**2024 Public Policy Priorities**

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* Support the adoption of a CT Farmer Investment Tax Credit modeled after the New York Farmers & Refundable Tax Credit Program.
* Support the adoption of a CT Dairy Farmer Tax Credit modeled after the Massachusetts Dairy Tax Credit Program.
* Support the adoption of a Limiting Liability for Agritourism law modeled after similar laws passed in New York, Maine, Vermont, and other states.
* Support amending CGS 12-91(a) to raise the exemption from personal property tax for farm machinery, horses, and ponies from $100,000 to $250,000 and amending CGS 12-91 (c) to allow municipalities the option above $250,000.
* Support raising the quarterly compensation threshold by which an employer would pay unemployment taxes from $20,000 to $30,000.
* Support legislation granting the Commissioner of Agriculture final determination as to what constitutes agriculture or farming pursuant to CGS 1-1q regarding classification of land as farmland under CGS 12-107c before a farmer or farmland owner must file an appeal in Superior Court.
* Maintain science based state and federal agency only jurisdiction over the regulation of pesticides and herbicides in Connecticut.

**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.