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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

CONNECTICUT SPECIALTY FOOD ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS BENEFIT LOCAL PRODUCERS

By Linda Piotrowicz, Marketing Representative

Last month the Connecticut Specialty Food Association (CSFA), www.ctspecialtyfood.org, held its third annual trade show at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT. Twenty-three Connecticut-based manufacturers of specialty food products such as sauces, salsas, baked goods, confections, jams, and snack foods exhibited, while 30 buyers from retail stores, farm stands, and foodservice establishments met with exhibitors to sample and learn more about their products.

For a modest exhibitor fee of \$80, companies had the opportunity to meet face-to-face with key purchasing representatives from chain and independent grocery stores, restaurants, institutions, specialty shops, and farm stands looking to increase their lines of locally produced, high-quality food products. While super-sized trade shows such as the Fancy Food Show can charge thousands of dollars to exhibit, the CSFA trade show provides exceptional value and exposure on a level that is especially well-suited to local companies, which often are producing in smaller quantities and are not set up for national or international distribution.

CSFA is a division of the Connecticut Food Association, www.ctfoodassociation.org, a non-profit, statewide trade association that focuses on "building strong partnerships between its members, who range from major chains and independent grocers to convenience stores, distributors, manufacturers, wholesalers, brokers, and specialty food producers in Connecticut." The Connecticut Food Association also is the administrative parent organization of the Connecticut Vineyard and Winery Association.

According to CSFA's by-laws, it is "an organization of small to large Connecticut-based food businesses sharing a vision to provide the customer with high quality specialty foods." It seeks to "support and promote [its] members' products by providing information, enhancing visibility and increasing awareness of Connecticut-made products to all segments of the marketplace" and "to promote the state of Connecticut by providing quality products and job creation within [the] state."

One member from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture serves on CSFA's Board of Directors in a non-voting, advisory capacity. The Department of Agriculture and CSFA have been working together to encourage more cross-pollination between local farmers and specialty food producers. CSFA encourages its existing members to use more CT Grown ingredients in their products whenever feasible, and the Department of Agriculture strives to connect farmers' markets and farm stands with producers of specialty food products. In addition, both organizations recognize that many farms have begun producing value-added products such as jams, jellies,

pickles, relishes, breads, and pies from their fruits and vegetables as a way to diversify and extend their seasons. CSFA invites these farmers to join the organization and benefit from its programs.

The annual trade show is just one of several yearly events hosted by the organization that are designed to help specialty food producers increase product visibility, enhance their marketing efforts, and strengthen their businesses. Other major activities conducted by CSFA include a winter product awards competition judged by a large, diverse panel of local media celebrities and top chefs, and a fall seminar on a topic pertaining to business development.

The 2010 product awards competition, held in February, was CSFA's ninth such contest, and drew a record 237 entries in 20 categories such as outstanding beverage, bread, dairy product, frozen food, gluten-free product, savory condiment, and more. Judges included NBC Connecticut's Brad Drazen, the Courant's Maryellen Fillo, NewsTalk 1080's Joey Bourgoin, cookbook author Terry Walters, Chef Scott Miller from Max's Oyster Bar, and 24 other food experts and well-known personalities. Top honors, the 2010 Product of the Year, went to the Purple Pear by Tina's Butter Almond Cream topping, while 20 other products were named best in their individual categories. As the competition has grown larger and more prestigious every year, these honors have become highly coveted and effective marketing tools for the winners. Many labels and promotional materials proudly declare the product as a CSFA award recipient.

CSFA's fall seminar is scheduled for September 20, 2010, at Saint Joseph's College in West Hartford. This year's focus is on the use of social media for marketing businesses and products. Many small companies have turned to social media as a low-cost means of connecting with existing and potential customers, but few have a clear picture of the differences among the various platforms and how to maximize the potential that each offers. This seminar, which is appropriate for both beginning and experienced social media users, will explore these different platforms and how best to use them. It will be taught by Colin McEnroe, a blogger for the past 11 years, whose long resume also includes radio talk show host, journalist, author, playwright, public speaker, and adjunct professor at Trinity College, where he teaches graduate-level courses on diverse aspects of media. While CSFA members receive preferential pricing, the fall business seminar is open to non-members if space permits.

