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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

THE 2013 CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

By the Office of Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky

The 2013 session of the Connecticut General Assembly convenes Wednesday, January 9, 2013, as per Section II of the Third Article of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut:

There shall be a regular session of the General Assembly on the Wednesday following the first Monday of January in the odd-numbered years, and on the Wednesday following the first Monday of February in the even-numbered years, and at such other times as the General Assembly shall judge necessary; but the person administering the Office of Governor may, on special emergencies, convene the General Assembly at any other time . . .

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture enthusiastically shares with our Ag Report readers—and the entire agricultural community—our legislative agenda. Following are the 11 proposals that we will be advocating in this year's session, which runs through June 5, 2013.

1. AN ACT CONCERNING AQUACULTURAL JOB GROWTH

The proposed bill will enable the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) to assist in the strengthening, development, and growth of aquacultural industry jobs by assisting existing small companies in their affordable development. It also will create conditions conducive to the creation of new small shellfish businesses by allowing any citizen an opportunity to farm and cultivate shellfish on a 25-acre parcel. In the event the business enterprise fails, the State of Connecticut would assume control of the beds. Under this proposal, DoAg's commissioner may direct the

agency's share of funds generated through an assessment placed on utilities impacting shellfish growing areas to either the Shellfish Fund or the Expand and Grow Connecticut Agriculture Account.

2. AN ACT CONCERNING CULTIVATION OF SEAWEED

This bill addresses the authority to license areas within Long Island Sound for seaweed production, and the fee per acre to do so. The bill is written to prevent any seaweed-licensed area from conflicting with any previously established right of fishing. All seaweed license applicants will fall under Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) sections (§) [22a-359](#) through [22a-363f](#) under the jurisdiction of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Aquaculture licensing and inspection are functions of DoAg. Fishing gear (anchors, lines, floats, etc.) are permitted by DEEP. The bill defines aquatic plants and identifies which specific processing standards will be required by DoAg in consultation with the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP). UCONN Stamford recently announced that after 10 years of field research at the BRASTEC Aquaculture School, it has determined that a seaweed production model can be a profitable aquaculture venture. Presently one authorized seaweed permittee operates within an established shellfish bed. He has proposed to complement his existing permits for oysters in cages with permits for the gear necessary to cultivate seaweed. This legislation is required for DoAg's Bureau of Aquaculture and DEEP to license and permit gear for seaweed production to assist in growing jobs in this sector of agriculture.



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**WHOLESALE CUT FLOWERS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

Boston Flower Exchange

	Low	High
GARDENIA, per blm	5.50	5.50
GARDENIA, 3s	15.00	15.00
LILY, Asiatic, bnchd10s	12.00	12.50
LILY, Siberia, bnchd10s	18.50	20.00
LILY, Casa blnca, bnchd10s	22.50	22.50
SNPDRGN, bnchd10s	9.00	10.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

January 1, 2013

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

49-54	220-300 lbs	62.00-65.00
	300-400 lbs	66.50-68.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	59.00-61.00
	300-400 lbs	58.00-64.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	44.00-46.00
	500-700 lbs	51.00-53.00
Boars:	300-700lbs	15.00-17.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, January 7, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	35.00	42.00
61-75 lbs.	55.00	70.00
76-90 lbs.	75.00	82.50
91-105 lbs.	87.50	90.00
106 lbs. & up	100.00	102.50
Farm Calves	107.50	117.50
Starter Calves	38.00	45.00
Veal Calves	85.00	140.00
Open Heifers	105.00	140.00
Beef Steers	80.00	96.00
Beef Heifers	79.00	115.50
Feeder Steers	90.00	130.00
Stock Bulls	95.00	175.00
Beef Bulls	84.00	93.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	100.00	155.00
Kid Goats	Two at	65.00
Canners	Up to	74.50
Cutters	75.00	80.00
Utility Grade Cows	82.50	88.50
Replacment Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacment Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	7.00	32.00
Chickens each	7.00	17.00
Ducks each	8.00	20.00
Feeder Pigs	40.00	150.00
Lambs	130.00	180.00
Sheep	135.00	145.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE, Empire 140ct, fcy	24.00	24.00
APPLE, Gala, 100ct, fcy	26.00	26.00
APPLE, Gala, 12-3lb, fcy, 2-1/2"	24.00	24.00
APPLE, Gld del, 100ct, fcy	26.00	26.00
APPLE, Mac, 80ct, fcy	27.00	27.00
APPLE, Mac, 96ct, fcy	26.00	26.00
APPLE, Mac, 12-3lb, fcy, 2-1/2"	21.00	21.00
APPLE, Rd del, 100ct, fcy	25.00	25.00
BEAN SPRT, 10lb	5.50	6.00
CIDER, 4/1gal	23.00	23.00
CIDER, 9 1/2gal	27.00	27.00
PARSNIPS, 25lb	21.00	21.00
POTATOES, 10lb, szA	2.00	2.00
POTATOES, Rd, 10/5lb	14.00	14.00
POTATOES, Rsst, 90ct	10.50	10.50
RUTABAGA, 50lb	13.00	14.00
SQUASH, Acrn, 1-1/9bu	10.00	13.00
SQUASH, Bttrnt, 1-1/9	10.00	13.00
TOMATOES, Vn ripe, 25lb, gh, loose	22.00	24.00
TOMATOES, Vn ripe, 12lb, gh	26.00	28.00
TOMATOES, Vn ripe, 11lb gh	22.00	22.00
TOMATOES, Cherry, 5lb	15.00	15.00
TURNIPS, 25lb, Prpl top	10.00	10.00

