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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

PROTECTING THE CONNECTICUT GROWN BRAND

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAG) serves as caretaker for the Connecticut Grown logo and promotes and protects the integrity of all the hard-working producers selling Connecticut Grown farm products. DoAG is very serious about preventing and stopping fraudulent activities that abuse the Connecticut Grown logo, mislead consumers, and jeopardize viability of Connecticut farms.

On July 30, 2012, Connecticut Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky suspended a business participating in the farmers' market at the Hartford Regional Market, also known as the Hartford Regional Farmers' Market (HRFM), for misrepresenting products as Connecticut Grown and selling products not grown in Connecticut.

The HRFM is managed by DoAG and its rules clearly state that only Connecticut Grown farm products can be offered for sale Monday through Friday. (Out-of-state products are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays as long as the out-of-state products do not make up more than 25% of the total products offered for sale at a vendor's kiosk.)

In early July, DoAG received several calls pertaining to out-of-state blueberries being offered for sale during the week by one of the vendors at the HRFM. DoAG staff performed a routine inspection, located the product in question, and requested from the vendor documentation proving the blueberries originated from Connecticut. The vendor did not comply with the request and was unable to provide a receipt proving the berries originated from Connecticut. Subsequently the business was issued a warning.

Shortly after the first incident, a second inspection by DoAG staff revealed several other violations at the HRFM, resulting with

citations to two vendors. One admitted to buying out-of-state tomatoes from a wholesaler and offering them for resale. It was the vendor's first violation and DoAG issued a warning.

The second vendor in violation was the same one reprimanded during the earlier inspection in July. This vendor was cited for a

second violation that included selling out-of-state blueberries, cantaloupe, watermelon, and a plethora of other items at the farmers' market. The following day, DoAG ordered that vendor to discontinue participation in the farmers' market. The vendor was immediately suspended pending a hearing with Commissioner Reviczky.

Commissioner Reviczky and DoAG staff conducted that hearing on July 30, 2012. The vendor admitted to selling blueberries from Massachusetts and admitted to selling several types of melons from out of state. No receipts from other Connecticut farmers were presented at the hearing. It was determined that the point of origin for

all products in question was from outside Connecticut. In addition, the vendor was warned about improper refrigeration of products, improper labeling of products, and the importance of keeping products off the ground on pallets. The suspension will continue until September 1, 2012.

The HRFM has been in existence for over 50 years and is the only traditional wholesale farmers' market in the state. It serves as an important resource to many Connecticut farmers, farm stands, and other retail operations that wish to purchase and sell seasonal Connecticut Grown farm products.



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WHOLESALE EGGPLANT SHIPPED IN

	Low	High
CHINESE, 35lb, HD	32.00	36.00
INDIAN, 1-1/9 bu, GA	22.00	25.00
ITALIAN, 1-1/9bu, CT	9.00	10.00
ITALIAN, 11lb, GH, CN	15.00	16.00
LONG STRPD, 1-1/9bu, GA	18.00	18.00
SICLIAN, 1-1/9bu, GA	12.00	12.00
THAI, 35lb, HD	40.00	40.00
WHITE, 11lb, NT	17.00	17.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

August 6, 2012

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	67.00-69.00
	270-300 lbs	n/a
	300-400 lbs	n/a
45-49	220-300 lbs	63.00-65.00
	300-400 lbs	n/a
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	28.00-30.00
	500-700 lbs	34.00-36.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	17.50-20.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, August 6, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	22.00	32.00
61-75 lbs.	40.00	42.50
76-90 lbs.	45.00	55.00
91-105 lbs.	57.50	60.00
106 lbs. & up	70.00	77.50
Farm Calves	80.00	100.00
Starter Calves	30.00	35.00
Veal Calves	55.00	140.00
Open Heifers	70.00	120.00
Beef Heifers	76.00	124.00
Beef Steers	84.00	125.00
Feeder Steers	67.50	89.00
Stock Bulls	65.00	86.00
Beef Bulls	65.00	81.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	2 at	100.00
Goats each	50.00	130.00
Kid Goats	35.00	80.00
Canners	Up to	69.00
Cutters	70.00	73.00
Utility Grade Cows	74.00	77.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	27.00
Chickens each	4.00	15.00
Ducks each	4.00	26.00
Feeder Pigs	20.00	87.50
Lambs	45.00	250.00
Sheep	50.00	150.00



