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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

DAIRY SUSTAINABILITY GRANT PROGRAM

By Wayne Kasacek, Assistant Bureau Director

In fiscal year 2010-11 (July 2010 through June 2011) the Connecticut Department of Agriculture distributed \$4,848,017 to 134 Connecticut milk producers in the form of Dairy Sustainability Grants. During this period, Connecticut milk producers received an effective average statistical uniform milk price of approximately \$19.88/cwt. or \$1.70 per gallon of milk produced.

The grant formula is prescribed by statute and uses 82 percent of the cost of production for a New England state, as published by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Economic Research Service, to establish the "minimum sustainable monthly cost of production." The department had been using USDA's estimated cost of production published for the state of Vermont until USDA stopped publishing those numbers. The grant payment is equal to the difference between the minimum sustainable monthly cost of production and the "federal pay price" (Northeast Federal Milk Marketing Order, statistical uniform price for the Hartford zone) multiplied by your monthly production.

Because USDA stopped producing dairy cost-of-production statistics, the department entered into a memorandum of understanding with the University of Connecticut's Charles J. Zwick Center for Food and Resource Policy. Under the MOU, Dr. Lopez is providing the department with cost of production figures using the USDA model. Long term, the department will seek to have cost of production based on conditions specific to Connecticut.

Since June 2011, the statistical uniform milk price has been high enough so that no payments were triggered. No payments are expected until the statistical uniform milk price goes below approximately \$20.00/cwt or the cost of production rises to a level that will trigger a payment or some combination of both.

TROPICAL STORM IRENE

Tropical Storm Irene and the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee caused considerable damage to vegetable crops and some damage to forages. Damage in Vermont and parts of New York have been

catastrophic. Much of the field corn here in Connecticut will have been harvested by the time this article is published. Overall the damage to forages here in the state has been hard to quantify. Some fields are obviously severely damaged; in many cases the damage is less noticeable but will be show itself in poorer quality feed.

The state of Vermont is engaged in a mitigation effort for flooded forages that may pose a hazard due to toxic molds. While we do not believe we will have a significant issue with mold here in Connecticut, producers should be aware of the conditions that promote mold formation, the effects toxic molds may have, and mitigation strategies. An excellent source of information can be found at the University of Vermont Extension Service website, <http://www.uvm.edu/extension/?Page=emergency.html>. Specific flood information related to forages can be found at http://www.uvm.edu/extension/flooded_crops_factsheet_%20irene2011_uvmextension.pdf.

Producers with questions about flood damaged corn and hay crops are encouraged to contact the University of Connecticut Co-operative Extension System:

- Joyce Meader, Dairy/Livestock Extension Educator
860-774-9600 Ext 17 (Eastern Connecticut)
- Richard Meinert, Dairy/Livestock Extension Educator,
860-626-6240 (Western Connecticut).

REPORT STORM DAMAGE TO DOAG AND FSA

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is collecting information about storm-related damage to farms in the state. If you incurred damage to your livestock, crops, equipment, or buildings, please complete and return the damage report form on DoAG's website, www.CTGrown.gov or www.ct.gov/doag.

In addition, it is very important that you report damage to your local [USDA Farm Service Agency office](#) within 30 days of the loss in order to qualify for any programs that may be offered through FSA, and contact your crop insurance agent, if applicable.

**WHOLESALE FRUITS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE,Cort,12/3,xfcy	21.00	21.00
APPLE,Gala,8/5lb	24.00	24.00
APPLE, Gala,bu,2-1/2up	20.00	22.00
APPLE,Spnser,bu	25.00	25.00
APPLE,Hnycrsp,xfcy,64ct	55.00	55.00
APPLE, Hnycrsp,bu	38.00	38.00
APPLE,Mac,xfcy,100ct	25.00	28.00
APPLE, Mac,bu,2-1/2up	17.00	18.00
APPLE,Macn,100ct,xfcy	35.00	35.00
APPLE, Macn,bu,2-1/2	30.00	30.00
CIDER,4/1gal	16.00	16.00
GRAPE,Concord,8/1qt	25.00	25.00
PEAR,Anjou,4/5 bu,red	26.00	26.00
PEAR,Bosc,4/5bu	24.00	25.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

