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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE + OFFICE OF TOURISM = AGRITOURISM

By Jaime Smith, Marketing Representative

Agritourism: Merriam Webster defines agritourism as “the practice of touring agricultural areas to see farms and often to participate in farm activities.” Agritourism activities include buying produce directly from a farm stand, navigating a corn maze, picking fruit and vegetables, feeding animals, tasting wine, and staying at an on-farm B&B, among many others.

Agritourism provides farms the opportunity to not only educate the public about agriculture but also encourage direct-to-consumer sales. Farm destinations, coupled with other tourism draws in the area, increase economic activity and quality of life in the local community. The agriculture-urban interface becomes a positive experience as result of agritourism.

Is your farm an agritourism destination? Do you welcome the public onto your farm to explore the world of agriculture through sights, smells, sounds, and activities? If so, there are a number of opportunities through the Department of Agriculture (DoAG)'s Marketing Division and the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)'s Office of Tourism available to you.

DOAG MARKETING

The agency offers a variety of marketing programs to inform Connecticut tourists about your agritourism destination.

Agritourism Brochure Distribution Program: Agritourism destination brochures can be placed in Connecticut's six major welcome centers (Fairfield, Danbury, Westbrook, North Stonington, West Willington, and Hartford) on a monthly basis throughout the year. A freestanding brochure rack in each center is dedicated to showcase agritourism. The cost to participate varies based on monthly distribution.

FAM Tours: In addition to having your brochures located in up to six welcome centers, your farm can participate in a FAM, or familiarization, tour for welcome center staff. Provide the staff with a great experience, and they can share it with Connecticut tourists visiting the centers.

Connecticut Farm Map: The Connecticut Farm Map is everywhere, online and in print, with 225,000 copies distributed throughout Connecticut. Participation is \$150 per listing for approximately two years.

Online Agritourism Listing: The agritourism listing on the agency's website, www.ctgown.gov, is free and another easy way to get information about your agritourism destination out to the public. Highlight activities such as a corn maze, farm festival, pick-your-own, or hay/wagon rides.

DECD OFFICE OF TOURISM

With the recent launch of the state's new tourism campaign, *Connecticut: Still Revolutionary*, now is the time to take advantage of the Office of Tourism's services.

Connecticut Getaway Guide: This magazine-style publication introduces Connecticut's tourism attractions, accommodations, and services to tourists in Connecticut and beyond. The guide is distributed twice a year—spring/summer (circulation 1 million) and fall/winter (circulation 525,000).

Tourism E-Newsletter for Consumers: The state's official tourism e-newsletter is distributed monthly to more than 500,000 opt-in subscribers. Travel specials, overnight packages, discounts and events motivate the consumer in every issue. All e-newsletter content is generated from listings and specials posted to www.CTvisit.com.

CTvisit.com: The state's official tourism website welcomes more than 2 million visitors annually. Take advantage of free listings with photos, reciprocal links to CTvisit.com, advertising opportunities, and participation in CTvisit.com's Partner Content Management System, a guide for posting free attractions, accommodations, and special event listings. CTvisit.com offers user-friendly searching, trip itinerary creation, special travel deals and package offers, and the ability to discover what is nearby. List your destination or event(s) by month, interest categories, as one of the 52 Great Getaways, or with one of the five tourism regions.

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WHOLESALE PEPPERS SHIPPED IN

	Low	High
AJIES,20lb,DR	55.00	60.00
ANAHEIM,10lb,NC	16.00	18.00
BELL,Grn,jmb,1-1/9bu,NJ	15.00	18.00
BELL,Rd,1 1/9 bu,CA	26.00	30.00
CHRRY HOT,1/2bu,SC	33.00	33.00
CUBNLL,1-1/9bu,XL,GA	16.00	18.00
FINGER HOT,1/2bu,DR	38.00	38.00
FRESNO,10lb,rd,MX	26.00	26.00
HABANERO,8lb,DR	32.00	32.00
JALAPENO,1/2bu,GA	12.00	15.00
LONG HOT,1-1/9bu GA	18.00	18.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION
July 9, 2012

