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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

### FARMLAND PRESERVATION, COMMUNITY FARMS PRESERVATION, & FARMLAND RESTORATION PROGRAMS UPDATE

*By J. Dippel, Director, Farmland Preservation*

Connecticut Agriculture Commissioner Steven Reviczky recently announced that \$10,000,000 in state bonding was approved by the State Bond Commission for the purchase of development rights to farmland statewide, with an additional \$2,000,000 of Community Investment Act funds targeted for the pilot Community Farms Preservation Program. Funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 was approved by the Bond Commission for the new Farmland Restoration Program.

#### FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Funding for the state's Farmland Preservation Program and Community Farms Preservation Program is used to buy development rights to farms, placing a permanent restriction on the use of the land. The land can only be used for agricultural purposes and the farms stay under private ownership and continue to pay local property taxes.

The long-term goal of the preservation programs is to preserve 130,000 acres of farmland with 85,000 acres dedicated to growing crops. Since 1978 when the effort began, 38,025 acres have been preserved on 290 farms attaining almost 30% of the goal. The new funds are expected to preserve in perpetuity another 25 farms and more than 2,700 acres.

#### COMMUNITY FARMS PRESERVATION

Last fall, Commissioner Reviczky announced the new pilot Community Farms Preservation Program. The purpose of the Community Farms Program is to encourage locally supported farmland preservation on smaller farms that have excellent agricultural soils and contribute to local economic activity, but which may not be eligible for other protection programs.

A requirement of the new pilot program is municipal prequalification by May 31. To prequalify, municipalities must enter into cooperative agreements with the Department of Agriculture which:

- recognize farmland preservation in the municipal plan of conservation and development;
- establish an agricultural commission and/or program for farmland preservation;
- inventory local farmland resources;
- establish local scoring criteria for prioritizing local farms;
- designate or have a local funding mechanism;
- request identification of locally important farmland soils through the USDA.

Once prequalified, a municipality is eligible to submit application to the program. As of May 16, 2012, twelve municipal agreements are in hand, while another five are pending completion. Twenty-five municipalities have requests for locally important farmland soil designations approved or pending.

#### FARMLAND RESTORATION PROGRAM

In January funding was approved for the newly created Farmland Restoration Program. This voluntary program provides matching grants of up to \$20,000 for restoration activities that increase the state's farmland resource base for agriculture, with an emphasis on prime and important farmland soils and on human and livestock food production. A conservation plan or farmland restoration plan is required for participation. Thirty-six applications have been received to date proposing to restore an average of 14.3 acres per farm.

The Farmland Preservation Program, Community Farms Preservation Program, and Farmland Restoration Program are all voluntary. Interested farmers and municipalities are encouraged to visit the Connecticut Department of Agriculture website at [www.ct.gov/doag](http://www.ct.gov/doag) or to discuss program eligibility with Program Director Joseph Dippel or Property Agents Lance Shannon and Katherine Winslow by phone at 860-713-2511 or in writing to Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Farmland Preservation Program, 165 Capitol Avenue, G8A, Hartford, CT 06106.



**WHOLESALE LETTUCE SHIPPED IN**

	Low	High
BOSTON,24,NJ	14.00	16.00
ICEBERG,24,CA	20.00	22.00
LEAF,Gr,24,NJ	16.00	16.00
LEAF,Rd,24,NJ	16.00	16.00
LOLLA ROSSA,2.5lb crtn	10.00	12.00
MESCLUN,3lb,CA	5.50	8.00
OAK LF,Gr,2.2lb crtn,CA	10.00	12.00
OAK LF,Rd,2.2lb crtn,CA	10.00	12.00
ROMAINE,24,CA	14.00	18.00
ROMAINE,24,NJ	14.00	15.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