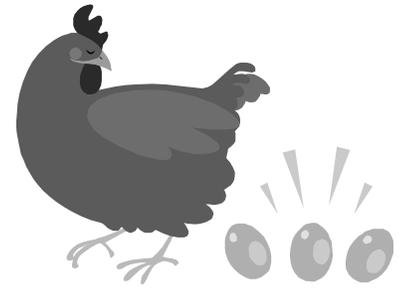


(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

January 3, 2013

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
Breakers 75-80% lean	76.00-79.50	80.00-84.00	69.00-75.50
Boners 80-85% lean	75.00-79.50	80.00-86.00	71.00-74.50
Lean 88-90% lean	69.00-74.50	75.00-79.00	62.00-68.50
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Graded Bull Calves			
No.1 94-128lbs	105.00-110.00		
No.2 88-128lbs	96.00-105.00		
No.3- 90-130lbs	75.00-85.00		
SLAUGHTER BULLS			
Yield Grade 1			
1050-2500lbs	87.00-92.00		
HOLSTEIN HEIFERS			
Choice and Prime 3-4			
1350-1550lbs	125.50-129.00		
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Trad. Markets, Jan 7, 2013			
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
60-80lbs	180.00-198.00		
80-110lbs	164.00-184.00		
110-125lbs	162.00-164.00		



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.63-1.70
LARGE	1.51-1.59
MEDIUM	1.18-1.26

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

January 7, 2013

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

EXTRA LARGE	1.08-1.22
LARGE	1.03-1.17
MEDIUM	.91-1.04

PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN SUMMARY

January 1, 2013

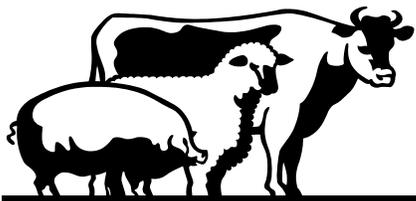
Eastern/Central Pennsylvania

Corn No 2 (per bu)	6.92-7.87
Wheat No 2 (per bu)	7.50-9.31
Oats No 2 (per bu)	3.65-4.50
Soybeans No 2 (per bu)	13.00-14.02
Ear Corn (per ton)	185.00-215.00



Woolled & Shorn Good & Choice 1-3

50-70lbs	146.00-152.00
75lbs	174.00-174.00
80-110lbs	142.00-166.00
110-150lbs	144.00-162.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
100-120lbs	90.00-98.00
120-175lbs	80.00-96.00
180-225lbs	78.00-80.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
110-120lbs	68.00-80.00
120-175lb	64.00-74.00
175-240lbs	62.00-68.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by the head, est. wt.	
50-55lbs	125.00-130.00
70-110lbs	164.00-182.00
Nannies/Does:	110-125lbs 172.00-186.00
	135-150lbs 175.00-190.00
Bucks/Billies:	125-140lbs 200.00-237.00
	155-175lbs 252.00-264.00
Selection 2	
100-145lbs	152.00-200.00
150-165lbs	206.00-245.00



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3. AN ACT INCLUDING CONNECTICUT GROWN PROTEIN IN STATE CONTRACT PROCUREMENT LANGUAGE
The proposed bill would add language to the existing state statute to include Connecticut Grown proteins other than milk, cheese, and eggs in the state contract procurement language. Specifically, beef, pork, and lamb would be added.
4. AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLARIFICATION OF CONNECTICUT'S EGG STATUTES
The intent of the proposal is to clearly define the role of state agencies regulating egg production, processing, and distribution. The bill will create a graduated license fee structure for firms registered. This will clarify the exemption for egg producers who sell directly to consumers (CGS § [22-47](#)).
5. AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAKING OF EASTERN OYSTERS
The elimination of CGS § [26-234b](#) would remove the current size restriction placed on Connecticut oysters offered for sale and open up new market opportunities, creating demand and job growth. CGS § [26-234b](#) limits the sale of oysters to those not less than three inches long. No such equivalent limit exists for the commercial harvest and sale of clams from a shellfish lease. The restriction prevents Connecticut's oysters from en-

tering the boutique oyster raw bar market. Connecticut's market oysters are harvested from private, leased shellfish beds where the oysters are cultivated and relocated several times.

6. AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY FARM PROGRAM
This proposal will bring the Community Farms Program into alignment with the main Farmland Preservation Program through various provisions. These provisions include allowing for the purchase of the owner's right to build a residence or farm structures, providing a statutory release provision for the easement, and authorizing the requirement of a conservation plan, among others.
7. AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE MUNICIPAL PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS UNDER CGS § [7-131Q\(e\)](#)
This proposal will bring the municipal purchase of development rights statute into alignment with the joint ownership statutes of DoAg by allowing municipalities to purchase or acquire the owner's right to construct any residences or farm structures on the agricultural land.
8. AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE MUNICIPAL PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS UNDER CGS § [22-26CC\(e\)](#)
The intent of this proposed legislation is to allow municipalities working with the state on the joint purchase of development rights to purchase easements on farms that have part of their land situated in an abutting town.
9. AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF GROWERS OF SWINE AND CONTROL OF DISEASE
The proposed bill reinstates the statute that was inadvertently removed when the legislature worked on standardizing the unclassified misdemeanors statutes during the last legislative session. CGS § [22-319](#) granted power to DoAg's commissioner to regulate all aspects of growing swine, including examination, quarantine, disinfection, preventive treatment, disposition, transportation, importation, feeding, and sanitation, as well as every other aspect of swine production. The inadvertent repeal of CGS § 22-319 also effectively repealed the swine disease-control regulations, which are the basis of DoAg's swine disease-control programs. These programs have resulted in Connecticut swine producers enjoying Pseudorabies and Brucellosis Free status, allowing for animals to be imported/exported across state lines. With emerging concerns about swine flu (H3N2) incidents, the commissioner asks that these important controls be reinstated.
10. AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESALE OF DOGS TO MILITARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
Under Connecticut law, pet stores selling dogs must obtain them from breeders registered with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). DoAg is having difficulties with dog trainers who import, train, and resell these dogs to law enforcement agencies and the military. Many of the dogs to be trained are imported from Europe and do not meet the requirement that they be purchased from a USDA registered breeder.

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In this instance there is little fear that the dogs are being obtained from “puppy mill” type facilities. The bill essentially exempts from the statute dogs sold by trainers to law enforcement agencies and the military.

11. AN ACT CONCERNING LOCALLY GROWN POULTRY IN CONNECTICUT FOOD MARKETS

DoAg currently provides an inspection program for poultry producers of not more than 5,000 turkeys or 20,000 poultry who intend to operate a small poultry slaughter facility exempt from continuous USDA oversight under the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act. In accordance with Public Act [10-103](#), producers may supply poultry products to household consumers, restaurants, hotels, and boarding houses. This proposal would add retail food markets as an “approved food source” under the statute. Poultry producers must continue to meet the requirements of the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act and any applicable provision of the Code of Federal Regulations, as well as continue to meet USDA FSIS standards for exempt operations. Among other requirements, producers shall:

- register their facility with the CT Department of Agriculture and USDA FSIS;
- have an approved plan for the disposal of liquid waste;
- have an approved plan for the disposal of offal;
- have an approved water supply and test the water supply

every six months, or, if operated seasonally, test the water supply no more than 30 days prior to the date processing starts (water testing is not applicable to municipal water supplies);

- have an approved site bio-security protocol;
- have a written system of product labeling and record keeping to facilitate product tracking and trace-back to the slaughter/process facility; and
- successfully complete a safe poultry slaughter course approved by the department. The safe poultry slaughter course shall educate operators of safe food handling, storage and packaging methods, and the risks to human health associated with consuming poultry that is not properly handled, stored and packed. The safe poultry slaughter course shall be designed to assist producers with designing and implementing a HACCP system.

These proposals will now be submitted for consideration and follow the path for a proposed bill to become a law. This path is explained on the Connecticut General Assembly’s website at www.cga.ct.gov/html/bill.pdf. Additional information about Connecticut legislation in general can be found at www.cga.ct.gov.

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