October 3, 2011

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

49-54	220-270 lbs	64.00-69.00
	270-350lbs	63.00-69.00
	300-350lbs	66.00-70.00
45-49	220-300lbs	n/a
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	57.00-60.00
	500-700 lbs	61.00-63.75
Boars:	300-700 lbs	31.00-34.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, October 3, 2011

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	23.00
61-75 lbs.	24.00	27.00
76-90 lbs.	29.00	32.00
91-105 lbs.	35.00	38.00
106 lbs. & up	40.00	45.00
Farm Calves	50.00	60.00
Veal Calves	55.00	110.00
Open Heifers	63.00	75.00
Feeder Steers	74.00	92.50
Starter Calves	22.00	25.00
Stock Bulls	63.00	100.00
Lambs each	165.00	260.00
Goats each	70.00	160.00
Kid Goats each	25.00	75.00
Canners	up to	58.75
Cutters	59.00	61.00
Utility Grade Cows	62.50	66.00
Rabbits each	5.00	14.00
Chickens each	3.00	15.00
Ducks each	4.00	13.00
Sheep	65.00	95.00

**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
BEAN,Green,bu	26.00	32.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	12.00	13.00
CABBAGE,Green,50lb,box	9.00	10.00
CABBAGE,Red,50lb,box	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Savoy,1-1/9bu	12.00	14.00
COLLARDS,12-16s	12.00	12.00
CORN,5dz	15.00	18.00
CORN,Ornmntl,1/2bu,20/3s	32.00	35.00
CORN,Stalks,bndl	4.00	5.00
CUCUMBERS,bu	20.00	22.00
CUCUMBERS,pick,bu	35.00	40.00
DAIKON,1-1/9bu	18.00	20.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu	14.00	16.00
GOURDS,Ornmntl,1/2bu	18.00	20.00
GOURDS,shllckd,1/2bu	27.00	30.00
KALE,crtn,bnchd	12.00	12.00
OKRA,1/2bu	20.00	22.00
PARSNIP,25lb	24.00	24.00
PEPPER,Bell,1-1/9bu,Sntn,lg	9.00	10.00
PEPPER,Bell,1-1/9bu,xl	13.00	14.00
PEPPER,Jalapeno,1/2bu	14.00	18.00
POTATOES,40ct,russet	16.00	18.00
POTATOES,Rnd,wh,10lb,A	2.75	2.75
POTATOES,Chef,yel,50lb	21.00	24.00
PUMPKIN,36,Howden,bin	140.00	165.00
PUMPKIN,36,Pie,bin	280.00	300.00
PUMPKIN,24,Pie,bin	180.00	200.00
SQUASH,Buttrnt,1-1/9bu,sm/md	12.00	14.00
SQUASH,Green,1/2bu,sm/md	16.00	18.00
SQUASH,Yellow,1/2bu	16.00	18.00
SWISS CHARD,Color,12s	15.00	16.00
TOMATOES,20lb,5x6	16.00	20.00
TOMATOES,Grape,12/1pt	16.00	18.00

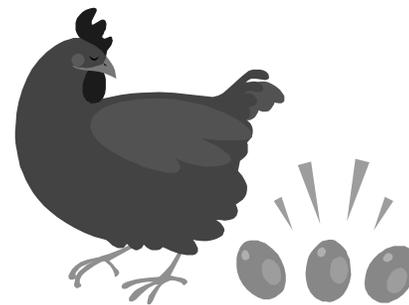
(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, October 3, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	
Breakers	75-80%lean
	64.00-68.00---69.00-72.00---n/a
Boners	80-85% lean
	60.00-64.00---65.00-67.00---56.00-58.00
Lean	85-90% lean
	52.00-54.00---56.00-59.00---49.00-51.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1	
	1459-1895 lbs 78.00-80.00
	1510-1700 lbs 79.00-83.00
CALVES: All prices per cwt.	
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1	
	95-115 lbs 130.00-155.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1	
	75-100 lbs 110.00---190.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:	
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	
	40-60 lbs 190.00-217.00
	60-80 lbs 191.00-211.00
	80-90 lbs 184.00.00-202.00
	90-110 lbs 189.00-202.00
	110-130 lbs 191.00-206.00
	130-150 lbs n/a



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	180-193
LARGE	178-190
MEDIUM	121-132

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

October 3, 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	116-134
LARGE	110-124
MEDIUM	97-110

VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

October 3, 2011

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

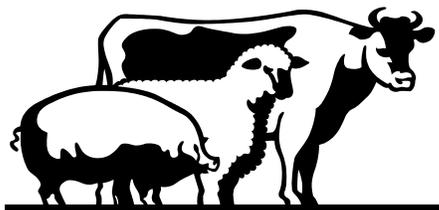
Mixed Grass	sm. square, 35-45lbs
Good	2.20 per bale
Timothy	lg. round, over 1,000lb
Good	81.00 per bale
Orchard Grass	sm. square-35-45
Premium	4.80-6.10 per bale
Good	3.30 per bale

Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3

40-60 lbs	181.00-202.00
60-80 lbs	171.00-196.00
80-90 lbs	173.00-190.00
90-110lbs	166.00-183.00
110-130lbs	145.00-160.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
	120-160 lbs 82.00-.97.00
	160-200 lbs 78.00-91.00
	200-300lbs 68.00-76.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
	120-160 lbs 74.00-86.00
	160-200 lbs 70.00-84.00

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

Kids: 30-40 lbs n/a	
50-60lbs	90.00-112.00
60-80lbs	106.00-140.00
80-90lbs	136.00-151.00
90-100lbs n/a	
100-110lbs n/a	
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 94.00-108.00	
130-180 lbs	101.00-116.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	165.00-175.00
150-250 lbs	190.00-208.00



ADVERTISEMENTS

The Connecticut Week Agricultural Report offers affordable classified advertisements for your farm-related needs. See Page 4 for details and rates, or contact Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2588 or Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov for more information.

FOR SALE

1-R. CT Christmas Tree Growers, CT Sheep Breeders and CT Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency--Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com, Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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.

130-R. Battery powered price computing scales \$328.00. Cash registers \$280.00. Repair, calibration and rental scales of all types available. 800-403-5919.

156-R. High quality Christmas Trees: Fraser-Canaan-Balsam-Nordman-Concolor-Blue Spruce-Meyer Spruce-Commercial grades available also. Hartikka Tree Farms (800)508-5099 www.treeman2.com

161-R. Rye straw, livestock hay, not for horses. Square or round bales. 203-484-0664.

171. 67 Massey Ferguson 2135 w/MF 100 loader. Continental Z134 gas engine, 3pt, 540 with draft control, 50 hrs on new rubber and fluids. Mech. Exc. Marvels 3300 B/O Also available: repowered Wellcraft 192 classic. Landscape equipment, chipper, midsize Owen 203-457-1667.

173-R. Fall Discount Sale. Premium dark natural mulch \$16/yd. Great for fall plantings. Also color enhanced mulches \$23/yd. Prices as wholesale only. Picked up East Haddam. We can deliver any volume. Contact Charles Leigus 860-301-0673.

176-R. For Sale: Christmas greens, wreaths, roping, kissing balls, many sizes and varieties. Samples gladly shown. We deliver. 203-457-1344.

181-R. Rye Straw, clean, bright, weed free. Call 203-484-0664.

183. Loader, Farmhand F-16, trip bucket, good hydraulics, fits many '40s-'60s tractors. Operator & parts manual included. \$450.00 OBO, 860-872-0334.

184-R. 6'6" Fisher Minute Mount snow plow to fit R=Ford Ranger up to 1997. \$1,000.00 firm. Tel. 860-274-8159.

185. Pair BKT Agirmax radial tires 520/85R38 on rims 95% \$2,000.00. 3.25 cu' bagged shavings \$5.00 delivered and stacked. 200 minimum. 860-274-8132.

186. Farmall 'H' tractor, needs restoring, narrow front end, also have wide front end. \$1,000.00 call 860-745-6230.

187. 2 steel 'I' beams- 10" x 22'. Never used-good condition. \$250.00 each. 860-745-6230.

188. Assortment of chain & binders. Good condition. Reasonable prices. Call 860-745-6230.

189. Rough sawn pine and oak boards- plus miscellaneous lumber. Call 860-745-6230.

190-R. 1973 Ford 9000, silage truck, tandem, 18' body, auto gate, runs good. \$8,000.00. Crossbred heifer, club calf, 6 mo. Great 4-H project. \$400.00. 860-537-1974.

191-R. Corn planter. John Deere 24B. Two row with original manual. \$395.00. Durham, 860-349-8267.

