

CNLA Update



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Our Mission: To enhance and protect Connecticut's green industry businesses.

Our Vision: Improving landscapes and horticulture in Connecticut.

Our Goals:

- Advocacy
- Education
- Member Service/Value
- Community and Public Relations

Association Strength since 1907.

Legislative Update:

Through our relationship with AmericanHort®, they have been keeping us updated on the all-important H-2B policy riders we have been pushing to be included in the omnibus spending bill.

President Obama signed into law an omnibus spending bill for fiscal year 2016 that includes important H-2B relief. The bill does the following:

- Exempts H-2B returning workers from the 66,000 annual cap;

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- Addresses H-2B wages and allow the use of private wage surveys, which were not allowed under the 2015 final H-2B wage rule;
- Clearly defines seasonal as ten months, as opposed to the nine months in the new interim final H-2B comprehensive rule;
- Prevents DOL from implementing the provisions of the interim final rule related to corresponding employment and the ¾ guarantee; and
- Prevents DOL from implementing the new and burdensome DOL enforcement scheme in the IFR related to audit and the Certifying Officer (CO) assisted recruitment; and
- Allows for the staggered crossing of seafood H-2B workers.

Save the Date:

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Ag Day at the Capitol

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Coming Soon: online registration and payment www.ctaginfocouncil.org

Winter Storage of Pesticides:

Source: [New England Greenhouse Update \(UMASS\)](#)

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Become a closer part of our
CNLA community!

While safety, security and environmental impact are the major concerns when storing pesticides, maintaining the quality of pesticides is also important during winter storage. Here are some tips for winter storage of pesticides:

- Plan pesticide purchases so that supplies are used by the end of the growing season.
- Keep pesticides at temperatures above freezing, under dry conditions and out of direct sunlight. UMass Extension greenhouse BMPs recommend that pesticide storage should be restricted to a first story room or area which has direct access to the outside (according to the Board of Fire Prevention). Pesticides should not be stored in basements or outdoors.
- Read the label. Special storage recommendations or restrictions will be printed on the label.
- Write the purchase or delivery date of the product on the label with waterproof ink. Products may lose their effectiveness over several years.
- Ventilation is important for storage of most pesticides.
- Store herbicides separately from other pesticides to avoid cross contamination.

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Executive Office Holiday Hours:

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

Wishing you and your family a safe and happy new year!

CNLA Executive Office will be closing at 1:00 PM on
Thursday, December 31st & will be closed on Friday, January 1st.

REGISTER TODAY to Attend the CNLA Winter Symposium & Expo!

PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS JANUARY 8TH!

**Thursday & Friday, January 14-15, 2016
Aqua Turf Club - Plantsville, CT**

The Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association brings together Connecticut's largest green industry trade show. Don't miss out on two days of educational programs, pesticide credits and the opportunity to meet with vendors in your area!

[Register Now](#)

Why attend?

- Central Location
- Large two-day trade show
- Over 20 educational programs
- Pesticide Credits
- Five Spanish programs (5 Pesticide Credits)
- Chance to win a GoPro!

Don't miss the CNLA Annual Meeting on

Thursday, January 14th at 11:45 AM!

Need Pesticide Credits? Click links below to view the programs offered for PA, 3A, and 3D credits.

[Thursday Credit Schedule](#)

[Friday Credit Schedule](#)

CNLA Winter Symposium: Booth Space Still Available!

Very few booths are still available for the 2016 Winter Symposium & Expo being held on Thursday-Friday, January 14-15, 2016 at the Aqua Turf Club, 556 Mulberry Street, Plantsville, CT.

The CNLA Winter Symposium & Expo provides members with quality

educational programs, networking opportunities, and great food. With the feedback from past exhibitors, CNLA has implemented changes and are bringing new ideas to the 2016 Winter Symposium & Expo. Come check it out by signing up today!

[Click here for exhibitor details](#) and event sponsorship opportunities or visit the [online registration form here](#).

CANP Recertification Due December 31!



The Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional Program is a voluntary program to accomplish the following: To encourage on-going professional improvement through education and service to the industry and retain certification status, all CANPs must compile at least five credits yearly to keep their status current and pay an annual fee (**starting with the 2010 class and going forward**) of \$10 for CNLA members and \$20 for nonmembers.

[Submit Recertification Online by Clicking Here.](#)

[Download Recertification Form Here.](#)

CT Farm Bureau: Young Farmer Committee

The Young Farmer Committee of the Connecticut Farm Bureau provides an excellent opportunity for farmers, ages 18-35, to actively participate in Farm Bureau programs, learn from other farmers and become leaders in Connecticut agriculture.

Young Farmers are a group of friends and colleagues who will take the lead as Connecticut's next generation of farmers. And we like to have fun together! Agriculture today is very exciting, challenging and different from the farming that our grandfathers practiced. As new farmers we need to learn from experienced farmers as well as each other.

As a result of participation in Farm Bureau programs, Young Farmer members experience personal growth and achievement as Farm Bureau members, farmers, citizens and community leaders. Working the land is important, and there are many additional opportunities to grow agriculture. Our Young Farmer group works in policy development and execution. We teach ag students, and work at promotion, marketing, political education and action, and are active in local affairs.

The next Young Farmer Meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 5th, 6:30 PM at the CT Farm Bureau Office in Windsor. Dinner is provided!

For more information, email CTYoungFarmers@gmail.com



Help Wanted

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING AND INSPECTION REPRESENTATIVE 1,
CT Department of Agriculture, Hartford, CT. [TO SEE FULL LISTING, CLICK HERE.](#) [12/28/15]

PARK OPERATIONS MANAGER Town of Greenwich. [TO SEE FULL LISTING, CLICK HERE.](#) [12/22/15]



Upcoming Industry Events

Share with us any of your upcoming events and we would be happy to help spread the word!

1/14/16-1/15/16 | The Aqua Turf Club
556 Mulberry St., Plantsville, CT
2016 CNLA Winter Symposium & Expo

2/18/16-2/21/16 | CT Convention Center
100 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT
35th Annual CT Flower & Garden Show 2016 - For more information, [click here.](#)