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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

FDA'S PROPOSED MILK SAMPLING ASSIGNMENT

by Wayne Kasacek, Asst. Director, Bureau of Regulation and Inspection

At the 2011 National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments this spring, the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that they intended to conduct a sampling assignment of milk producers who were found to have repeat animal drug violations in tissue samples obtained at slaughter facilities. The FDA had postponed the sampling assignment in order to obtain feedback from the states and industry and is now ready to conduct this sampling sometime this summer.

At this point, we do not know the exact procedure FDA will use. Based on feedback the FDA received during their listening sessions, we believe that FDA will be analyzing blind samples to determine if tissue drug residue violators are also causing milk drug residues.

Connecticut milk producers have had relatively few tissue residue violations based on historical data. While we do not have any reason to think there is a widespread problem with undetected drug residues here in Connecticut, there are a few common threads that seem to run through many of the tissue residue violations found at slaughter plants throughout the country.

Here are some common causes of tissue residue violations:

- Changing the dose or route of administration. Both pain relievers and antibiotics have dosage and route of administration directions that must be followed to avoid tissue and milk residues.
- Marketing cows treated for mastitis or dry treated cows before completing their slaughter withdrawal period.
- Marketing for veal calves that have consumed milk or colostrum from a treated animal or consumed medicated milk replacer. Calves fed medicated milk replacer should never be marketed as veal.
- Marketing cows treated with intra-uterine boluses or infusions. Some drugs do cross the uterine wall and can be detected in the milk and at slaughter for variable periods of time.

- Antibiotics with a zero milk withdrawal do have a slaughter withdrawal period. There is no such thing as a "zero meat, zero milk withdrawal" antibiotic.

Now is the time for dairy managers to review treatment programs. As always, your veterinarian is your most valuable resource for information and advice about avoiding tissue and milk residues.

Milk producers are very conscientious of the product they produce and more than ever consumers are concerned about foods they eat or feed their families. Given the positive image milk has deservedly obtained over the years, it everyone's responsibility to ensure the food we produce remains the safest and highest quality in the world.

DEPT OF AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCES 2011 FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK PARTICIPANTS

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has announced the participants for this year's Farm-to-Chef Week, scheduled for September 18-24, 2011.

Seventy restaurants and other foodservice businesses around the state have signed up to create their own special Farm-to-Chef menu showcasing Connecticut Grown ingredients and wines that week. The complete list of participants can be found at www.CTGrown.gov (click on "Farm-to-Chef Week" under Featured Links).

Diners can look forward to widely diverse menus including white-tablecloth dining, multi-course farm dinners, take-out meals, dining hall and cafeteria lunches, chocolates, and ice cream creations, all featuring Connecticut Grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, meats, seafood, dairy, maple, honey, and more. There will be something for every taste bud and budget.

This promotion is an initiative of the department's Farm-to-Chef Program, which connects farmers and distributors of Connecticut Grown products with chefs and other culinary professionals. Registration for this year's Farm-to-Chef Week is now closed. For more information about 2011 Farm-to-Chef Week or the Farm-to-Chef Program, contact Linda Piotrowicz at Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov or 860-713-2558.

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

BLUEBERRIES,12/6oz,CA	27.50	27.50
BROCCOLI,14ct,CA	21.25	21.25
BEANS,green,25lb,GA	54.25	54.25
CABBAGE,green,45lb,NC	32.00	32.00
CORN,4-1/2dz,GA	46.00	46.00
LETTUCE,greenleaf,12ct,CA	22.00	22.00
HONEYDEW,6s,CA	21.00	21.00
LEEKs,12s,CA	57.50	57.50
LEMON,140ct,CA	52.75	52.75
MESCLUN,3lb	8.00	8.00
MUSHRM,wht,10lb,Ig,PA	25.50	25.50
NECTARINES,25lb,CA	34.00	34.00
ORANGES, Valencia,88s,CA	33.25	33.25
PEACHES,60ct,sc	43.00	43.00
PEARS,D'Anjou,90ct,ARG	46.00	46.00
PLUMS,28lb,CA	33.00	33.00
SQUASH,green,20lb	37.00	37.00
SWISS CHARD,red,24s,CA	20.50	20.50

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

July 19, 2011

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

49-54	220-270 lbs	68.00-70.00
	270-300lbs	66.00-68.00
	300-400lbs	63.00-65.50
45-49	220-270 lbs	N/A
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	50.00-52.50
	500-700 lbs	52.00-55.50
Boars:	300-800 lbs	31.50-34.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., July 19, 2011

Live animals brought the following average prices / cwt.

