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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO LEASE: INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR STALLS AT THE HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET

By Joseph Dippel, Acting Director

Bureau of Ag Development and Resource Preservation

The Connecticut Marketing Authority will accept "Notices of Intent to Lease" proposals from interested agricultural cooperatives and wholesalers of farm produce or other commodities for the general benefit of the Hartford Regional Market, located at 101 Reserve Road in Hartford.

Stall space will be available for a period beginning this fall. Eleven stalls, many of which have refrigeration units, the maintenance of which will be the tenant's sole responsibility, and which measure approximately 25' x 80' each, will be available. Proposals may be submitted on a per-stall basis, or for multiple stalls. Proposals will be reviewed by the Connecticut Marketing Authority. Leases may be for a term of two years, with the option to renew, at the discretion of the Connecticut Marketing Authority, for an additional two years.

The deadline for written proposal submission is 12:00 noon on Friday, September 7, 2012. Proposals need to be in writing and mailed to Steven K. Reviczky, Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room G-29, Hartford, CT 06106.

Viewing of the stall space will be scheduled by appointment on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. To schedule an appointment, for a copy of the proposal request form, or for additional information, please email joseph.dippel@ct.gov or call Joseph Dippel at 860-713-2511. If leaving a message, please give your name, mailing address, phone number, and information being requested.

The Connecticut Marketing Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this request, to negotiate with selected respondents, to extend the sub-

mission deadline for an additional period of time, or to cancel in part or in its entirety the solicitation.

A list of the existing tenants, links to their websites, hours of operation, and additional information about the Hartford Regional Market can be found at www.ct.gov/doag.

MARKET HISTORY AND PURPOSE

The Hartford Regional Market is a statutorily authorized state facility located at 101 Reserve Road in Hartford. The market was established over 64 years ago in 1948. Its purpose is to bring about a wider and more economical distribution of food and Connecticut Grown agricultural products through a central location for farmers and wholesalers to sell and distribute product. The market covers 32 acres and is the largest perishable food distribution facility between Boston and New York.

There are 22 tenants working out of 82 stalls, representing approximately 230,400 square feet of warehouse space. The tenants sell and distribute food including fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs, and dairy products. The tenants employ more than 400 full-time workers.

The market also boasts one of the largest farmers' markets in the state. It is open seven days a week and features farmers selling Connecticut Grown products to consumers and businesses.

Forty-seven farmers sell from 100 stalls under the farmers' market pavilion. The busiest time of year for the farmers' market is spring, typically from Mother's Day to Memorial Day, when local farmers sell bedding plants, annuals and perenni-

als, and early-season vegetables. In the summer, Saturdays are the busy day as it continues to be a one-stop shopping experience for the entire family.

The Hartford Regional Market is operated by the Connecticut Marketing Authority within the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. The Connecticut Marketing Authority is the statutory body overseeing the operation and planning for the market.



*Fresh produce at the Hartford Regional Market
 (M & M Produce)*



WHOLESALE PEPPERS SHIPPED IN

	Low	High
AJIES,20lb,DR	60.00	65.00
ANAHEIM,10lb,CA	20.00	20.00
BELL,Grn,jmb,1-1/9bu,NJ	15.00	15.00
BELL,Rd,1 1/9 bu,CA	24.00	26.00
CHRRY HOT,1/2bu,NC	33.00	33.00
CUBNLL,1-1/9bu,XL,NJ	15.00	16.00
FINGER HOT,1/2bu,GA	19.00	20.00
FRESNO,10lb,rd,MX	26.00	26.00
HABANERO,8lb,DR	26.00	26.00
JALAPENO,1/2bu,NC	15.00	16.00
LONG HOT,1-1/9bu NJ	18.00	18.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

July 16, 2012

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

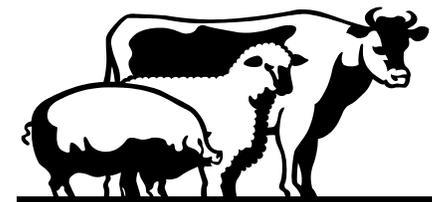
49-54	220-270 lbs	68.00-71.50
	270-300 lbs	n/a
	300-400 lbs	61.00-63.50
45-49	220-300 lbs	65.00-67.00
	300-400 lbs	59.00-61.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	40.00-44.00
	500-700 lbs	47.00-49.50
Boars:	300-700 lbs	22.00-22.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, July 16, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	35.00	45.00
61-75 lbs.	65.00	72.00
76-90 lbs.	75.00	80.00
91-105 lbs.	90.00	95.00
106 lbs. & up	97.50	100.00
Farm Calves	101.50	110.00
Starter Calves	38.00	48.00
Veal Calves	65.00	102.50
Open Heifers	83.00	96.00
Beef Heifers	80.00	95.00
Beef Steers	104.00	123.00
Feeder Steers	97.50	112.00
Stock Bulls	100.00	125.00
Beef Bulls	95.00	99.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	30.00	245.00
Kid Goats	20.00	115.00
Canners	Up to	69.00
Cutters	70.00	74.00
Utility Grade Cows	75.00	80.00
Replacement Heifers	860.00	975.00
Rabbits each	5.00	20.00
Chickens each	4.00	17.00
Ducks each	4.00	23.00
Feeder Pigs	All at	75.00
Lambs	110.00	195.00
Sheep	n/a	n/a



