

# 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.

*The Tolland Agriculture Commission*

*May 2021 Edition*

## Autumn Oak Farms

Michael and Megan Grogan, 212 Buff Cap Road  
860.942.3537, [autumnoakfarms@gmail.com](mailto:autumnoakfarms@gmail.com)  
Facebook: Autumnnoakfarms  
Monday - Sunday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

## Brookside Acres

Joe Matteis, 124 Browns Bridge Road, 860.306.0455,  
[Joematteis@att.net](mailto:Joematteis@att.net)

Pasture raised beef and pork. No added hormones or antibiotics. Our animals are raised on a vegetarian diet with free access to pasture and water at all times. Locally USDA butchered. Call about sides of beef or pork.

## Wright's Orchard and Dried Flower Farm

Todd & Joyclyn Wright, 271 South River Road  
860.872.1665, [www.wrightsorchar.com](http://www.wrightsorchar.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 to medium farm with much to offer. Products: Apples, peaches, berries, tomatoes, assorted garden vegetables, mums, pumpkins, jams, pies & more.

## Little River Natives at Lemek Farm

Jason St. Louis, 351 Goose Lane  
Opens April (weather dependent). Spring: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Summer: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Seasonal farm stand with native vegetables grown at farm & neighboring farms. CSA memberships available. Annual & perennial flowers. Larry's Berries next store with pick-your-own blueberries & raspberries.

## Lucky Clover Farm

Sheri and Tim Sullivan, 27 Ellen Drive  
860.212.2249, [Luckycloverfarm9@gmail.com](mailto:Luckycloverfarm9@gmail.com)  
May - October, Saturday & Sunday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Farm Fresh eggs, vegetables in season, Alpaca fiber products, and much more. Products also available at the Tolland Farmers Market & Tolland Red and White

## Kollas Orchard

David & Janet Kollas, 41 New Road, 860.871.0120  
[www.KollasOrchardCT.com](http://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.

## Spring Meadow Farm: The Country Butcher & Country Catering

1032 Tolland Stage Road (Route 74), Tolland  
860.875.5352, [www.countrybutcherct.com](http://www.countrybutcherct.com) &  
[www.acountrycatering.com](http://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: 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](mailto: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](http://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: Seasonal fruits, vegetables, cider, pies & jams.

## Palmer Family Farm

Linda Palmer & Peg Sorensen, 584 Sugar Hill Road  
860.875.2211, [palmerff@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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: Yarn, roving, woven items, eggs, freezer lambs on occasion.

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## Agricultural Resources

### Connecticut AGvocate

Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Program Coordinator  
[www.ctracd.org](http://www.ctracd.org) [ctracdmanda@aol.com](mailto:ctracdmanda@aol.com)  
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  
[Jeanmarie.madden-hennessey@uconn.edu](mailto:Jeanmarie.madden-hennessey@uconn.edu)

### 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.tollandcountyagriculturecenter.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](mailto: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.

### UConn Extension Administrative Office

W.B. Young Building, Room 233  
1376 Storrs Road, Unit 4134, Storrs, CT, 06269-4134  
860.486.9228  
[extension@uconn.edu](mailto:extension@uconn.edu)  
<http://www.extension.uconn.edu/>

### USDA State Offices

344 Merrow Road, Tolland, CT 06084  
860.934.2776 / 860.871.4090

## Other Services

### Fenton River Veterinary Hospital

9F Fieldstone Commons, Tolland  
860.870.8701, [www.fentonrivervet.com](http://www.fentonrivervet.com)  
[fentonrivervet@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## Join us at the Tolland Farmers Market!

1032 Tolland Stage Road (the Country Butcher)\*  
Saturdays: 9 a.m. - noon, May - November

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

*\*Temporary location*

### Little Farmers Child Care LLC

Owner/Director: Jessica Sharon  
2 Anthony Road, Tolland, 860.817.0933  
[www.sharonfamilyfarm.com](http://www.sharonfamilyfarm.com)  
[littlefarmers@Sharonfamilyfarm.com](mailto: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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