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	12.00	14.00
61-75 lbs.	15.00	18.00
76-90 lbs.	20.00	22.00
91-105 lbs.	25.00	30.00
106 lbs. & up	35.00	40.00
Farm Calves	45.00	55.00
Veal Calves	95.00	150.00
Open Heifers	63.00	120.00
Beef Heifers	68.00	76.50
Feeder Steers	75.00	85.00
Beef Steers	67.00	112.50
Beef Bulls	70.00	72.00
Replacement Cows	One at	1400.50
Lambs each	35.00	162.50
Goats each	80.00	220.00
Kid Goats each	25.00	85.00
Canners	Up to	65.50
Cutters	66.00	69.00
Utility Grade Cows	70.00	75.25
Rabbits each	3.00	12.00
Chickens each	3.00	21.00
Ducks each	5.00	18.00
Butcher hogs	One at	\$40.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE,Lodi,bu	24.00	24.00
BEAN,green,bu	15.00	18.00
BEAN SPROUTS,10lb,film	4.50	5.00
BLUEBERRIES 12/1pt,net top	25.00	27.00
BLUEBERRIES,12/1pt,clam shell	22.00	24.00
CABBAGE,green,50lb box	10.00	12.00
CHARD,12s	15.00	15.00
COLLARDS,12-16s	12.00	12.00
CORN,5dz	14.00	16.00
CUCUMBERS,bu	20.00	24.00
CUCUMBERS,pcklmg,1/2bu	18.00	18.00
KALE,crtn,bnchd	12.00	12.00
NECTARINES 22-24lb	28.00	28.00
PEACHES,25lb,2-1/2 min	22.00	24.00
PEACHES,25lb,white	26.00	26.00
PLUM,Methley,20lb	28.00	28.00
SQUASH,green,1/2bu	7.00	10.00
SQUASH,yellow,1/2bu	7.00	10.00
TOMATOES,GH,15lb loose	30.00	30.00

SHIPPED IN

ARUGULA, 24s,NJ	18.00	18.00
BEETS,12s,NJ	14.00	15.00
CANTALOUPE, 9ct,NC	18.00	20.00
CHERRIES,Bing,18lb,10rows,WA	45.00	48.00
CILANTRO,24,NJ	13.00	13.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9 bu,med,NJ	12.00	14.00
ESCAROLE,1.3bu,18s,NJ	14.00	15.00
GRAPES,Flame,18lb,CA	32.00	34.00
KOHLRABI,1-3/5bu,NJ	16.00	18.00
LEEKs,12s,NJ	23.00	24.00
LEMONS,140ct,CA	31.00	32.00
MUSHROOM,10lb,wht,Ig,PA	16.50	17.00
PEPPER,Cubanelle,med,NJ	17.00	20.00
PEPPER,green bell,1-1/9bu,Ig,NJ	10.00	11.00
POTATOES,50lb,round white,szA,VA	20.00	20.00
SQUASH,acorn,1-1/9bu,NJ	11.00	13.00
WATERMELON,15-19lb,ea,AL	5.50	6.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	161-172
LARGE	149-160
MEDIUM	110-121

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

July 15, 2011

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

EXTRA LARGE	95-114
LARGE	89-103
MEDIUM	65-78



VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

July 19, 2011

Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

Alfalfa	small square
Premium	45-55lbs
	3.70-4.30 per bale
Mixed Grass	small square
Good	35-45lbs
	2.00-2.30 per bale
Straw	large square
	17.00 per bale

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, July 19, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80%lean	75.00-78.00	79.00-81.50	70.50-74.00
Boners	80-85% lean	73.00-76.00	76.50-78.50	63.00-65.00
Lean	85-90% lean	66.00-70.00	71.00-72.50	63.00-65.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1
1805-1845 lbs 85.00-88.00

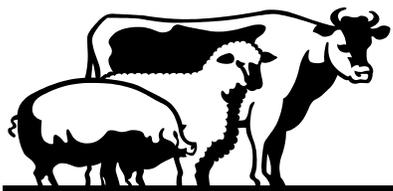
CALVES: All prices per cwt.
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1
95-115 lbs 105.00-120.00
80-90 lbs -85.00-100.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1
85-105 lbs 275.00-310.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3
40-60 lbs 208.00-235.00
60-80 lbs 205.00-221.00
80-90 lbs 202.00-216.00
90-110 lbs 196.00-210.00
110-130 lbs 219.00-233.00
130-150 lbs 218.00-232.00

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3
40-60 lbs 150.00-277.00
60-80 lbs 175.00-191.00
80-90 lbs 177.00-191.00
90-110lbs 171.00-185.00
110-130lbs 170.00-184.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh
120-160 lbs 103.00-117.00
160-200 lbs 99.00-113.00
200-300lbs 93.00-107.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh
120-160 lbs 53.00-67.00
160-200 lbs 75.00-89.00

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.
Kids: 30-40 lbs 88.00-100.00
40-60lbs 101.00-129.00
60-80lbs 120.00-136.00
80-90lbs 167.00-181.00
90-100lbs N/A
100-110lbs N/A
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 120.00-133.00
130-180 lbs 117.00-131.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs 267.00-181.00
150-250 lbs 198.00-211.00



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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.

USDA ENCOURAGES FARMERS MARKETS TO UPDATE NATIONAL DIRECTORY

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is opening the updating process for the USDA National Farmers Market Directory, the official count of the nation's farmers markets. For the first time this year, the directory will also track farmers markets with multiple locations and operating days.

All of the information in the directory relies on input from farmers market managers in the field. USDA urges all market managers to update their listings in time for National Farmers' Market Week, August 7-13, 2011. Managers can update their market listings at www.usdadirectoryupdate.com.

