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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

By Frank L. Ribaldo, Director, Animal Population Control Program

The Animal Population Control Program (APCP) was created by Public Act 92-187 in July 1992 and implemented on May 22, 1995, to provide vaccination/sterilization benefits for any unsterilized dog or cat adopted from a municipal impound facility. In 2007, the program expanded to non-profit organizations to help sterilize feral cats, and in 2008 to low-income residents for their own pets. Connecticut is one of only a few states in the country to offer a companion pet sterilization program through a state agency and is believed to be the only one in the country offering benefits to municipal pound animals, feral cats, and low-income families.

In 2010, the APCP handled 3,993 animals (2,514 dogs/1,479 cats) from municipal impound facilities. Benefits were not offered to feral cat organizations and pets owned by low-income Connecticut citizens due to the state budget crisis. Benefits were provided for 2,682 pets (1,709 dogs/973 cats) for a 67% overall sterilization compliance rate. From that total, 58 animals (47 dogs/11 cats) were found to be previously sterilized. In addition, 5,364 pre-surgical vaccinations were issued, of which one-half were rabies vaccines.

The APCP has its own dedicated account and receives no money from the state's general fund. Revenue is received from the following: annual surcharge on Connecticut dog licenses (\$2.00 sterilized/\$6.00 unsterilized), the \$45 mandatory voucher fee, proceeds from the sale of the "caring for pets" commemorative license plate, and donations.

Dog license surcharge fees are collected by the municipalities and forwarded to the Department of Agriculture on an annual basis. Voucher fees are also sent in by the towns on a quarterly basis, and revenue from pet plate sales are deposited weekly by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) into a program account. For 2010, \$514,040 was received from dog license surcharge revenue, \$184,295 from the \$45 program adoption fee, \$39,665 from the DMV for the sale of the "caring for pets" commemorative license plate, and no donations, for a total of \$738,000.

The program provided benefits for 2,682 pets for a total payment of \$306,470 to 224 participating veterinary practices. The monthly average payment to practices was \$25,539 and the average benefit for cats/dogs including two coincident vaccinations (\$20 per pet) is \$117. In addition, \$2,610 was paid out as \$45 adopter refunds for 58 pets that were previously sterilized, returned, or humanely destroyed. Administrative costs totaled \$184,964 for an overall program expense of \$491,434.

Effective October 1, 2003, statutory language was added to Sec. 22-380f (a) (b) (c) and (d), allowing the Connecticut Humane Society (CHS) to assist with pet overpopulation efforts at local municipal facilities by removing dogs and cats fee-free. Once a pet is removed from a municipal impound facility, CHS is required to provide vaccination, sterilization (if unaltered), and adoption services through one of its three statewide facilities. The society is also required to submit a biannual report to the APCP, accounting for the disposition of each pet removed. In 2010, 229 pets (100 dogs/129 cats) were removed from municipal impound facilities. From that total, 164 pets (72%) were vaccinated and sterilized, 45 were found to be previously sterilized, seven were euthanized, five died, and eight sterilizations are still pending.

The program also records all the different dog types adopted. From the 3,993 pets adopted, the mixed breed was once again the primary dog type with 1,089 adoptions/781 sterilized (72%). The Pit Bull is second with 492 adoptions/340 sterilized (69%). The top five purebreds are as follows: Chihuahua, 98/75 sterilized (77%); Beagle, 66/39 sterilized (59%); Labrador Retriever, 60/32 sterilized (53%); Rottweiler, 57/37 sterilized (65%); and German Shepherd, 40/24 sterilized (60%).

Cat adoptions totaled 1,467 with 971 sterilized (66%). The domestic short hair was first with 1,200/805 sterilized (67%). The domestic medium hair was second with 137/84 sterilized (61%) and the domestic long hair third with 130/82 sterilized (63%). A few pedigree cats such as Himalayans, Manx, Persians, and Siamese were included in the total.

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ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

ASPARAGUS,11lb	50.75	50.75
BASIL,1lb,GA	8.25	8.25
BLUEBERRIES,12/6oz,GA	31.00	31.00
BOK CHOY,35lb,FL	44.75	44.75
CILANTRO,30s,CA	35.00	35.00
GREEN BEANS,bu,FL	52.75	52.75
LEEKs,12s,CA	47.00	49.00
LETTUCE,greenif,24ct,CA	30.50	30.50
MANGOES,10ct,MX	11.00	11.00
MUSHRM,wht,10lb,Ig,PA	25.50	25.50
NECTARINES,1/2bu,NC	55.50	55.50
ONION,40lb,Vidalia,GA	55.00	55.00
PEACHES,60ct,NC	46.25	46.35
PEAS,snow,10lb,GA	25.50	25.50
PEPPER,green bell,xl,FL	61.25	61.25
RASPBERRIES,12/6oz,CA	40.00	40.00
STRWBRY,8/1lb,CA	26.00	26.00
SWISS CHARD,24ct,CA	52.00	52.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