WHOLESALE VEGETABLES NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	Low	High
BEAN,Grn,bu	26.00	28.00
BEAN SPRTS,10lbs	4.50	4.50
BEAN SPRTS, 12-12oz	10.00	10.00
BLUEBERRY, 12/1pt,plp	28.00	30.00
BLUEBERRY, 12/1pt,plp	22.00	24.00
CABBAGE,Grn,50lb	10.00	10.00
COLLARD,12-16s	12.00	12.00
CORN,5dz	12.00	14.00
CUCMBR,1-1/9bu	16.00	16.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu	16.00	16.00
KALE,12s	12.00	12.00
NECTARINES,24lb	26.00	28.00
PEACHES,25lb,2-1/2min	22.00	24.00
PEACHES,Wht,25lb	26.00	28.00
PLUM,Mthly,20lb	26.00	28.00
RHUBARB 20lb	35.00	35.00
SQUASH,Grn,1/2bu,md	6.00	8.00
SQUASH,Grn,1/2bu,fncy	8.00	10.00
SQUASH,Yllw,1/2bu,md	7.00	9.00
SQUASH,Yllw,1/2bu,fncy	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES,11lb vine GH	9.00	10.00
TOMATOES,Chrry,5lb GH	13.00	15.00

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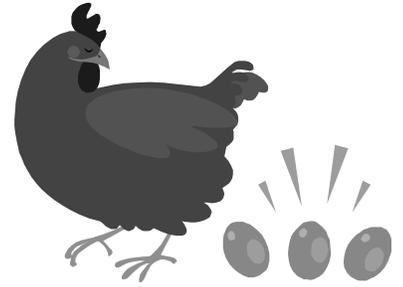
	Low	High
APRICOTS,64ct,WA	30.00	32.00
BEETS, RED,25lb,NJ	10.00	10.00
BOK CHOY 50 lb,NJ	20.00	20.00
ESCAROLE,1-1/9bu,NJ	12.00	15.00
GRAPES,Flme,18lb,CA	26.00	27.00
KOHLRABI,12-16s,NJ	15.00	15.00
SWISS CHARD,24s,NJ	18.00	18.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

July 12, 2012

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers 75-80% lean			
73.50-77.00	79.00-83.00	67.00-72.00	
Boners 80-85% lean			
68.50-73.00	75.00-77.00	67.00-68.50	
Lean 88-90% lean			
64.00-68.00	70.00-74.00	59.00-63.00	
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Graded Bull Calves			
No.1 90-128lbs	90.00-102.00	80-88lbs	70.00-77.00
No.2 88-128lbs	85.00-102.00		
No.3 80-130lbs	40.00-65.00	72-88lbs	25.00
Slaughter bulls	1085-1890lb	93.00-99.00	
Holstein Heifers No.1	85-100lb	130.00-170.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:			
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
50-60lbs	168.00-188.00		
60-80lbs	156.00-176.00		
80-90lbs	143.00-162.00		
90-110lbs	130.00-148.00		
110-130lbs	130.00-142.00		
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

July 16, 2012

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

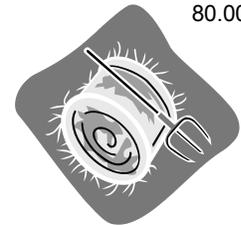
EXTRA LARGE	1.01-1.24
LARGE	.95-1.09
MEDIUM	.65-.78

PENNSYLVANIA HAY REPORT

July 9, 2012

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	150.00-158.00
60-80lbs	144.00-158.00
80-90lbs	126.00-136.00
90-110lbs	122.00-130.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
120-160lbs	80.00-90.00
160-200lbs	82.00-100.00
200-300lbs	78.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
120-160lbs	70.00-82.00
160-200lb	70.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
30-40lbs	n/a
40-60lbs	122.00-162.00
60-80lbs	148.00-166.00
80-90lbs	160.00-178.00
90-110lbs	174.00-192.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	140.00-150.00
130-180lbs	152.00-172.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	185.00-204.00
150-250lbs	230.00-250.00

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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.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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USDA ANNOUNCES STREAMLINED DISASTER DESIGNATION PROCESS

Last week, USDA Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced a package of program improvements that will deliver faster and more flexible assistance to farmers and ranchers devastated by natural disasters. Vilsack announced three significant improvements to decades-old USDA programs and processes related to secretarial disaster designations:

- A final rule that simplifies the process for secretarial disaster designations and will result in a 40 percent reduction in processing time for most counties affected by disasters;
- A reduced interest rate for emergency loans that effectively lowers the current rate from 3.75 percent to 2.25 percent;
- A payment reduction on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands qualified for emergency haying and grazing in 2012, from 25 to 10 percent.