WHOLESALE VEGETABLES NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	Low	High
APPLE, Gngr gld, bu, xfcy	32.00	34.00
APPLE, Paula rd, bu, xfcy	30.00	32.00
ARUGULA, 24s	13.00	14.00
BEAN, Grn, bu	24.00	26.00
BEAN, Wx, bu	28.00	28.00
BEETS 12s	10.00	12.00
BLACKBRRY, 12/1/2pt	28.00	30.00
BLUEBRRY, 12/1pt, plp	28.00	30.00
BLUEBRRY, 12/1pt, clmshll	22.00	24.00
BROCCOLI, 13ct	11.00	12.00
CABBAGE, Grn, 50lb, bg	8.00	8.00
CABBAGE, Grn, bx	10.00	12.00
CANTALOUPE, 24bin	125.00	150.00
COLLARD, 12-16s	10.00	12.00
CORN, 5dz	9.00	12.00
CUCMBR, 1-1/9bu, spr slct	14.00	16.00
CUCMBR, Pcklng, 1/2 bu	12.00	15.00
LEEKs, 12s	16.00	16.00
NECTARINES, 24lb	26.00	28.00
PEACHES, 25lb, 2-1/2min	22.00	24.00
PEACHES, Wht, 25lb	26.00	28.00
PEAR, Clap fvr, 4/5bu	30.00	32.00
PEPPER, Cubnl, 1-1/9bu	10.00	12.00
PEPPER, Grn bell, 1-1/9bu, lg	9.00	10.00
PLUM, Italn, 20lb	28.00	30.00
PLUM, Rd, 20lb	28.00	30.00
POTATOES, Chef, 50lb	15.00	16.00
RADISHES, 24s	11.00	12.00
SQUASH, Grn, 1/2bu, md	6.00	8.00
SQUASH, Grn, 1/2bu, fncy	9.00	10.00
SQUASH, Yllw, 1/2bu, md	9.00	10.00
SQUASH, Yllw, 1/2bu, fncy	11.00	12.00
SWISS CHARD, 24s	15.00	15.00
TOMATOES, 25lb	16.00	22.00
TOMATOES, Chrry, 12/1pt	10.00	10.00
TOMATOES, 10lb, heirlm, xl	35.00	35.00

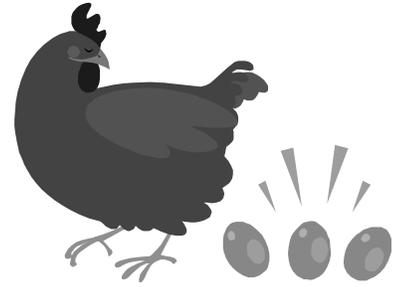
(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

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Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers	75-80% lean		
	76.00-78.50	n/a	66.00-72.50
Boners	80-85% lean		
	71.00-75.00	76.50-78.00	69.00-72.00
Lean	88-90% lean		
	66.00-70.50	n/a	60.00-64.00
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Graded Bull Calves			
No.1	80-105lbs	130.00-145.00	
No.2	95-115lbs	100.00-115.00	
No.3	95-120lbs	65.00-85.00	
Slaughter bulls	925--1815lb	- 95.00-100.00	
Holstein Heifers No.1	90-130lb	115.00-125.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:			
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	40-60lbs	167.00-197.00	
	60-80lbs	164.00-198.00	
	80-90lbs	140.00-156.00	
	90-110lbs	128.00-148.00	
	110-130lbs	118.00-137.00	
	150-200lbs	n/a	



WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown eggs in cartons, delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.83-1.95
LARGE	1.75-1.86
MEDIUM	1.20-1.31

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

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Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A+, white eggs in cartons, per dozen. (Range)

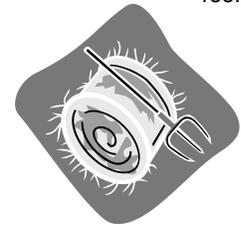
EXTRA LARGE	1.58-1.62
LARGE	1.56-1.60
MEDIUM	1.10-1.14

PENNSYLVANIA HAY REPORT

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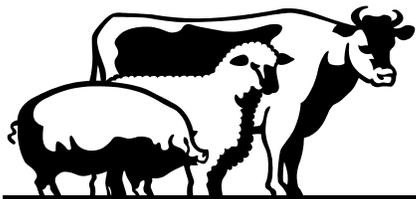
Eastern Pennsylvania, prices per ton.