To learn more about CSFA or to sign up for the fall business seminar, contact CSFA Director Tricia Levesque, 860-677-8097 / tricia@ctfoodassociation.org or Linda Piotrowicz at the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 860-713-2558 / Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.
August 9, 2010

Prices To Retailers, Sales To Volume Buyers,
USDA Grade A and Grade A, White Eggs In
Cartons, Warehouse, Cents Per Dozen

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|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 80-84 |
| LARGE | 77-81 |
| MEDIUM | 57-59 |

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, August 9, 2010 - Live animals
brought the following average prices per cwt.:

| Bob Calves: | Low | High |
|--------------------|-------|--------|
| 45-60 lbs. | 20.00 | 25.00 |
| 61-75 lbs. | 30.00 | 35.00 |
| 76-90 lbs. | 38.00 | 40.00 |
| 91-105 lbs. | 43.00 | 47.50 |
| 106 lbs. & up | 50.00 | 52.50 |
| Farm Calves | 55.00 | 77.50 |
| Started Calves | 28.00 | 35.00 |
| Veal Calves | 75.00 | 100.00 |
| Open Heifers | 65.00 | 82.50 |
| Beef Heifers | 46.50 | 55.00 |
| Feeder Steers | 55.00 | 80.00 |
| Beef Steers | 60.00 | 66.50 |
| Stock Bulls | 72.00 | 100.00 |
| Beef Bulls | 62.00 | 65.00 |
| Sows each | 33.00 | 39.00 |
| Sheep each | 70.00 | 75.00 |
| Lambs each | 60.00 | 150.00 |
| Goats each | 55.00 | 185.00 |
| Kid Goats each | 20.00 | 115.00 |
| Canners | Up to | 52.00 |
| Cutters | 53.00 | 56.00 |
| Utility Grade Cows | 57.50 | 59.00 |
| Rabbits each | 5.00 | 19.00 |
| Chickens each | 4.00 | 20.00 |
| Ducks each | 13.00 | 19.00 |

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, August 9, 2010

| Bulk/ | High/ | Low Dressing |
|--|----------------|--------------|
| SLAUGHTER COWS: | | |
| Breakers | 75-80% lean | |
| 57.00-59.00 | ----- | ----- |
| Boners | 80-85% lean | |
| 53.00-56.50 | 57.50-58.50 | 50.00-52.00 |
| Lean | 85-90% lean | |
| 49.00-52.50 | 53.50-55.50 | 45.00-48.00 |
| SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 | | |
| 1288-1705 lbs | 69.00-73.00 | |
| 2040-2335 lbs | 65.00-67.00 | |
| Bullocks: 920-1385 lbs | 73.00-77.00 | |
| high dress | 80.00-84.00 | |
| low dress | 67.00-70.00 | |
| SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets: | | |
| Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3 | | |
| 40-60 lbs | 158.00-177.00 | |
| 60-80 lbs | 156.00-170.00 | |
| 80-90 lbs | 153.00-1688.00 | |
| 90-110 lbs | 151.00-166.00 | |
| 110-130 lbs | 150.00-164.00 | |
| Choice 2-3 50-60 lbs | 140.00-154.00 | |
| 60-80 lbs | 140.00-156.00 | |
| 80-90 lbs | 142.00-156.00 | |
| 90-110 lbs | 138.00-152.00 | |
| 110-130 lbs | 136.00-148.00 | |

