



## 2023 Public Policy Priorities

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- Support expansion of game laws to control native wildlife that cause damage and loss of crops and livestock.
- Support the elimination of highway use taxes that add additional cost to the transportation of agricultural products, commodities, and inputs.
- Support Connecticut agriculture, farm wineries and cideries by allowing sales of CT Grown Wine and Hard Ciders in grocery stores. Permit sales of bottles, tastings, and glasses of products at additional on-farm locations.
- Maintain science based state and federal agency only jurisdiction over the regulation of pesticides and herbicides in Connecticut.
- Support policies that provide incentives for landowners to install commercial solar energy projects on land that is not classified as prime or important farmland.
- Support programs and funding to enhance agriculture and farming in urban areas.

### **Continued support for policies that support CT agriculture:**

- Full funding of the Community Investment Act and the critical programs it funds in support of agriculture.
- Adequate funding for the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, the Agriscience and Technology Program and the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources at the University of Connecticut.
- Full funding for farmland preservation.
- Continue supporting PA 490, CT's Current Use Assessment Law for farmland, forestland, open space land and maritime heritage land.
- Continue supporting the farmer sales tax exemption and off-road fuel tax exemption.

*The Voice of Connecticut Agriculture*