A natural disaster designation makes all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency loans. The secretary of agriculture is authorized to designate disaster counties to make disaster assistance programs available to farmers and ranchers. Previous to these changes, the process had been in place for more than two decades and regulations had not been substantively revised since 1988.

The final rule for secretarial disaster designations is amended as follows:

(1) It nearly automatically qualifies a disaster county once it is categorized by the U.S. Drought Monitor as a severe drought for eight consecutive weeks during the growing season. Effective July 12, 2012, 1,016 primary counties in 26 states will be designated as natural disaster areas, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low-interest emergency loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met.

(2) It streamlines the USDA secretarial designation process, which is expected to provide better service to farmers and ranchers by reducing by approximately 40 percent the amount of time required for designating a disaster area.

(3) It removes the requirement that a request for a disaster designation be initiated by a state governor or Indian tribal council, increasing the likelihood that counties will be covered. Indian tribal councils and governors may still submit a request for a designation, but it will not be required in order to initiate a disaster declaration.

(4) The same criteria currently being used for triggering a disaster designation will apply: a county must either show a 30 percent production loss of at least one crop countywide, or a decision must be made by surveying producers to determine that other lending institutions are not able to provide emergency financing.

During times of need, USDA has historically responded to disasters across the country by providing direct support, disaster assistance, technical assistance, and access to credit. USDA's low-interest emergency loans have helped producers recover from losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters for decades. While the current emergency loan interest rate was set in 1993 at 3.75 percent, commercial farm loan and other FSA farm loan interest rates have since been reduced without a corresponding reduction in the emergency loan rate. By reducing the interest rates to 2.25 percent, emergency loans immediately come into line with other rates in the marketplace and provide a much-needed resource for producers hoping to recover from production and physical losses associated with natural disasters.

As part of ongoing efforts to provide greater flexibility in service to American agriculture, USDA also announced that the annual rental payment by producers on CRP acres used for emergency haying or grazing will be reduced to 10 percent in 2012, instead of 25 percent, in response to the seriousness of the drought gripping large portions of the United States.

For more information about the streamlined process, go to <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=2012/07/0228.xml>.



CT FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK

EARLY REGISTRATION CLOSES JUL 31

Early registration for the third annual Farm-to-Chef Week closes July 31, 2012. Participants may register through August 15, 2012, but the participation fee per location increases from \$25 to \$50 as of August 1, 2012.

This year's Farm-to-Chef Week will run September 16 – 22, 2012. Restaurants, dining halls, cafeterias, and other eateries across the state will create special Farm-to-Chef menus featuring Connecticut Grown ingredients in each dish, and will offer them during normal business hours that week. Connecticut wines will be available at those establishments that normally serve alcohol.

The Farm-to-Chef Program invites both novice and veteran farm-to-table operations to take part in this special event, which is open to all foodservice venues in Connecticut.

Farm-to-Chef Week is a project of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Chef Program. For more information about the program, visit www.CTGrown.gov/FarmtoChef. Farm-to-Chef Week registration and sponsorship packages are available under the [Events](#) link on that page.

CAES PLANT SCIENCE DAY AUG 1

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) will host Plant Science Day 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on August 1, 2012, rain or shine, at Lockwood Farm in Hamden. The event features presentations, demonstrations, and exhibits.

The Century Farm Award will be presented to a farm that has been in family operation for more than 100 years.

This year's Samuel W. Johnson Memorial Lecture, "The Connecticut Forest Products Industry: Reflections on the Past, Outlook for the Future," will be presented by Joan Nichols, president of the Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association.

Additional short presentations by CAES scientists include "Honey Bees and Pesticides: Recent Research on Toxicity and Routes of Exposure," "New Disease Threats for our Trees," "Biological Control of Mile-A-Minute Weed," and "Running Bamboo (*Phyllostachus* spp.) in Connecticut." Technical demonstrations include "Pruning Ornamental Shrubs" and "Mulching Basics."

Plant Science Day is free and open to all. For more information, visit www.ct.gov/caes.

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.



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