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

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| APPLES, Ginger Gold 100ct exfcy | 20.00 | 22.00 |
| APPLES, Paula Red, exfcy 96 | 24.00 | 24.00 |
| APPLES, Paula Red 12/3-lb bags exfcy | 18.00 | 18.00 |
| ARRUGULA, 24's bunched | 12.00 | 13.00 |
| BEAN, Cranberry bu | 35.00 | 36.00 |
| BEANS, Green bu ,handpicked | 16.00 | 18.00 |
| BEAN, Wax bu | 24.00 | 25.00 |
| BLACKBERRY, 12/ 1/2-pt | 26.00 | 26.00 |
| BLUEBERRIES, 12/1-pint clamshell | 19.00 | 22.00 |
| BLUEBERRIES, 12/1-pint fiberboard | 24.00 | 25.00 |
| BROCCOLI, 14ct | 10.00 | 11.00 |
| Pear,clapp,4/5 bu | 18.00 | 22.00 |
| CABBAGE, Green box 50lb | 7.00 | 8.00 |
| CABBAGE, Savoy 40lb | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| CANTALOUPS, lge each | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| CHIVES, 1-lb bag | 5.00 | 8.00 |
| COLLARD GREENS, Crate | 11.00 | 11.00 |
| CORN, 5 dz | 8.00 | 10.00 |
| CUCUMBERS, Pickling 1-1/9 bu | 18.00 | 20.00 |
| CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9 bu med | 14.00 | 16.00 |
| EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 bu | 8.00 | 10.00 |
| MUSTARD GREENS, Crate 12-16's | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| NECTARINES, 20lb box 2-1/2 up | 26.00 | 26.00 |
| PEACHES, 25lb box 2-1/2 up | 20.00 | 22.00 |
| PEACHES, White 25lb 2-1/2 up | 26.00 | 26.00 |
| PEPPERS, Bell Green 1-1/9 bu xlge | 9.00 | 10.00 |
| PEPPERS, Cubanelles 1-1/9 bu | 13.00 | 13.00 |
| PLUMS, red, 20lb | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| SQUASH, Green 1/2bu sm-med CT | 10.00 | 11.00 |
| SQUASH, Yellow sm-med CT | 10.00 | 12.00 |
| SWISS CHARD, 12's | 10.00 | 14.00 |
| TOMATOES, 25lb lge | 14.00 | 16.00 |
| TOMATOES, 8 qt basket x lge | 16.00 | 18.00 |
| TOMATOES, Cherry 12/1pt | 9.00 | 11.00 |
| TOMATOES, Grape 12/1-pt | 9.00 | 10.00 |
| TURNIP TOP Greens, crates | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| WATERMELON, Seedles 13-15lb each | 2.50 | 3.00 |
| WATERMELON, Sugar baby each | 1.50 | 2.00 |

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

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| SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh | | |
| 120-160 lbs | 66.00-80.00 | |
| 160-200 lbs | 63.00-78.00 | |
| Utility 1-2: Thin Fleshed | | |
| 120-160 lbs | 56.00-70.00 | |
| 160-200 lbs | 60.00-72.00 | |
| SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights. | | |
| Kids: 40-60 lbs | 100.00-132.00 | |
| 60-80 lbs | 119.00-137.00 | |
| 80-100 lbs | 124.00-140.00 | |
| Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs | 105.00-119.00 | |
| 130-180 lbs | 109.00-124.00 | |
| Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs | 149.00-163.00 | |
| 150-250 lbs | 179.00-193.00 | |

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon August 9, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

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|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 49-54 | 220-270 lbs | 58.00-61.50 |
| | 270-300 lbs | 56.50-58.50 |
| 45-49 | 220-300 lbs | 55.00-57.50 |
| | 300-400 lbs | 54.00-56.00 |
| Sows: US 1-3 | 300-400 lbs | 54.00-57.00 |
| | 500-700 lbs | 58.00-62.00 |
| Boars: | 300-700 lbs | 29.00-30.00 |

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:
August 9, 2010

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| EXTRA LARGE | 86-90 |
| LARGE | 84-88 |
| MEDIUM | 64-68 |

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

Monday August 10, 2010

Hay and Straw Market for Eastern Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

| | Premium |
|-----------|---------------|
| Alfalfa | 140.00-160.00 |
| Mixed Hay | 140.00-160.00 |
| | Good |
| Timothy | 110.00-120.00 |
| Straw | 110.00-125.00 |

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE RETAIL REPORT

Retail Prices at Grocery Stores
in the Northeast

Week of August 6, 2010

Prices are in dollars per pound
unless otherwise stated.