May 30, 2011

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

49-54	220-270lbs	67.50-71.00
	270-400lbs	N/A
	300-400lbs	63.00-63.50
45-49	220-300 lbs	62.00-66.00
Sows: US1	300-500 lbs	48.00-50.00
	500-700 lbs	50.00-53.00
Boars:	300-800 lbs	33.00-33.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., May 30, 2011

Live animals brought the following average prices / cwt.

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	15.00	18.00
61-75 lbs.	20.00	24.00
76-90 lbs.	26.00	30.00
91-105 lbs.	35.00	40.00
106 lbs. & up	45.00	48.00
Farm Calves	50.00	60.00
Started Calves	22.00	25.00
Veal Calves	92.00	120.00
Open Heifers	65.00	94.00
Beef Heifers	80.00	115.00
Feeder Steers	76.00	90.00
Beef Steers	75.00	103.00
Stock Bulls	85.00	98.00
Beef Bulls	70.00	86.00
Butcher Hogs	One at	40.00
Lambs each	45.00	190.00
Goats each	60.00	260.00
Kid Goats each	50.00	85.00
Canners	Up to	68.75
Cutters	69.50	74.00
Utility Grade Cows	75.00	78.50
Rabbits each	4.00	21.00
Chickens each	5.00	38.00
Ducks each	10.00	26.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

ASPARAGUS,24bnchs	50.00	50.00
BEAN SPROUTS,10lb,filn	4.50	5.00
CHIVES,1lb,bnchd,12s	8.00	8.00
FIDDLEHEADS,fern,lb	4.00	4.50
LETTUCE,Boston,12ct	7.00	7.50
LETTUCE,Boston,24ct	10.00	12.00
LETTUCE,greenleaf,24ct	10.00	12.00
LETTUCE,greenleaf,12ct	7.00	7.50
RHUBARB,20lb	30.00	32.00
ROMAINE,24ct	10.00	12.00
ROMAINE,12ct	7.00	7.50
SPINACH,12bnchs	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES,GH,25loose	14.00	14.00

SHIPPED IN

APRICOTS,72ct,CA	28.00	30.00
ARUGULA,4/4 bu,NJ	13.00	13.00
BEANS,green,bu,GA	24.00	26.00
BEETS,12S,NJ	14.00	14.00
BOK CHOY,50lb,NJ	20.00	20.00
CABBAGE,nappa,50lb,NJ	20.00	20.00
CANTALOUPE,9ct,CA	15.00	16.00
CHERRY,16lb,9-1/2rows,CA	45.00	48.00
CILANTRO,1/2 bu,NJ	12.00	12.00
COLLARD,green,1-3/5bu,NJ	12.00	13.00
CUCUMBERS,1-1/9bu,md,GA	18.00	22.00
DANDELION GRNS,crate,NJ	16.00	20.00
KALE,16-18s,NJ	12.00	13.00
KOHLRABI,1-3/5bu,NJ	16.00	26.00
LEEKs,12s,NJ	20.00	25.00
MUSHROOM,10lb,wht,Ig,PA	16.50	17.00
PEACHES,1/2 bu,2-1/2min,SC	20.00	21.00
PEAS,english,bu,FL	36.00	40.00
PEAS,snow,10lb,GU	14.00	15.00
PEPPER, green bell,1-1/9bu xl,FL	16.00	20.00
RADISHES,24CT,NJ	13.00	15.00
STRAWBERRIES,8/1lb,CA	10.00	14.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, May 30, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80%lean	77.00-80.00	N/A - N/A
Boners	80-85% lean	73.00-76.00	N/A N/A
Lean	85-90% lean	70.00-73.50	74.00-80.00 60.00-69.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1
1600-1940 lbs 93.00-95.50

CALVES: All prices per cwt.
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1
95-120 lbs 155.00-170.00
80-90LBS -130.00-145.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1
100-105 lbs 230.00-260.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3
40-60 lbs 220.00-241.00
60-80 lbs 204.00-233.00
80-90 lbs 209.00-224.00
90-110 lbs 214.00-229.00
110-130 lbs 204.00-220.00
130-150 N/A

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	135-142
LARGE	124-131
MEDIUM	118-128

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

May 27, 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	88-102
LARGE	81-95
MEDIUM	78-91