May 21, 2012

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

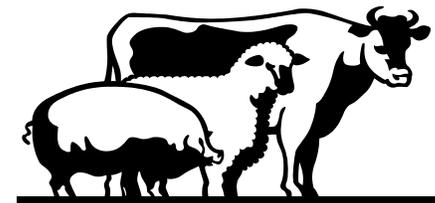
49-54	220-270 lbs	62.00-65.00
	270-300 lbs	61.00-63.00
	300-400lbs	n/a
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	44.00-48.00
	500-700 lbs	49.00-52.00
45-49	300-400lbs	56.00-58.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	27.00-28.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, May 21, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt. Auction will be open May 28, 2012.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	45.00	65.00
61-75 lbs.	135.00	140.00
76-90 lbs.	165.00	170.00
91-105 lbs.	177.50	180.00
106 lbs. & up	185.00	191.00
Farm Calves	197.50	230.00
Starter Calves	70.00	75.00
Veal Calves	100.00	140.00
Open Heifers	135.00	142.50
Beef Heifers	80.00	100.00
Beef Steers	107.5	116.00
Feeder Steers	120.00	130.00
Stock Bulls	75.00	157.50
Beef Bulls	90.00	97.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	One at	40.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	100.00	280.00
Kid Goats	23.00	70.00
Canners	Up to	84.50
Cutters	85.00	89.00
Utility Grade Cows	90.25	95.00
Rabbits each	5.00	40.00
Chickens each	4.00	25.00
Ducks each	6.00	22.00
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Lambs	150.00	195.00
Sheep	95.00	105.00



**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
PPL,Mac,100ct,fcy	19.00	19.00
CHIVES,12s	7.00	8.00
CIDER,9-1/2gal	18.00	18.00
FIDDLEHEAD,10lb	35.00	35.00
LETTUCE,Bstn,12/4oz	14.00	16.00
POTATO,10lb	3.00	3.00
RHUBARB 20lb	32.00	32.00
TOMATO,Chrry,5lb flat	14.00	14.00
TOMATO,Grnhs,25lb,lg	14.00	16.00

**SHIPPED IN**

	Low	High
APRICOTS,80ct,CA	36.00	36.00
ARUGULA,4/5bu,NJ	14.00	15.00
ASPARAGUS,28lb,lg,NJ	58.00	58.00
BEANS,Grn,bu,FL	17.00	18.00
BEETS,12s,NJ	13.00	14.00
BLUEBERRY12/1pt,GA	28.00	32.00
CHERRIES,10rw,CA	85.00	90.00
CILANTRO,24,NJ	14.00	15.00
COLLARDS,12-16s,NJ	12.00	12.00
DANDELION GRN,bu,NJ	14.00	15.00
DILL,24,NJ	25.00	25.00
ESCAROLE,1-1/9bu,NJ	12.00	14.00
KALE,24s,SC	12.00	12.00
LEEKs,12s,NJ	14.00	17.00
NECTARINES 2lyr,CA	38.00	38.00
ONION,Vdlia,40lb,GA	19.00	20.00
PEACHES,1/2bu,2-1/2,GA	26.00	28.00
PEAS,English,bu,CA	40.00	40.00
PEAS,Snp,10lb,GU	21.00	22.00
SPINACH,24,NJ	15.00	16.00
STRAWBERRIES 8/1lb,CA	14.00	16.00

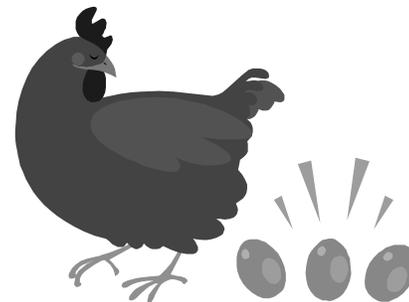
(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

May 21, 2012

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>		
Breakers	75-80%lean	
	89.00-94.50	N/A 83.50-88.00
Boners	80-85% lean	
	84.50-88.00	89.00-93.00 77.00-82.00
	Lean 88-90% lean	
	78.00-83.00	84.00-89.00 70.00-76.00
<b>CALVES: All prices per cwt.</b>		
Graded Bull Calves: Number 1		
	80-125lbs	220.00-250.00
	80-90lbs	n/a
	Number 2	80-120lbs 180.00-220.00
	Number 3	95-125lbs 140.00-170.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1		
	95-100 lbs	230.00-240.00
Slaughter Bulls-940-2020lbs-100.00-106.00		
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:</b>		
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3		
	40-60lbs	178.00-212.00
	60-80lbs	164.00-194.00
	80-90lbs	172.00-190.00
	90-110lbs	170.00-185.00



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	124-133
LARGE	113-122
MEDIUM	98-108

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

May 21, 2012

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

EXTRA LARGE	98-102
LARGE	96-100
MEDIUM	75-79

**PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN REPORT**

May 21, 2012

Grain market for eastern Pennsylvania.

