



*Dedicated to promoting the growth of Connecticut's grocery community and supplier network through programs in public affairs, food safety, education and industry relations.*

## May 2024 Newsletter

Dear Friend of the CT Food Association:

The end of the CT legislative session arrives at midnight on May 8th. Democratic leadership agreed to adopt Governor Lamont's budget, clearing the way for debate on many other bills including paid sick leave, swipe fee reform, and expansion of SNAP distribution days. Upon the close of the session, we will be sure to let you know which new laws passed and how they impact your business.

You may have also seen coverage of Connecticut's Attorney General's press conference announcing his investigation of grocery store pricing. Not everyone is convinced that food price increases constitute the need for legislative scrutiny. Steve Lanza, a professor of economics at the University of Connecticut, told CT Examiner that economists tend to view the term "price gouging" with skepticism — generally, he said, the rising prices are simply the market balancing out at a time when demand outstrips supply. Lanza said that while food prices have continued to rise, that rate of increase has also moderated. He noted that the increase in food prices is now below the overall inflation rate.

Your CFA staff 😊

### WHAT'S TRENDING



# FOODBYTES

[Attorney General Calls For Inquiry Into Potential Grocery Price Gouging](#)

[Survey shows consumers blame government policies for high grocery prices](#)

[Opinion: Food cost inquiry is a waste of the CT attorney general's time](#)

[Facing deadline, CT's legislative factory comes to life](#)

[Editorial: Let's nip sales of small liquor bottles](#)

[Connecticut House votes to expand state's paid sick leave requirement for all employers by 2027](#)

[CT supermarket reopens with high-tech carts, Munson's chocolates, expanded grab-and-go, fresh specialty popcorn](#)

[These Are The Best Grocery Stores In CT, New Report Says](#)

[Beloved Middlebury grocery store closing after 83 years](#)



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