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

May 31, 2011

Hay and straw market for eastern Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	200.00-225.00
Mixed Hay	200.00-225.00
Straw	100.00-170.00
	Good
Alfalfa	160.00-200.00
Mixed Hay	170.00-200.00
Timothy	145.00-165.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	140.00-160.00
Mixed Hay	130.00-170.00
Timothy	130.00-150.00

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3

40-60 lbs	180.00-207.00
60-80 lbs	187.00-204.00
80-90 lbs	199.00-214.00
90-110lbs	196.00-211.00

110-130LBS N/A

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med Flesh

120-160 lbs	83.00-98.00
160-200 lbs	81.00-96.00

200-300LBS 66.00-78.00

Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh

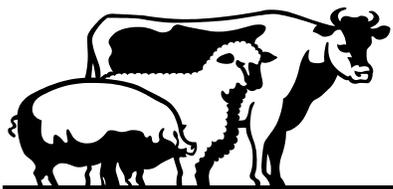
120-160 lbs	68.00-83.00
160-200 lbs	N/A

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.

Kids: 50-60 lbs 132.00-147.00

60-80 lbs	139.00-162.00
80-90 lbs	160.00-171.00
90-100lbs	N/A
100-110lbs	N/A

Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 128.00-140.00
130-180 lbs 144.00-158.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs 194.00-204.00
150 250 lbs 233.00-248.00



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116. Rears 50 gal. Airblast sprayer 3 pt. hitch \$2,100.00. 203-878-8923.

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The program provides for certification of Connecticut veterinary practices wishing to perform vaccination/sterilization benefits for the state. At the end of the fiscal year, 224 practices were certified to participate encompassing 515 individual veterinarians.

The "caring for pets" commemorative license plate is available through DMV in three different categories. An off-the-shelf plate with random numbers/letters combination is sold for \$50 (APCP receives \$35). Next is a transfer of a current marker plate for \$70 (APCP receives \$55). The third choice is a new vanity plate for \$135 (APCP receives \$55).

Along with the regular renewal fees, there is an additional \$15 fee for each renewal, of which \$10 is deposited into the program's dedicated account. Plate applications are located at all DMV outlets, veterinary practices, municipal pounds, town halls, pet and grooming shops, boarding kennels, auto dealerships, and can be ordered over the phone through DMV at 800-842-8222 or the APCP at 860-713-2507. Plates can also be ordered online at www.DMVCT.org. The website allows the public to view the dog/cat design and also provides citizens the ability to type in available acronyms for those seeking vanity plate combinations.

The plate design was created in 1998 and donated by local Connecticut artists Mark Maglio of Plainville and Kathy Goff of Avon. A mixed breed dog was selected for the canine choice because the majority of pound dogs adopted are mixed breeds. The cat choice is a domestic shorthair, which makes up the majority of cats.

For 2010, \$39,625 was deposited into the program's dedicated account from the DMV. Of the 372 plates sold, 211 (\$7,385) were the off-the-shelf type, 29 (\$1,595) remakes, 132 (\$7,260) vanities and \$23,385 was received from 2,338 biennial renewal fees. More than \$500,000 has been deposited into the APCP dedicated account since the unveiling of the plate in 1998. The "caring for pets" plate has maintained its popularity with Connecticut drivers and is still second in sales to only the Long Island Sound plate.

Information about the program, regulations, certification applications for veterinary practices, feral cat grant and low-income applications, and even information about ordering a new "caring for pets" commemorative license plate, can all be located by going to www.ct.gov/doag. The public can also submit questions to the APCP 24/7 via email to agr_apcp@ct.gov. Staff will review the content of questions and respond within one business day.

CT WINE FESTIVAL SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Connecticut Wine Festival, scheduled for July 30-31st at the Goshen Fairgrounds, is seeking volunteers for the following areas: ticket sales, merchandise booth, wine slings (selling wine slings at a table), handing out glasses to ticket holders, handing out bags to ticket holders, wine runners (working in a wine building delivering wine and ice, involves heavy lifting), and floaters (willing to go wherever we are lacking volunteers).

The four shift times available are Saturday, 11:15-3:30 or 2:45-7:00, and Sunday, 11:00-3:00 or 2:30-6:30. If interested, please contact Ginger Kunkle, 860-677-8097/Ginger@ctfoodassociation.org.

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.

FSA PROGRAM DEADLINE REMINDERS

Marsha B. Jetté, State Executive Director of the Connecticut Farm Service Agency, reminds producers of FSA deadlines: *June 1, 2011* - 2011 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment and 2011 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program election; *July 15, 2011* - 2011 crop year acreage reporting for most crops and filing of 2010 production reports for most Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crops; *July 29, 2011* - 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program sign-up; *August 1, 2011* - Requests for 2011 farm reconstitution.