Corn, No.2, bu.	6.60-7.05
Ear Corn, ton	185-190
Soybeans, No.2, bu.	13.30-13.83



110-130lbs	n/a
150-200lbs	124.00-143.00
<b>Woolled &amp; Shorn Choice 2-3</b>	
50-60lbs	154.00-176.00
60-80lbs	160.00-172.00
80-90lbs	155.00-170.00
90-110lbs	149.00-162.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh</b>	
120-160lbs	75.00-90.00
160-200lbs	68.00-82.00
200-300lbs	70.00-76.00.
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
120-160lbs	72.00-82.00
160-200lbs	N/A
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.</b>	
30-40lbs	104.00-120.00
40-60lbs	122.00-150.00
60-80lbs	144.00-169.00
80-90lbs	172.00-188.00
100-120lbs	192.00-220.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	166.00-181.00
130-180lbs	177.00-189.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	210.00-234.00
150-250lbs	236.00-256.00

## ADVERTISEMENTS

The Connecticut Weekly 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.

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60-R. Liability coverage for sale of raw milk—call Blumenthal & Donahue for a no obligation quote. 800-554-8049.

63-R. Sawdust, landscape materials, compost. 860-642-7084. [blueslopesawdust@hotmail.com](mailto:blueslopesawdust@hotmail.com)

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.

72-R. Reg. Hereford Bull for Sale., great pedigree, halter broke. Asking \$2250 Call Herb 860-250-3311.

74-R. Three Angus, one Holstein heifer, two with calf at side, two springing. \$5,000. 860-355-2962.

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

81-R. JD 450B Bulldozer \$5,000. JD 6310 4x4 640 loader \$26,000. 6405 2WD with loader \$26,000. JD 850 2WD with loader \$4,500. IH 986 2WD \$8,500. JD B-530-730 Tractors. NH 575 Baler with thrower \$11,000. CASE IH SBX 520 Baler, same. 95 NH 565 \$7,500. NH 256, 258 Rakes JD 660 Rake. New Pequae 11 ft rotary rake \$6,500. New 17 ft Morra hydraulic fold tetter, IH 710 4 bottom reset plow, 2-720 4 bottom reset plows. New and used metal kicker wagons. New Holland 492 haybine \$5,000. New Holland tandem axle manure spreader \$8,000. 2-3 pt hitch cultivators, older offset disc, Nice JD 4020 \$7,500. 203-530-4953.

82-R. Sawdust, landscape materials, compost. 860-642-7084. [blueslopesawdust@hotmail.com](mailto:blueslopesawdust@hotmail.com)

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

84-R. Stackable Black bulb crates 9x24x15, great for vegetables, \$5 each, 50/pallet. 203-395-3070 or [stonegds@comcast.net](mailto:stonegds@comcast.net)

86-R. Kiln dried sawdust for bedding, excellent for cows and horses. Good rates. Trailer load. Call for price in your area @ 860-974-3853.

87-R. Two Wooden Kicker Wagons 8' by 16', Excellent 8 ton gears, \$1,800 and \$2,200 OBO. 203-265-4588.

88-R. 1958 Ford F700. V-8 w/wood dump body. Asking \$8,500. Also Tandem Equip. Trailer. 203-245-7069.

89-R. 4-GE Kitchen Appliances. Double Oven, Microwave Oven, Electric Cook Top, Dishwasher Like New \$200 or Best Offer. 860-274-8159.

90-R. Donkey. Standard Jack, 4 months, \$400. Goats, Savanaugh Cross, 3 months, Does, \$100 each. 860-537-1974

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### WANTED

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### 2012 EASTERN CT RC&D ANNUAL MEETING

You are invited to attend the 2012 Eastern CT RC&D Annual Meeting to be held at Stonington Vineyards in Stonington on Monday June 25, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A business meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m., with lunch and tour to follow, starting at 12:00 noon. The theme for this year's meeting is promoting energy on the Connecticut farm. This event will showcase the energy efficiency work that has been completed by Stonington Vineyards at their winery. Registration form and more information is available at [www.EasternRCD-CT.org](http://www.EasternRCD-CT.org).

