's Frog Hollow and Behind the Rocks neighborhoods which sites are open to volunteers or participants in sustainable agriculture and leadership lessons.
www.hartfordfood.org

Grow Windham
Willimantic, CT
P: (860) 423-4534 ext. 312

Offers open garden hours during the growing season for anyone to stop by to volunteer and/or learn about urban agriculture.
www.growwindham.org

Holcomb Farm Learning Center
West Granby, CT
P: (860) 844-8616

Offers programs in environmental science and the arts for school groups; summer, after-school and vacation programs, and a nature center and trails open for visits daily.
www.holcombfarm.com

Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center
Falls Village, CT
P: (860) 824-5991
E: info@isabellafreedman.org

The Retreat Center sponsors a 3-month leadership training program for Jewish young adults (20–29), combining work on the farm with study and spiritual practice. Workshops are also offered.
www.isabellafreedman.org

New Pond Farm Education Center
West Redding, CT
P: (203) 938-2117
E: info@newpondfarm.org

New Pond Farm is a comprehensive teaching facility with a model working farm, and offers a wide range of school programs as well as classes for children, teens, adults, and entire families.
www.newpondfarm.org

Northwest Park
Windsor, CT
P: (860) 285-1886
E: northwestpark@townofwindsorct.com

A nature preserve with heritage breed farm animals that hosts school and scout groups as well as a summer nature camp.
townofwindsorct.com/recreation

Massaro Farm
Woodbridge, CT
P: (203) 736-8618
E: caty@massarofarm.org

Massaro Farm offers farm workshops for adults and families, after school programs and summer camps for kids. Also available to host school field trips.
www.massarofarm.org



Stamford Museum and Nature Center's Heckscher Farm
Stamford CT
P: (203) 322-1646
E: info@stamfordmuseum.org

Offers summer camp options for children 4–13, school field trips, family events, and workshops.
www.stamfordmuseum.org

The Sullivan Farm
New Milford, CT
P: (860) 210.2030
E: lois@youthagency.org

Offer educational and vocational programming for area youth. Also host farm tours and activities for elementary school classes.
www.sullivanfarmnm.org

Terra Firma Farm
Stonington, CT
P: (860) 535-8171
E: info@terrafirmafarm.org

Offers summer camps for ages 3–12 and apprenticeships for those over 18.
www.terrafirmafarm.org

University of Connecticut Department of Animal Science
Storrs, CT
P: (860) 486-2413
E: animalscience@uconn.edu

The UConn Animal Barns are open to school groups and to the public for self-guided tours.
animalscience.uconn.edu/visitors/tour.php

Voluntown Peace Trust
Voluntown, CT
P: (860) 376-9970
E: farmhouse@voluntownpeacetrust.org

Provides education on social change and sustainable living. Summer camps, workshops and retreats are offered.
www.voluntownpeacetrust.org

Westmoor Park
West Hartford, CT
P: (860) 561-8260
E: westmoorpark@westhartfordct.gov

An environmental education facility with a demonstration farm and gardens. Pre-K and elementary field trips, summer programs for pre-K through teens, and programs for families.
www.westmoorpark.org

Wild Carrot Farm
Bantam, CT
P: (860) 977-6948
E: farmermark@wildcarrotfarm.com

Farmers visit classrooms for educational presentations and offer on-site farm tours to schools.
www.wildcarrotfarm.com

Career Options:

There are many different fields to consider when pursuing a career in agriculture.

Options include:

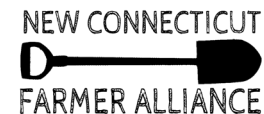
- Agriculture Education
- Agribusiness Systems
- Animal Systems
- Biotech Systems
- Environmental Services Systems
- Food Product & Processing Systems
- Natural Resources Systems
- Plant Systems
- Power & Tech Systems



To learn more about jobs in these fields visit agexplorer.com.

Agencies for Beginning Farmers:

There are several agencies in Connecticut devoted to helping beginning farmers. If you have any questions you can reach out to any of the following for help.



New Connecticut Farmers Alliance (NCTFA)
newctfarmers.com



UConn Extension
www.extension.uconn.edu



Connecticut Northeast Organic Farming Association
www.ctnofa.org



Connecticut Farm Bureau Association
www.cfba.org



Connecticut Food System Alliance
ctfoodsystemalliance.com/food-policy-councils-of-connecticut-collaborative



United States Department of Agriculture
Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA)
www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Connecticut



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