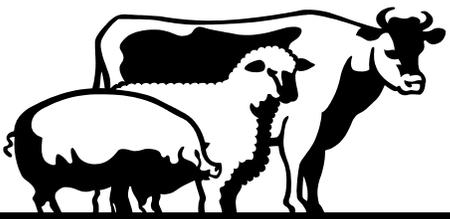
Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	75.00-78.00
	270-300 lbs	78.00-80.00
	300-400 lbs	69.00-73.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	47.00-49.00
	500-700 lbs	51.00-53.50
45-49	500-700 lbs	n/a
Boars:	300-700 lbs	23.00-24.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Middlefield, July 9, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	45.00	50.00
76-90 lbs.	55.00	60.00
91-105 lbs.	65.00	70.00
106 lbs. & up	75.00	80.00
Farm Calves	82.00	130.00
Starter Calves	22.00	28.00
Veal Calves	95.00	135.00
Open Heifers	89.00	113.00
Beef Heifers	114.00	120.00
Beef Steers	94.00	127.75
Feeder Steers	80.00	122.50
Stock Bulls	102.00	125.00
Beef Bulls	111.00	124.00
Boars	37.00	40.00
Sows	34.00	36.00
Butcher Hogs	1 at	130.00
Goats each	n/a	n/a
Kid Goats	50.00	55.00
Canners	Up to	72.25
Cutters	73.00	76.00
Utility Grade Cows	77.25	80.00
Rabbits each	4.00	13.00
Chickens each	5.00	20.00
Ducks each	2.00	21.00
Feeder Pigs	67.50	70.00
Lambs	85.00	175.00
Sheep	55.00	95.00



WHOLESALE VEGETABLES NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	Low	High
APPLE,Lodi,bu	27.00	27.00
ARUGULA,4/5 bu	13.00	14.00
BEAN,Grn,bu	18.00	24.00
BEETS,12s	12.00	12.00
BLUEBERRY,12/1pt,plp	28.00	30.00
BLUEBERRY,12/1pt,clmshll	21.00	24.00
CABBAGE,Grn,50lb	8.00	10.00
CHARD,Rnbw,12s	15.00	15.00
CHERRY,Bng,20lb	50.00	50.00
CHERRY,Rnr,20lb	60.00	60.00
CHIVES,12s	6.00	8.00
COLLARD,12-16s	10.00	12.00
CORN,5dz	14.00	18.00
CUCMBR,Pcklng,1/2bu	15.00	18.00
CUCMBR,Slct,1-1/9bu	8.00	10.00
CUCMBR,Spr slct,1-1/9bu	14.00	16.00
KALE,12s	10.00	12.00
LETTUCE,Rmn,24ct	10.00	13.00
MINT,12s	10.00	10.00
MUSTARD,12-16s	13.00	14.00
NECTARINES,24lb	26.00	28.00
PEACHES,25lb,2-1/2min	25.00	25.00
PEAS,Englsh,bu	25.00	35.00
PEACHES,Wht,25lb	26.00	26.00
PLUM,Mthly,20lb	26.00	26.00
RADISHES,24s	10.00	11.00
SQUASH,Grn,1/2bu,md	7.00	9.00
SQUASH,Grn,1/2bu,fncy	8.00	10.00
SQUASH,Yllw,1/2bu,md	9.00	11.00
SQUASH,Yllw,1/2bu,fncy	10.00	12.00

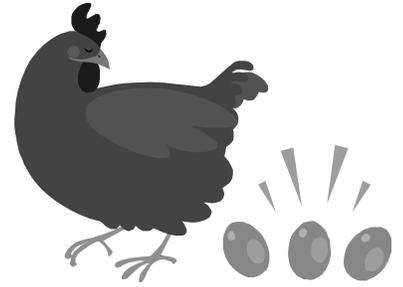
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	Low	High
APRICOTS,64ct,WA	32.00	32.00
ESCAROLE,1-1/9bu,NJ	12.00	14.00
GRAPES,Flme,18lb,CA	26.00	30.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION
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	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers	75-80% lean		
	80.00-83.00	86.00-89.00	79.00-80.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	77.00-81.00	82.00-84.50	69.00-73.00
Lean	85-90% lean		
	72.00-76.00	77.00-81.00	65.00-71.00
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Graded Bull Calves			
No.1	95-125lbs	135.00-155.00	85-90lbs 130.00-160.00
No.2	75-120lbs	110.00-135.00	
No.3	95-100lbs	n/a	75-125lbs 80.00-110.00
Slaughter bulls	850-1855lb	102.00-107.00	
Holstein Heifers No.1	95-105lb	135.00-155.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:			
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	50-60lbs	136.00-155.00	
	60-80lbs	118.00-162.00	
	80-90lbs	112.00-124.00	
	90-110lbs	110.00-126.00	
	110-130lbs	110.00-132.00	
	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	1.41-1.51
LARGE	1.30-1.40
MEDIUM	.99-1.09

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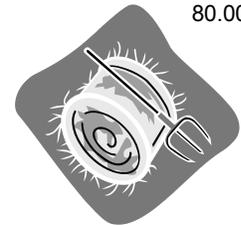
Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	1.05-1.09
LARGE	1.03-1.07
MEDIUM	.77-.81

PENNSYLVANIA HAY REPORT
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Eastern Pennsylvania, prices per ton.