### UCONN HOME FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS

As folks look to increase their control over their personal food supply, many are buying locally grown produce and even growing their own. And more Connecticut residents are canning, freezing and pickling fruits and vegetables at home. While home food preservation techniques are not difficult, it is important to know the safest way to can and freeze food for the home pantry.

Nine home food preservation workshops will be offered at the UConn Extension Centers statewide. Programs include *Canning Fruits and Vegetables*; *Freezing Fruits and Vegetables*; and *Canning Jams, Jellies, Pickles, and Relishes*. In addition, two hands-on workshops will be provided at the University of Connecticut's Department of Nutritional Sciences Foods Lab in Storrs. For information regarding workshop schedules, registration, and fees, contact Diane Hirsch ([diane.hirsch@uconn.edu](mailto:diane.hirsch@uconn.edu), 203-407-3163).

### JUN 1 DEADLINE FOR THREE FSA PROGRAMS

June 1, 2012, is the sign-up deadline for USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)'s Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE), the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP), and the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE).

SURE compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster. In addition to other eligibility requirements, producers must have purchased crop insurance through the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

DCP and ACRE provide income support when there is a decline in commodity prices. Eligible DCP participants receive a direct payment and/or a counter-cyclical payment. FSA reminds producers that the 2008 Farm Bill does not authorize advance direct payments for 2012. ACRE protects producers from farm market revenue declines when revenue triggers are met for a commodity at both the state and farm level.

Contact your local FSA office for details (Danielson, 860-779-0557; Norwich, 860-887-3604; Torrington, 860-626-8258; Wallingford, 203-269-6665).

**DOAG 2012 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

By George Krivda, Legislative Program Manager

H.B. 5123, *AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF ANIMALS SEIZED IN ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES*, effective October 1, 2012.

By law, a court may vest ownership of a neglected or cruelly treated animal in the agriculture commissioner, a municipality, or other specified entities or people. The commissioner or municipality may auction the animal, sell it through an open bidding process, or give it to certain people or rescue or adoption organizations. This bill expands the circumstances under which the commissioner or municipality may vest ownership of the animal in a person or organization and extends the pool of possible recipients. It allows the commissioner or municipality to vest ownership of any seized animal in any person or nonprofit rescue or adoption organization. Under current law, the commissioner or municipality may vest ownership of only seized animals that need rehabilitative or special care in a person or a nonprofit animal rescue or adoption organization that annually places at least 10 animals as pets in private homes.

H.B. 5124, *AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPEAL OF CERTAIN ANIMAL RESTRAINT ORDERS*, effective October 1, 2012.

By law, the agriculture commissioner or an animal control officer may order the restraint of a biting dog, cat, or other animal, as he or she deems necessary. Any person aggrieved by an animal control officer's order may request a hearing before the commissioner within 14 days after the order is issued. The commissioner may affirm, modify, or revoke the order as he deems proper. This bill makes a restraint order effective upon issuance and during an appeal to the commissioner.

HB 5289, *AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS*, effective October 1, 2012.

This bill increases the penalty for subsequent convictions for specified types of animal cruelty. Under existing law, violators may be fined up to \$1,000, imprisoned for up to one year, or both, for a first or subsequent offense. The bill increases the penalties for subsequent offenses to a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment for up to five years, or both.

The bill applies to the following:

1. overdriving, overloading, overworking, torturing, depriving of sustenance, mutilating, cruelly beating or killing, or unjustifiably injuring any animal;
2. if impounding or confining an animal, (a) failing to provide it proper care; (b) neglecting to cage or restrain it from injuring itself or another animal; or (c) failing to supply it with wholesome air, food, and water;
3. unjustifiably administering or exposing a domestic animal to any poisonous or noxious drug or substance intending that the animal will take it;
4. if having custody of an animal, (a) inflicting cruelty on it; (b) failing to provide it with proper food, drink, or shelter; (c) abandoning it; or (d) carrying or causing it to be carried in a cruel manner; or
5. fighting with or baiting, harassing, or worrying an animal to make it perform for amusement, diversion, or exhibition.



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