VEGETABLES

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| Asparagus | 1.49 - 1.49 |
| Broccoli | 0.99 - 2.00 per bunch |
| Cabbage | 0.39 - 0.59 |
| Carrots, Baby organic | 1.99 - 2.49 1lb bag |
| Celery | 0.99 - 1.50 each |
| Corn | 0.17 - 0.50 each |
| Cucumbers | 0.33 - 0.79 each |
| Lettuce, Romaine | 0.88 - 1.29 each |
| Peppers, Bell green | 0.98 - 1.59 |
| Peppers, Bell red | 1.88 - 3.59 |
| Squash, Zucchini | 0.99 - 1.50 |
| Tomatoes | 0.99 - 2.99 |
| Tomatoes, organic | 3.99 - 3.99 |

FRUITS

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Apples, red delicious | 0.98 - 1.49 |
| Cantaloup | 0.97 - 2.99 each |
| Cherries | 2.69 - 4.99 |
| Grapes, Green/Red | 0.79 - 2.49 |
| Honeydew | 2.50 - 3.99 each |
| Nectarines | 0.99 - 2.00 |
| Peaches | 0.49 - 2.49 |
| Plums | 0.97 - 1.99 |
| Strawberries | 1.50 - 3.00 16oz pkg |
| Strawberries organic | 3.99 - 3.99 16 oz pkg |
| Watermelon, seedless | 2.48 - 4.99 each |

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105-R. Battery powered price computing scales CAS 60lb \$328. (CT state compliant). Battery powered cash registers, \$280. 800-403-5919.

115-R. Quality hay, 1st cutting new hay \$4.50 per bale. 2nd cutting \$5.50 per bale. Telephone 860-642-6856.

121-R. Good Hay – Good Prices. Round bales, wrapped, conventional and organic \$25/bale and up. Square bales good hay \$4.25 and mulch \$3.50. 860-429-9698 or 860-234-1605.

128-R. Round 4x4 bales. Premium dry, silage grass, alfalfa. Tightly plastic wrapped, starting \$43. 860-884-2889.

129-R. Mower conditioner John Deere 1219, new guards, knives. Hydraulic swing/lift. Excellent condition \$3,100. 860-884-2889.

131-R. Quality hay, cut and cured right. Large bales. \$4.50 - 5.00. Lebanon. 860-887-3115.

132-R. H&S Manure spreader for sale. Holds 175 bushels and has never been used. It was bought last year but my land is too rocky. Asking \$7,000. Call 860-684-7214.

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134-R. Barn equipment, waterers, gates, feeders, stalls, fencing. SVF Sales 860-749-4795.

135-R. Battery and filter (oil, fuel, air). SVF Sales 860-749-4795.

136-R. D-6 – Caterpillar track bucket loader. Engine needs new ring gear. \$2,500. (You move it.) 203-206-1344.

137-R. Kiln dry sawdust for bedding. Excellent for cows and horses. Good rates. Trailer load. Call for price in your area @860-974-3853.

138-R. JD-146 Tractor bucket loader attachment \$1,800., Hereford purebred 3 yr. old bred to club calf bull \$900., Donkey standard jack 7 mos. old, chocolate \$400., Boer goats \$75. ea. 860-537-1974.

141-R. Hardi-Combi sprayer (3 pt hitch). International 656 tractor. Skidsteer (Gehl) 3410. 860-653-3837.

142-R. NH 316 baler w/mod. 75 kicker, electric controls, very good condition \$5,900 OBO. '92 JD 1219 Haybine, stub guards, hyd. tongue, very good condition \$3,400 OBO. Small 2" DeLaval pipeline, complete w/ pump, wash sink and receiver jar \$2,500 OBO. 860-951-8021.

143-R. 2001 26' Flagstaff camper trailer. Sleeps 6. Asking \$5,000. 860-355-2962.