CAES 2011 PLANT SCIENCE DAY AUG 3

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES)'s annual Plant Science Day will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August, 3, 2011, at Lockwood Farm, a 75-acre research farm in Hamden, CT.

Highlights of this free event, which is open to the public, include the Century Farm Award, presented to a farm that has been in family operation for more than 100 years, and the Samuel W. Johnson Memorial Lecture. This year's lecture, "Impact of the Nursery Industry on Connecticut's Economy," will be presented by Gregory M. Schaan, President & CEO of Imperial Nurseries, Inc., Granby.

CAES scientists will give additional short presentations and technical demonstrations, and barn displays will highlight the station's current research programs. Experts will be available to answer questions on plant identification and disease diagnosis, soil testing, and weed and insect identification.

For more information, visit www.ct.gov/caes or call 203-974-8500 (toll-free statewide, 877-855-2237).

UPCOMING EVENTS BY CT NOFA

CT NOFA has the following events scheduled for August. Please see www.ctnofa.org for details or contact Deb Legge at 203-888-5146 or deb@ctnofa.org with any questions.

The City Farm & Garden Tour will run 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 6, 2011, in New Haven. Stops on the tour will include urban farms and community, school, private, and restaurant gardens. \$20 per ticket.

The Permaculture Workshop will take place from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2011, at the Center for Sustainable Living in Bethlehem, CT. Registration is \$25 for CT NOFA members and \$30 for non-members.

CT NOFA's next On-Farm Workshop, Planning for the Fall & Winter Harvest, will run from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2011, at Massaro Farm in Woodbridge. Registration is \$10 for CT NOFA members and \$15 for non-members.

NOFA SUMMER CONFERENCE AUG 12-14

The NOFA Summer Conference will run August 12-14, 2011, at UMass Amherst. Visit www.nofasummerconference.org for conference details and agenda.

The registration page of the website includes options for creative conference financing options. Thanks to a grant from the USDA, beginning farmers (up to 10 years) can apply for a Beginning Farmer Scholarship of \$60. Only NOFA and MOFGA members are eligible. Scholarship also requires a two-hour volunteer shift at the conference and a post-conference evaluation survey.

Any member of NOFA, MOFGA, or DAPNet can apply to the Farming Education Fund (FEF). FEF awards are \$100 towards the cost of conference registration, and require a four hour volunteer shift at the conference. Applicants do not have to be commercial farmers.

For registration information, contact Kathleen or Siedeh, registration coordinators, at registration@nofasummerconference.org or 413-230-7835. General conference questions can be addressed to Ben Grosscup, conference coordinator, ben.grosscup@nofamass.org or 413-549-1568.

News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows. Submit concise summaries (150 words maximum) to linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

USDA SEEKS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED MARKETING AGREEMENT FOR LEAFY GREENS

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) recommends establishing a national marketing agreement to regulate the handling of leafy green vegetables, including but not limited to lettuce, spinach, and cabbage. The proposed program, referred to as the National Leafy Green Marketing Agreement (NLGMA), would minimize the potential for microbial contamination, thereby improving customer confidence in leafy green vegetables in the marketplace. The program would be available to operations of all sizes, locations, and agricultural practices.

The NLGMA would authorize the development and implementation of handling regulations to reflect U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs), and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Good Handling Practices (GHPs).

The proposed regulation can be viewed at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5090647>.

All interested parties, including small, organic, and diversified operations, are encouraged to submit comments concerning USDA's Recommended Decision to establish the NLGMA. Comments are due by July 28, 2011, and can be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov/#/submitComment:D=AMS-FV-09-0029-0150>.

BJ'S WHOLESALE STARTS FARM-TO-CLUB PROGRAM

Starting this summer, BJ's 20 New Jersey clubs will sell tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, yellow squash, sweet corn and cucumbers grown by South Jersey farms as part of its new Farm-to-Club Pro-

gram. BJ's launched the program in New Jersey, but plans to expand it to many of its clubs nationwide.

Rob Johnson, BJ's produce buyer, started developing the new program after the company saw its produce sales dip in the summer as customers turned to farmers for their fresh fruits and vegetables.

For the sake of accountability, BJ's decided to only use the "local" label when produce was grown in the same state as the stores that sell it. Produce labels include the town and farm where each item was grown.

BJ's brought in C.H. Robinson to broker the deal and arrange shipping. The global logistics firm approached Rutgers Cooperative Extension for help finding New Jersey farmers capable of filling large orders. BJ's pays a fairly competitive price for the local produce, Johnson said, and will adjust their rate if market values climb significantly.

FARM BUREAU FOOD & FARMS MARKET JULY 31

This event will be held rain or shine from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, 2011, at the Bethlehem Fair Grounds, Route 61, Bethlehem, CT. Producers are invited to participate in this Litchfield County Farm Bureau sponsored community event as an opportunity to publicize your business, sell items in a farmer's market setting, and invite the general public to come visit your farm for the purpose of growing your local farm business. To download a vendor application go to www.cfba.org (click Counties, Litchfield, and look under County Links) or contact Dana Assard at 203-266-9019 or lcfb@sbcglobal.net.



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