

Tolland, Connecticut

Tolland was established in 1715 by farm families from Windsor searching for more land to accommodate their growing families.

Since that time, agriculture in Tolland and the northeast has changed. We still have some notable larger farms, but most have given way to small three-to-ten acre farms with very diverse products.

The current interest in locally-grown produce has renewed the importance of protecting agriculture in Tolland. In an attempt to promote local farms and agricultural businesses, the Tolland Agriculture Commission has compiled this pamphlet. We encourage you to patronize these and other important producers in our community.



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Autumn Oak Farms

Michael and Megan Grogan, 212 Buff Cap Road
860.942.3537, autumnoakfarms@gmail.com
Facebook: AutumnOakFarms
Monday – Sunday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The farm store / stand is open during the growing season 7 days a week. Self-serve. Products available: seasonal vegetables, honey, eggs, canned goods and firewood.

Tolland Farmers Market

Tolland Green
Saturdays: 9 a.m. - noon, May - November

Products vary throughout the season, but can include organic greens & vegetables, maple syrup, jams & more.

Eden's Native Nursery

Ellen Bender, 215 Hunter Road, 860.713.3247
Facebook: Eden's Natives Nursery
Hours by appointment

Farm stand with organic & native shrubs & plants, heirloom & native edibles. Experiential learning center with classes, workshops, & demonstration of native flora & fauna habitat, walking trails, & library. Participant of Buy CT Grown, 10% Local, & Farmer's Pledge.

Wright's Orchard and Dried Flower Farm

Todd & Joyclyn Wright, 271 South River Road
860.872.1665, www.wrightsortchard.com
Monday - Saturday 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Open late July until Christmas (under normal crop conditions).

Pick-your-own apples & pumpkins. Farm stand, dried flower & gift barn. Small/medium farm with much to offer.

Products available: Apples, peaches, berries, tomatoes, assorted garden vegetables, mums, pumpkins, jams, pies & more.

Kollas Orchard

David & Janet Kollas, 41 New Road, 860.871.0120
www.KollasOrchardCT.com
September – February

Family farm known for high quality & personal attention. Owners apply their intellect & love of farming to growing (& holding for you) apples which might well become your favorite health food.

Chapin Brook Farm

Michael Szemrelyo, 184 Gehring Road
860.875.0725 (home), 860.490.3620 (cell)

Raising chickens, turkeys, eggs & vegetables. Eggs are self-serve as are vegetables in season. If you are interested in chickens (Memorial Day to Thanksgiving) or turkeys (Thanksgiving) please call for more information.

Spring Meadow Farm: The Country Butcher & Country Catering

1032 Tolland Stage Road (Route 74), Tolland
860.875.5352, www.acountrybutcher.com & www.acountrycatering.com
Farm store: Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. & Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

One of Tolland's original farms (1751). Old fashioned butcher shop with 60+ types of award-winning hams, bacon & homemade sausages. Full service meat case. Smoking done on-premises.

Products available: fresh & smoked meats, canned goods, local honey, Tolland maple syrup, fresh eggs. Grow & produce high quality hay, alfalfa, barley straw, corn & firewood.

Catering: Specializing in farm weddings & outings. Full service off-premise catering & pick-up catering.

Walt's Bees

Walt Moody, 38 Charter Road, 860.550.5514
waltmoody@comcast.net, Hours by appointment.

Pure honey with quality far surpassing that of large commercial packers, produced via small batch craft production, local production at small apiaries in Tolland County.

Products include lightly filtered truly local raw honey, hand-made beeswax candles. Services include pollination of local crops, swarm removal, talks & presentations.

Johnny Appleseed's Farm

Kim Shores, 244 Hartford Turnpike (Rt. 30)
860.875.1000, www.johnnyappleseedfarmct.com
Mid/late July – Christmas: daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., extended hours in summer & fall.

Farm & farm stand in Tolland. Pick-your-own operations 231 Somers Road (Rt. 83), Ellington and 13 Schoolhouse Road, Ellington.

Products available: Seasonal fruits, vegetables, cider, pies & jams.

Palmer Family Farm

Linda Palmer & Peg Sorensen, 584 Sugar Hill Road
860.875.2211, palmerff@sbcglobal.net
Facebook: Palmer Family Farm
Open by appointment or at Tolland Famers Market

Raise rare CVM/Romeldale sheep for their very fine, soft wool. Also have Angora rabbits to blend with wool.

Products available: Yarn, roving, woven items, eggs, freezer lambs on occasion.

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Agricultural Resources

Connecticut AGvocate

Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Program Coordinator
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CT Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)
24 Hyde Ave., Vernon, CT 06066
860.345.3977

Master Gardener, Tolland County

Jean Madden-Hennessey
24 Hyde Ave., Vernon, CT 06066
860.870.6934
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Rockville Agricultural Education Center & FFA

(Future Farmers of America)
Rockville High School
70 Loveland Hill Road, Vernon, CT 06066
860.870.6050 ext. 371
<http://www.rockvilleag.info/>

Regional High School for Tolland students interested in animal & plant science & natural resources.

Tolland County 4-H

24 Hyde Ave., Vernon, CT 06066
860.875.3331

Tolland County Agricultural Center

24 Hyde Street, Suite 1, Vernon, CT 06067
860.875.5714
<http://www.tollandcountyagriculturalcenter.com/>



Tolland County Farm Bureau

515 Brewster Street, Coventry, CT 06238
860.742.5725
<https://www.cfba.org/index.htm?county=nquhgia0>
tollandcountyfarmbureau@gmail.com

Tolland Youth Gardens

860.872.4830
Facebook: Tolland Youth Garden

Offers fun programs for kids, youth, adults & families to learn about the joys & benefits of gardening & community service.

Other Services

Fenton River Veterinary Hospital

9F Fieldstone Commons, Tolland
860.870.8701, www.fentonrivervet.com
fentonrivervet@gmail.com
Facebook: Fenton River Veterinary Hospital

Routine and advanced veterinary medicine and surgery for all farm animals and horses. Services include: digital x-ray, ultrasound, in-house blood machines, a fully-stocked pharmacy, dental floating for horses, health certificates, vaccinations, fecal testing/de-worming & more.



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344 Merrow Road, Tolland, CT 06084
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Little Farmers Child Care LLC

Owner/Director: Jessica Sharon
2 Anthony Road, Tolland, 860.817.0933
www.sharonfamilyfarm.com
littlefarmers@Sharonfamilyfarm.com
Facebook: Little Farmers Child Care Center

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Summer Camp: 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. (3-12 year olds)
Fall 2016 Preschool: 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (3-5 year olds)
Fall 2016: After School Program (5-12 year olds)

One-of-a-kind, agriculture-based program for school age and preschool children in a safe, clean environment. Children interact with a variety of animals, learn about them through structured lessons, read about them, practice what they have learned, do crafts and activities related to their learning experience and so much more! Licensed by the State of CT- Office of Early Childhood Education and the farm is licensed by the USDA.



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