Alfalfa, Premium	275.00-325.00
Alfalfa, Good	160.00-200.00
Mixed Hay, Premium	220.00-325.00
Mixed Hay, Good	160.00-220.00
Timothy, Premium	n/a
Timothy, Good	145.00-200.00
Straw	80.00-160.00



Wooled & Shorn	Choice 2-3
40-60lbs	110.00-140.00
60-80lbs	112.00-146.00
80-90lbs	106.00-118.00
90-110lbs	108.00-124.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
120-160lbs	93.00-100.00
150-200lbs	94.00-105.00
200-300lbs	n/a
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
120-160lbs	64.00-85.00
150-200lb	n/a
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
30-40lbs	n/a
40-60lbs	118.00-162.00
60-80lbs	147.00-161.00
80-90lbs	168.00-184.00
100-120lbs	n/a
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	140.00-160.00
130-180lbs	155.00-173.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	186.00-205.00
150-250lbs	222.00-247.00

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheepbreeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

10-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

68-R. Vicon fertilizer sower. Model # 2219. Very Good. J.D. Model L.A. tractor. Completely restored. Call 860-871-0171. Cell 860-559-5031.

78-R. Tobacco Poles, Used. \$10 each. 12 ft long, good condition: 860-683-0266.

83-R. Tomato stakes, trailer decks, fence boards, custom cut lumber, Staehly Products Co. LLC, 860-873-9774

91 Kinkelder Orchard mist sprayer. 50 & 100 gallon tanks. Good condition. 860-564-3615.

98-R. Hoophouse 76' x 26', already taken down. \$3,500 or best offer. Call 860-248-3070 or email vegetablemanager@earthlink.net

101 1995 Dodge Dump Rack Body 4X4 A.T. 6 Cyl Cummins Diesel engine with 9' plow, no reverse. Asking \$4,500. 203-288-9676.

103-R 8 ft landscape rake good condition, \$500. Also JF PTO Rake and Tedder, \$1,000 or reasonable offer. 860-675-3707.

105-R Narragansett turkey chicks, \$8 each. Frozen turkeys \$9 lb. Taking orders for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Breeders available \$50 each. Pick up in Colchester, CT. Call 860-303-9780 or 860-537-4773.

106-R Massey-Ferguson farm tractor, 251 XE 4-wheel drive, 53 HP diesel. 2002, 585 hours, always garaged, like new condition, asking \$15,500. Photos available, call Bob at 860-456-3333, Oak Haven Farm Scotland, CT.

107-R Beef Heifers. Some with calves. Others bred. Registered Highland and Gelbvieh mix. Docile, easy keepers. Call Diane days, 860-620-0194, evenings 860-621-6363.

110-R. Used tobacco netting. Great for protecting your blueberry bushes. 860-683-0266.

111-R Registered Hereford Bulls for sale, Top Genetics, Old Beech Farm 860-693-2052

112-R Hale 3" x 4" Pump with intake and discharge, recent rebuild, \$2,600. John Deere 2150, New Loaded Tires, \$6,700. MF, 8 ft transport harrow, \$2,100. Ferguson 6 ft Rotovator, \$1,700. Case/IH Farmall 70 Tractor, 2WD, 70 HP, 13.6 x 38 Radials-625 hours, \$19,900. 860-428-4846, pumpkinpaul1@aol.com.

115 Roll out nest from Murry McMurray new in box. Paid over \$400, asking \$200. Brooder used 4 times, \$100. 860-354-6434.

MISCELLANEOUS

7-R. Farm/Land Specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

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113. Pasture Land for rent. 17 acre pasture for summer rental. Fertilized, with pasture shelter and automated drinker. Suitable for cattle or horses. \$500/month. 860-364-5019.