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The commission also has launched a fall advertising campaign with the New York Times and New York radio stations featuring overnight/discount destinations selected from Travel Deals posted on www.CTvisit.com. Four deals are being selected each week, so post your destination now for a chance to be included. Go to www.CTvisit.com for a user guide or contact Jean Hebert, jean.hebert@ct.gov, 860-256-2739, for more info.

INCUBATOR FARMING INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

The Community Farm of Simsbury (CFS) will host two informational sessions/tours for prospective incubator farmers on 10/26/11 and 10/28/11 at 6:30 p.m. CSF is a certified organic farm providing the use of inexpensive farmland, assistance with some services, and training for people interested in becoming organic farmers. Tim Goodwin, tgoodwin@communityfarmofsimsbury.org, for info.

CT AG ED FOUNDATION FREE WORKSHOPS

Free, online professional development workshop for educators working with students grades 2-4 will be held 10/19/11 and 11/16/11. This CT Ag in the Classroom project is sponsored in part by a USDA-NIFA 2010 Ag in the Classroom Enhancement (ACE) Grant to develop and pilot an online workshop model for teachers using Project Food, Land & People materials along with state and national agriculture materials. We are looking for classroom teachers to pilot as a test group the Ag Earth Workshops and extend an invitation to you to participate. Please contact Susan Quincy at susan.quincy@ct.gov for a registration form.

UCONN FARMLAND LEASING POSITION

University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension is seeking applications for a one year p/t position starting in October. The purpose of the Farmland ConneCTIONS Service is to encourage farmland leasing by towns, institutions, and land trusts. The successful candidate will conduct outreach to land trusts and municipalities that are willing to lease farmland. Qualifications desired: 3+ years of experience in the field of conservation, local agriculture, or real estate; familiarity with legal concepts of land tenure; experience working with producers; and experience making presentations. The position calls for 12 hours per week and will be compensated at approximately \$30/hr. This position will be based out of the Extension Office located at 24 Hyde Ave., Vernon, CT 06066. The Farmland ConneCTIONS Service is funded through grant from USDA-NRCS. Send resume, cover letter and 3 references by Oct 7, 2011, to jiff.martin@uconn.edu.

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.plotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

FARM-TO-CHEF ANNUAL MEETING 11/7/11

The next annual meeting of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Chef Program will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2011, at Brownson Country Club in Shelton. This is the program's biggest networking event of the year and is a great way to meet potential business partners, learn from one another, and enjoy some fantastic Connecticut Grown food. All members and potential members are encouraged to attend. Register by October 18. Get the registration form at http://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/2011-B_FTC_Annual_Meeting_Registration_Form.pdf

SIGN UP NOW FOR NRCS FARM BILL PROGRAMS

The cut-off date for the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) is October 7, 2011.

AMA provides financial assistance to reduce the economic risk of adopting new conservation measures. Producers may apply for constructing or improving water management and irrigation measures.

EQIP provides financial assistance to install permanent conservation measures, adopt new management strategies, or develop conservation activity plans for a wide range of resource concerns on eligible agricultural and forest land.

WHIP helps people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat on private lands. NRCS provides technical and financial assistance on forest land, grassland, riparian areas, state-identified imperiled habitats, old fields, streams and rivers, early successional wetlands (tidal and non-tidal), and shallow and deep water habitats.

Visit www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov/programs or contact your nearest USDA Field Office: Brooklyn, 860-774-0224; Hamden, 203-287-8038; Norwich, 860-887-3604; Torrington, 860-626-8258; Windsor, 860-688-7725.

GRASS-FED BEEF SEMINAR

Grass-fed All Year Long, a joint project among the Universities of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, developed with a NESARE PDP grant, is presenting a workshop, Breed Selection for Year-Round Grass-Fed Beef, at two sites in Connecticut and Rhode Island on October 14, 2011. The presenter is Levi Geyer, a USDA AMS livestock grading and handling educator. The same program will be presented at each site. Times and locations are as follows:

- Litchfield County Extension Center, 843 University Drive, in Torrington, CT from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Contact Richard Meinert, 860-626-6240, richard.meinert@uconn.edu
- University of Rhode Island at URI Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences – Room 010, Flagg Road, Kingston, RI, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Contact: Kristen Castrataro, 401-874-2967, kcas@uri.edu.



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