144-R. 2001 Dodge 350 Mason's dump, 60,000+ miles. Asking \$8,000. 860-355-2962.

145-R. Irrigation pipe, wade rain 2 and 4 inch, approximately 3,000 ft. Couplings and sprinklers 860-659-1856.

WANTED

35-R. All standing timber wanted. Highest prices paid. Free appraisals. Call New England Timber, LLC at 860-662-2412.

140-R. Wanted: Hough H-60 payloader in working condition for parts. Phone 860-889-0598.

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.

610-R. Free: corn Bruce boxes (approximately 1,000). Contact: On-frio's Fresh Cut at 203-469-5624.

HELP US TO HELP YOU!

The Department of Agriculture, Marketing Division continues to clean up the database of farmers in Connecticut. Our goal at DoAg Marketing is to better serve you by keeping you informed and to understand your markets and needs as we work on new grants and programs. To do this, we need to know how many producers are in Connecticut, what's being grown, in what areas of the state, etc.

On or about May 10th of this year, you were mailed a Farm Database questionnaire. Please carefully review the information we currently have for your farm and make corrections to the information as needed. Send the corrected information back to us in the enclosed self addressed stamped envelope. Again, our goal is to better understand the number and diversity of producers in Connecticut and to better serve you as a producer and a tax payer - informing you of grant opportunities, marketing services, and promotional materials and activities the Marketing Division has to offer. All forms returned by farmers by September 30, 2010 will be entered in a drawing to win an assortment of CT Grown wear—t-shirt, sweat shirt, hat, etc.!(Sorry, farmers markets and other non-profits are not eligible for this drawing). The drawing will take place in October 2010.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review and return the survey. If you have any questions, call or email Jaime Smith or Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2503 or jaime.smith@ct.gov/jane.slupecki@ct.gov.

GOVERNOR RELL ANNOUNCES DISASTER LOANS FOR MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCERS IN FOUR COUNTIES

Governor M. Jodi Rell has announced that federal disaster loans are available for maple syrup producers and small farm-related businesses in Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven and Windham Counties because of an unseasonably warm stretch of weather early this year that reduced sap yield.

The Governor said unseasonably warm nights recorded from February 15 through April 9 resulted in about 30 percent reduced sap production in the four affected counties, leading to a disaster declaration from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Optimal conditions for maple sap are warm sunny days and freezing nights from February until late March.

"Connecticut-produced maple syrup is more than just a wonderful seasonal treat. It is an important source of revenue for hundreds of small family-owned operations," Governor Rell said. "These federal loans are much-needed and will help those small producers begin to recover from their losses."

According to the state Department of Agriculture, Connecticut has approximately 200 maple syrup producers with annual sales of nearly \$1 million a year. Connecticut sugarhouses produced about 9,000 gallons of maple syrup this year, a 30 percent drop from 13,000 gallons in 2009. It takes 40 to 50 gallons of sap to produce one gallon of syrup.

State Agriculture Commission F. Philip Prelli said eligible producers can apply for the low-interest loans through the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). Small agriculture-related businesses that suffered financial losses as a direct result of the adverse weather in those counties are also eligible for Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest loans. Deadline to apply for both programs is March 8, 2011.

Contact information for FSA loan applications for maple syrup producers: Litchfield County: Howard Rood, (860) 626-8852 or Howard.Rood@CT.usda.gov; Ellen Losee, (860) 626-8250 or Ellen.Losee@CT.usda.gov

Middlesex and New Haven County: Nancy Welsh, (203) 269-6665 or Nancy.Welsh@CT.usda.gov; Ellen Losee, (860) 626-8250 or Ellen.Losee@CT.usda.gov

Windham County: Dawn Pindell, 860-774-8397 or dawn.pindell@ct.usda.gov; Ronald Clark, 860-887-9941 x3023 or ronald.clark@ct.usda.gov

For SBA loans for small farm-related businesses: 800-659-2955; E-mail – disastercustomerservice@sba.gov; Website: www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance

PLANT SCIENCE DAY 2010

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) hosted interested citizens, legislators, and the media at their 100th annual Plant Science Day at Lockwood Farm, a 75-acre research farm. Dr. Louis A. Magnarelli, Director of CAES, welcomed everyone to this yearly public event, which highlighted 100 years of research and resources that the Experiment Station offers to Connecticut residents. One of the key features of the day was the presentation of the Century Farm Award to Brown Family Farm, a Connecticut farm that has been in family operation for more than 100 years. Another highlight was the Samuel W. Johnson Memorial Lecture that was delivered by Dr. Dana Royer, Assistant Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Wesleyan University. The title of his presentation was "What Fossil Plants Can Tell Us About Climate Change." Additional short presentations by CAES scientists "Be Our Guest: The History of Plant Science Day," "Chestnut Blight: A Trip Through Time," and "Our Dynamic Connecticut Forest: 80 Years of Observation."

Technical demonstrations covered "Identification of Invasive Aquatic Plants" and "Control Options for Invasive Plants." This year's 100th Plant Science Day program had many events and activities to mark this special occasion and offered something-for-everyone, from novice gardeners to professionals to environmentalists, and included opportunities for attendees to discuss many topics of plant science on an informal basis with CAES scientists at their research plots.

Attendees visited Barn Displays that highlighted the Station's research programs from 1910 to 2010 and over 90 field plots and exhibits about the Station's research programs that ranged from how to grow unusual crops such as edamame or vegetable amaranth to nanoparticle toxicity to agricultural plants. Attendees learned about birds and butterflies in the accessible Bird and Butterfly Garden, took walking tours of Lockwood Farm, and participated in activities for children, such as the "Passport for Kids." Experts answered questions on plant identification and disease diagnosis, soil testing, and weed and insect identification.

NEW ENGLAND CUT FLOWER PRICES

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| AMARANTHUS, bunched 5 hanging long | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| DAHLIA, bunched 5 long per bunch | 9.00 | 10.00 |
| GARDENIA, per bloom | 5.50 | 5.50 |
| GARDENIA, Carton 3's | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| GERBERA, per stem long | 1.25 | 1.25 |
| LILIES, Acapulco, bunched 10's 4/5 bloom long | 22.00 | 23.00 |
| LILIES, Asiatic long per bunch 3-5 bloom | 16.75 | 18.00 |
| LILIES, Casa Blanca long per bunch 2/3 bloom | 24.00 | 24.00 |
| LISIANTHUS, bunched 10, long | 18.50 | 18.50 |
| MONKSHOOD, bunched 10 NE | 12.50 | 12.50 |
| SEDUM, per bunch long | 7.50 | 8.50 |
| PHLOX, per bunch long | 7.50 | 7.50 |
| VERONICA, per bunch, long | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| SNAPDRAGON, bunched 10 long | 12.00 | 12.50 |
| SNAPDRAGON, bunched 10 short | 7.00 | 7.50 |
| SUNFLOWER, bunched 5's long | 5.00 | 5.50 |
| SUNFLOWER, Teddy Bear per stem long | .85 | .85 |
| ZINNIA, per bunch long | 6.50 | 8.50 |

HERB PRICES

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| BASIL, 1/lb bag NJ | 6.00 | 8.00 |
| CILANTRO, 1/2 carton bunched 24 NJ | 25.00 | 26.00 |
| DILL, bunched 24's NJ | 35.00 | 38.00 |
| HORSERADISH, 5lb MIZZ | 12.00 | 14.00 |
| ANISE, 24ct CA | 24.00 | 26.00 |
| OREGANO, 1lb bag NJ | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| ROSEMARY, 1lb ba CA | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| SAGE, 1lb bag NJ | 9.00 | 9.00 |
| SALSIFY, 5/1kg bags BEL | 24.00 | 26.00 |
| THYME, 1lb COL | 6.00 | 8.00 |
| WATERCRESS, bunched 24's AL | 17.00 | 17.50 |

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