SUMMER FARM MARKETING TOUR JULY 24

The second summer event in the Farm Marketing Tour series sponsored by the UConn Ag Risk Management Team will take place at Planters' Choice Nursery in Watertown on July 24, 2012, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Planters' Choice, LLC, a full service wholesale nursery, has grown from one propagation house and two hoop houses in 1970 to seven propagation greenhouses, 190 hoop houses in ornamental container production, six acres of perennial production, 120 acres of field grown nursery stock, and 25 acres of sales yards. Approximately 35 acres of container nursery stock are raised on two farms.

Darryl Newman, Operations Manager, will discuss the economics and viability involved with growing a quality tree and container production and changes in marketing.

Pre-registration is encouraged by July 18 to Joseph Bonelli, 860-875-3331 or joseph.bonelli@uconn.edu. Get details at <http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ces/frm/>

USDA FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS BEGIN

Marsha B. Jetté, state executive director of the Connecticut Farm Service Agency, encourages all farmers, especially women and minority farmers, to nominate a candidate for county committee by August 1, and to vote in elections. Local elected members represent their farm community and provide a vital link to effectively administer USDA programs. Nomination forms are at local USDA Service Centers and at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>.

Eligible candidates must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election, and reside in the local administrative area. Farmers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. Eligible individuals must sign the nomination form FSA-669A.

While FSA county committees make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs, and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms.

USDA PROVIDES FOR PUBLIC REVIEW / COMMENT ON BIOTECHNOLOGY REGULATORY PETITIONS

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is making available online, for public review and comment, nine petitions for nonregulated status for genetically-engineered (GE) plants. APHIS is opening 60-day public comment periods and will closely consider all comments on relevant impacts including the proposed nature and extent of environmental reviews. APHIS will publish notice of these actions in an upcoming issue of the *Federal Register* and the public comment period will close 60 days following the date of publication in the *Federal Register*.

APHIS is taking the first step of the improved regulatory review process for each of the following GE plants:

- Glyphosate Tolerant Canola (Pioneer)
- Low-Browning Apple (Okanagan Specialty Fruits)
- Imidazolinone Tolerant Soybean (BASF)
- Glyphosate Tolerant Canola (Monsanto)
- High-Yield Soybean (Monsanto)
- Hybridization System Corn (Monsanto)
- 2,4-D, Glyphosate, and Glufosinate Tolerant Soybean (Dow)
- Glyphosate Tolerant Corn (Genective)
- Dicamba Tolerant Soybean (Monsanto)

More information can be found at

www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/news.shtm.

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.

BERRY PEST UPDATE

UConn Extension Educator Mary Concklin reports that some samples of suspected Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) larvae recently found in summer raspberries are actually the Raspberry Fruitworm (RFW) larvae. RFW adults are beetles that emerge in the spring, lay eggs on unopened buds as well as developing fruit. The larva is found inside the fruit. Some larvae remain on the receptacle when the fruit is picked. Those larvae eventually drop to the soil, pupate and emerge the following spring. They do not have the multiple generations that the SWD has.

Below are pictures of the RFW adult from bugguide and the larvae on the outside of the fruit from Cornell.

If you find larvae in your



fruit, place the fruit in a container with a breathable lid (fine mesh so the adult doesn't escape) and see what the larva turns into.

Contact Mary at mary.concklin@uconn.edu or 860-486-6585 with questions.

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Connecticut Open House Day: This annual event on the second Saturday of June invites Connecticut residents to discover—and rediscover—Connecticut's destinations, as attractions throughout the state open their doors to the public. Sign-up is required annually in April.

If you are not taking advantage of all agritourism has to offer and want to diversify your operation, contact New England Farmways (NEFW), www.nefarmways.org. They can provide you with the technical assistance needed to incorporate various aspects of agritourism from insurance to parking and public restrooms. NEFW can also help you conduct assessments on your farm, do strategic farm site planning, develop marketing strategies, and provide representation to town council and zoning boards regarding your agritourism destination. Based in Rhode Island but the only association addressing agritourism needs in Connecticut, they have helped a number of farms in Connecticut already. If you would like to have a site assessment conducted on your farm and possibly be selected for a free assessment, contact NEFW to fill out their upcoming survey in September. Keep an eye out for their popular training workshop in October.

For information about the Department of Agriculture's agritourism programs visit www.CTGrown.gov or contact Jaime Smith at jaime.smith@ct.gov or 860-713-2559.

Information on programs offered through the Office of Tourism can be found at www.ct.gov/cct.



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