

Agenda
Tolland Agriculture Commission
Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Conference Room B, 2nd Level, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, Connecticut

1. Call to Order
2. Seat Alternate(s)
3. Public Participation
4. Additions to Agenda
5. Old Business
 - 5.1. Campbell Farm
 - 5.2. Social Media/Agri Tourism
 - 5.3. Farmers Market
6. New Business
 - 6.1. Restaurant week
 - 6.2. Food Voucher Program.
 - 6.3. Regional Agriculture meeting
7. Other Business – Staff or Commission Members
8. Approve Minutes – February 6, 2023 Regular Meeting
9. List of topics for the next meeting
10. Adjournment



2023 Tolland Fresh

Town of Tolland, CT

Voucher #: _____

ONE TIME USE ONLY.

White: Return to town

Yellow: Farm to retain.

STEP 1. LOCATION. Good for use only at these Tolland locations (check off where voucher used):

Little River Natives at Lemek Farm

351 Goose Lane

Johnny Appleseed's

244 Hartford Turnpike

Kollas Orchard

41 New Road

Lucky Clover Farm

27 Ellen Drive

STEP 2. ELIGIBLE ITEMS. Only good for these unprepared items: fruits, vegetables, herbs, honey, maple syrup, cheese, meat, eggs, herb plants/seeds or vegetable plants/seeds.

STEP 3: AMOUNT OF PURCHASE. No change or credit will be issued. Write in amount of purchase:

\$ _____

\$20.00 (twenty dollars)

Expires 12/31/2023

Farms: Return white voucher to:
Human Services Department, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland CT 06084.



TOWN of TOLLAND, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland Connecticut 06084

Tolland Agriculture Commission/ Tolland Human Services

March 13, 2023

Invitation to Participate in *Tolland Fresh*

Dear Tolland Farmer,

The Tolland Agriculture Commission is soliciting Tolland farms to participate in the 2023 *Tolland Fresh* program. This is an initiative to support local farms while providing a healthy food source to residents.

Tolland Fresh provides \$20 vouchers to income-eligible residents to use at local farms for fresh produce. Participating farms submit the redeemed vouchers to the Town for reimbursement. This is the program's sixth year, and it has been a great success! Funding is provided by the Tolland Human Services Department.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the enclosed form in its entirety and return it to my attention along with a W-9. Participating farms must have a retail location in Tolland (e.g., store or farm stand) and at least some of the eligible products must be grown within Tolland.

The deadline to sign up is **April 20**, with the program running from the end of **May** through **December**. If you are interested and need additional information, please contact town staff (Jeanne Pitney) at 860-871-3615 or jjpitney@tollandct.gov

Sincerely,
Stephen Lundgren
Chair, Tolland Agriculture Commission



Tolland Fresh Program – 2023 Season

Registration Form: Farm

Farm Information

Name of Farm: _____

Physical Address of Farm: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Months, Days, Hours Open: _____

Website: _____

Eligible products offered: _____

Products grown in Tolland: _____

Contact Information

Main Point of Contact: _____

Title: _____

Mailing Address (for reimbursement): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I understand the vouchers may only be used for the following unprepared items: fruits, vegetables, herbs, honey, maple syrup, cheese, meat, eggs, and fruit/vegetable/herb plants and that if the value of the products is less than the amount of a voucher, I will be reimbursed for the value (not the full voucher amount). I agree to not disclose the identity of voucher recipients and will offer voucher-users the same courtesy as other customers.

Signature

Date

Name (printed)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY TOWN:

Approval by Town

Date

Tolland Agriculture Commission

Tolland, Connecticut

Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00pm

Conference Room B, 2nd Level, 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, Connecticut

Members Present: Steven Lundgren, Kevin Molloy, Sheri Sullivan

Others Present: David Corcoran

Brian Foley, Town Manager

Katie Murray, liaison to the Town Council

Brenda Falusi, Tolland Tourism

1. Call to Order: S. Lundgren called the meeting to order a 7:00pm
2. Seat Alternate: no alternate was seated
3. Public Participation: Brenda Falusi
4. Additions to Agenda: Farm stand Regulations, Idea of Tolland Ag Commission sponsoring Regional Ag Meeting
5. Old Business
 - 5.1 Campbell Farm- Renter (Jack) resigned the lease for another 5 years. D. Corcoran was able to get a quote for possibly putting a well on the farm. Quote- \$9,000, plus additional costs of \$5,000 for pump and tank. D. Corcoran will look into Farm grants available. Idea of possibly using a water truck for water service for this growing season. K. Murray will connect D. Corcoran with the CT Dept. of Ag. to look into other resources available.
 - 5.2 Agri-Tourism/Social Media Planning- Ag. Commission would like to work on promoting Agri-tourism and our local farms this year. B. Falusi will assist the commission with social media posts, using TFAN and Tolland Tourism. She will work on getting Instagram posts for Tolland Tourism. Commission would like to promote individual farms and farm stands. Commission will work on updating present farm list.
 - 5.3 Farmers Market- B. Foley discussed bringing Farmers Market back to the Tolland Green. B. Foley has been in discussions with present Market Master to move the market back to the green. He proposes have a committee composed of the Market Master, PCC and Agriculture Commission to work on the committee. Date and time

of market to be determined. Market will consist of Farmers, bakers, crafters, and other business and groups in Tolland.

6. New Business-

6.1- Farm stand- Resident had inquired about rules of a farm stand. Resident will be directed to D. Corcoran in planning and zoning concerning the rules.

6.2- S. Sullivan proposed Tolland a Regional Agricultural meeting this April. Committee agreed it would be a good idea. S. Sullivan will reach out to surrounding towns to see if there is an interest.

7. Other Business- Staff or Commission Members-

7.1- Correspondence regarding small stock- Agricultural commission received an email wanting to change the regulations of land size for small stock animals. This was revised recently by the commission following the state guidelines and adjacent town's regulations. The commission does not feel at this time that the regulations need to be revised again.

8. Approve Minutes- November 7, 2022 Regular Meeting. S. Lundgren extended the motion to approve the minutes, K.Molloy made the motion, S. Sullivan second the motion, All in favor.

9. List of topics for the next meeting-

1. Campbell farm
2. Restaurant week
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10. Adjournment- S. Lundgren made a motion to adjourn, S. Sullivan second the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Sullivan