Farmers should contact their local county office to set up appointments before the enrollment deadlines. Sign-ups for several other programs are ongoing. For more information contact your county FSA office or visit the FSA website at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

CONNECTICUT FARM ENERGY FAIR JULY 21, 2011

The Connecticut Farm Energy Fair will be held from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2011, at Eastern CT State University. Admission for agricultural producers will be free; a light dinner will be provided. This event will allow producers to see real, practical solutions with the latest technology available to help cut energy costs and reduce carbon emissions. Attendees will be able to see first-hand the opportunities for diversification in energy crops, energy generation, and steps to take for energy efficiency on the farm. Keynote speaker will be UConn Professor Richard Parnas. His talk entitled "How We can Produce and Use Biofuels In Connecticut" will address what the future holds for biofuels in Connecticut. The Connecticut Farm Energy Program is a partnership between Eastern CT RC&D Area, Inc. and USDA-Rural Development.

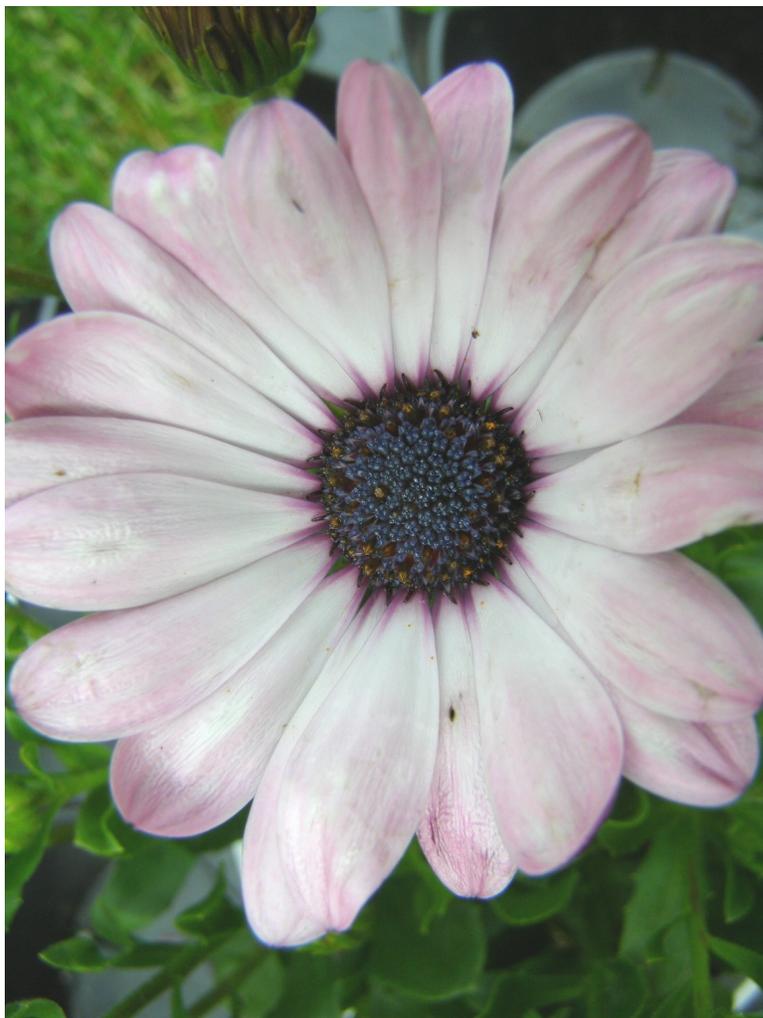


2011 FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK WILL RUN SEPT 18-24

This year's Farm-to-Chef Week will run September 18-24, 2011. Open to all restaurants and foodservice businesses in the state, it invites participants to create a special Farm-to-Chef menu that showcases Connecticut Grown ingredients and wines.

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. Last year's event attracted over 80 restaurants, caterers, schools, farms, wineries, and other eateries. Participants created unique, diverse menus offered at multi-course farm dinners, food-trucks, white-tablecloth restaurants, coffee shops, school cafeterias, and ice cream parlors. Featured Connecticut Grown ingredients included produce, herbs, meats, seafood, dairy, maple, honey, and more.

Restaurants and food venues interested in participating can download the guidelines and registration forms at www.CTgrown.gov (look under featured links). **The deadline to register is June 30, 2011.** For more information, contact Linda Piotrowicz at Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov or 860-713-2558.



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