Alfalfa, Premium	240.00-390.00
Alfalfa, Good	175.00-205.00
Mixed Hay, Premium	207.00-460.00
Mixed Hay, Good	150.00-220.00
Timothy, Premium	225.00-340.00
Timothy, Good	200.00-205.00
Straw	135.00-200.00



Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3

40-60lbs	n/a
60-80lbs	130.00-174.00
80-90lbs	130.00-142.00
90-110lbs	100.00-132.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
100-130lbs	64.00-78.00
130-160lbs	72.00-88.00
200-300lbs	n/a
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
100-130lbs	74.00-74.00
130-160lb	48.00-64.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
30-40lbs	n/a
40-60lbs	n/a
60-80lbs	n/a
80-100lbs	114.00-130.00
100-130lbs	130.00-167.00
Nannies/Does: 80-120 lbs	88.00-110.00
130-150lbs	140.00-155.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	133.00-155.00
150-250lbs	132.00-148.00



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GOVERNOR MALLOY TOURS HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET

On August 6, 2012, Governor Dannel P. Malloy toured the Hartford Regional Market with Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky to explore opportunities to expand the market into a vibrant food hub for Connecticut. Governor Malloy visited a number of businesses that lease space and operate at the market.



Above, Governor Malloy and Foodshare volunteers pack Connecticut Grown beans from Fair Weather Acres Farm. Below, Governor Malloy and Commissioner Reviczky meet with Frank Musto (left) of M+M Produce and Joe Ruffini (second from right) of Northeast Produce, members of the Connecticut Market Authority.



2012 CENTURY FARM AWARD: FUTTNER'S FARM

Congratulations to [Futtner's Family Farm](#) of East Hartford and South Windsor, which received the 2012 Century Farm Award during the Plant Science Day at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station on August 1, 2012.

Jim and Honora Futtner grow vegetables and flowers and sell them through a retail farm stand, a CSA, farmers' markets, a pick-your-own operation, and wholesale channels. The farm was started by Jim's great grandparents, who came to the United States from Italy in 1880.

The Connecticut Week Agricultural Report offers affordable classified advertisements for your farm-related needs. See Page 4 for details and rates, or call Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2588 for more information.

PROTECTING THE CONNECTICUT GROWN BRAND (continued from Page 1)

Customers expect to find Connecticut Grown farm products at the HRFM. Out-of-state products offered at this venue are misleading. Unfortunately, misrepresentation continues down the line because products purchased at the HRFM are sold at retail outlets and markets throughout the state. Anyone claiming to offer Connecticut Grown products for sale may, at any time, be required to submit proof that the products originate from Connecticut.

Due diligence regarding farm products marketed as Connecticut Grown protects Connecticut farmers and the products they offer. DoAG strongly encourages anyone seeking wholesale farm products to know where those products come from, to ensure proper labeling, and to obtain receipts.

DoAG takes the integrity of the Connecticut Grown logo and brand very seriously. DoAG will continue to inspect establishments offering Connecticut Grown products for sale. Fraudulent activities will not be tolerated. Violators will be subject to suspension and fines.

DoAG maintains a listing of farms offering wholesale Connecticut Grown fruits and vegetables, as well as other Connecticut Grown products, on its website. Please see www.CTGrown.gov/Publications.

Questions regarding Connecticut Grown farm products and farmers' market can be made to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agriculture Development and Resource Preservation at 860-713-2503.

ATTRA OFFERS SEASON EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS

[ATTRA - National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service](http://attra.ncat.org) offers the following information on season extension techniques, including low tunnels and hoop houses:

Have you ever considered extending your growing season beyond the summer and into the fall? Many small-scale farmers and gardeners are extending their seasons using several techniques, including low tunnels and hoop houses. Integrating low tunnels or hoop houses into your small-scale farm or garden is a great way to extend your growing season and to enjoy the benefits of your operation for a longer period of time.

Be sure to check out the ATTRA publication *Sustainable Season Extension: Considerations for Design* for more details. It is available online at <https://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/summaries/summary.php?pub=370>.

Low tunnels and hoop houses are just two of the many ways to extend the growing season of your operation. Other techniques include using floating row covers and multi-tunnel systems. Learn about these and more in the ATTRA publication *Season Extension Techniques for Market Gardeners*, available online at <https://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/summaries/summary.php?pub=366>.

The Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report accepts news and announcements from local nonprofit agricultural organizations for potential publication on a first-come, first-served basis, as space permits. Submissions should be no more than 150 words and in text format (no PDFs). Email to Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.



Advertising Rates: Fifteen or fewer words: \$3.75 per insertion. More than 15 words: 25 cents per word per insertion. (Initial letters, hyphenated words, phone numbers, and addresses are counted separately.) Print or type copy. Advertisements accepted on a first-come, first-served basis; publication on a specific date cannot be guaranteed. Ads with payment must be received by noon the Friday before a publication date to be considered for insertion in that issue. Only ads of an agricultural nature with a Connecticut phone number will be accepted. Remittance with copy required. Make check or money order payable to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

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