



Dear Friends of the CT Food Association:

Governor Ned Lamont kicked off the legislative session with his State of the State address to the General Assembly on February 7th. Lamont noted that eight months ago we passed a two-year budget which, unlike most of our peer states, is still in the black. With this budget the state has made the largest ever commitment to childcare, K-12 education, our universities, workforce training and not-for-profits. Governor Lamont also stated our budget provided a 10% tax cut for the middle-class families and a bigger tax credit for working families and essential workers. Legislative committees have now begun the public hearing process. The legislature adjourns at midnight on May 8th.

Your CFA staff 😊

FOODBYTES

[5 takeaways from Lamont's \\$26.1 billion CT budget proposal](#)

[Experts: Here's why CT retail rivals locate so close together, sometimes blocks away](#)

[Connecticut's supermarkets will expand through the end of the year, industry officials say](#)

[CT food startups have a lot on their plates, but relief is on the way](#)

[US sues to block merger of grocery giants Kroger and Albertsons, saying it could push prices higher](#)

[Retailers, suppliers invest in nutrition strategies: FMI report](#)

[Will we lose our nip bottles? CT lawmakers to air proposal to let cities, towns decide](#)

[How AI Is Helping Grocery Inventory and Supply Chain Management : 2023 : Articles : Resources : CLA \(CliftonLarsonAllen\) \(claconnect.com\)](#)

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CFA EVENTS

Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers, March 26th at The

Farmington Polo Club, Farmington. Guest Speakers: David McIntosh and Curtis Janes from Instacart.

To register, click [here](#).

Board Meeting – May 16th

Golf Outing, June 3rd at Lake of Isles, North Stonington



INDUSTRY EVENTS

NGA Show, March 10-12, Las Vegas CT Food Association members can take advantage of a 15% discount by using the following code: **CONNECTICUT15**

UNFI Holiday Show, June 4-5, Mohegan Sun, Uncasville

Summer Fancy Food Show, June 23-25, Javits Center, New York City





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