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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

PUBLIC ACT 490—A NEW GUIDE AND RECOMMENDED VALUES

by Ron Olsen, Agricultural Marketing Representative

Public Act 490 is a law that allows farm, forest, open space and maritime heritage Land to be assessed at use value rather than market or high-est value for the purpose of local property taxation. Section 12-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes states that every 5 years the Secretary of Office of Policy and Management (OPM) shall in consultation with the Commissioner of Agriculture develop recommended use values for these classifications. In order to complete this process for 2010, a committee was established in early winter consisting of OPM, CT Department of Agriculture, CT Farm Bureau, CT Association of Assessing Officers, Farm Credit East and several individual producers to begin the formulation of these new figures. In addition, it was decided that a new PA 490 informational guide should be updated and published to go along with the new use values.

The first step was to send out a land value rental survey for each land class to all Connecticut landowners who rented land for farming purposes. We redid the survey to make it more user friendly and this was sent to thousands of possible landowners. In addition the process was advertised and promoted through many association newsletters and at many agricultural events. These values were collected and an average rental value for each class of land was tabulated. There are seven classes of agricultural land. They are Tillable A-D, Orchard, Pasture and Swamp/ledge/scrub. The forestland figure is a separate number determined by our State Forester from the Department of Environmental Protection. These figures are then plugged into a use value formula: Use value = Rental value/Capitalization rate. Capitalization is the process of determining values from annual income. The committee met several times and also via emails to go over the figures and to produce recommended use values. The methodology used was approved by all. A separate piece that goes along with the values titled, 2010 PA 490 Development Process explains the process and how the figures were developed.

The PA 490 guide took a much longer time to produce. The original guide was retooled with more information added and includes any new statutes regarding PA 490 since the last guide was published in 2002. The committee tried to make it much more reader friendly with several new sections added. Some section highlights include Effects of PA 490 on Town Budgets, separate informational sections on Farmland, Forestland, Open Space and Maritime Heritage Land classification, the Conveyance Tax, the Appeals Process and an appendix listing many of the important court cases involving PA 490. This comprehensive guide is made especially for the assessor and for the farmer. The town assessor has the final say as to

whether or not an application for Farmland Classification is approved so we wanted this guide to be a tool for the assessor to use when determining this classification.

Once published, the recommended use values will be sent to all Connecticut assessors and the Guide itself will be available online through the department website and the Connecticut Farm Bureau. July of 2010 is the proposed completion date for this project.

FARM CREDIT AWARDS \$30,000 TO NORTHEAST FARM PROGRAMS

The Northeast Farm Credit associations and CoBank recently awarded \$30,000 to 12 organizations as part of the Farm Credit Northeast AgEnhancement Program. The grants help recipients promote northeast agriculture, support youth programs and generate a greater understanding of the Northeast's vital agricultural, commercial fishing and forest products industries among the nonfarm public.

The associations include Farm Credit East (Enfield, Conn.); Yankee Farm Credit (Williston, Vt.); and Farm Credit of Maine (Auburn, Maine). In partnership with CoBank (Denver, Colo.), the financial organizations have a long history of supporting farm programs through their Farm Credit Northeast AgEnhancement Program. Since its inception in 1996, the AgEnhancement Program has awarded more than \$1.1 million through 418 grants.

Recent grant recipients

Individual awards are considered in April, August and December each year. The most recent grants highlight Farm Credit's ongoing partnership with organizations that make a significant difference in the lives of people involved in all aspects of agriculture.

- American Farmland Trust (AFT) will use its \$3,500 grant to analyze a regional supply chain of dairy consumption and dairy marketing opportunities and to identify barriers to success in the dairy industry. Staff from AFT and Tufts University's Agriculture, Food and Environmental Program will work together on this two-year project.

- With its \$5,000 grant, Cornell Cooperative Extension Saratoga County will develop a leadership and communications skills training program for agricultural producers and professionals from the Capital District and Hudson Valley. The program will include nine workshops for up to 50 participants.

- A \$500 grant to the Dartmouth YMCA Program will support a summer day camp that features a young farmers' program with local farmers as camp mentors.

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NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

May 24, 2010

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

EXTRA LARGE	81-85
LARGE	75-79
MEDIUM	60-62

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, May 24, 2010

Live animals brought the following average prices
per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	15.00	22.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	37.50
76-90 lbs.	45.00	48.00
91-105 lbs.	55.00	60.00
106 lbs. & up	65.00	75.00
Farm Calves	82.50	92.00
Started Calves	25.00	27.00
Veal Calves	60.00	125.00
Open Heifers	66.00	100.00
Beef Heifers	69.00	81.00
Feeder Steers	78.00	92.50
Beef Steers	62.50	76.00
Stock Bulls	66.00	105.00
Beef Bulls	60.00	85.00
Sows	1 @	62.50
Feeder Pigs each	27.50	30.00
Sheep each	50.00	95.00
Lambs each	70.00	110.00
Goats each	65.00	140.00
Kid Goats each	45.00	130.00
Canners	Up to	47.00
Cutters	47.50	50.00
Utility Grade Cows	51.00	53.00
Rabbits each	6.00	36.00
Chickens each	4.00	18.00
Ducks each	4.00	12.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.
Auction will be held on Memorial Day,
Monday, May 31, as usual.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, May 24, 2010

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Premium White	65-75% lean		
57.00-59.50	-----		52.00-55.00
Lean	85-90% lean		
47.00-51.50	-----		42.00-46.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1			
1155-1675 lbs		68.00-73.00	
high dress		68.00-73.00	
1825-2495 lbs		62.50-65.50	
Bullocks: 905-1455 lbs		70.00-75.00	
CALVES: Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1			
95-120 lbs		125.00-140.00	
80-90 lbs		115.00-130.00	
Number 2 95.-125 lbs		105.00-124.00	
75-90 lbs		95.00-110.00	
Number 3 75-125 lbs		70.00-90.00	
Holstein Heifer Calves: Number 1			
90-95 lbs		170.00-210.00	
Number 2 75-100 lbs		120.00-150.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn			
Choice and Prime 2-3			
40-60 lbs		154.00-170.00	

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 9 - 1/2 gal	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Mcintosh,us#1 80ct	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Red Delicious 12/ 3-lb bags xfcy	16.00	16.00
CHIVES, 1-lb bag	8.00	8.00
FIDDLEHEADS, per lb	3.00	3.00
MINT, 1/2 bu	8.00	10.00
POTATOES, Russett 10 - 5lb bags	9.00	9.00
RADISHES, 24ct	13.00	13.00
RHUBARB, 20lb	32.00	32.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1-qt	24.00	24.00
TOMATOES, Vine Ripes 25lb box med, ghouse	15.00	15.00

SHIPPED IN

ASPARAGUS, 28lb NJ	58.00	58.00
BEANS, Green bu handpicked GA	16.00	16.00
BEETS, Red 12's NJ	12.00	12.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1-pint NC	20.00	24.00
BOK CHOY, Baby 50lb NJ	18.00	20.00
BROCCOLI RABE, 20lb CA	34.00	34.00
COLLARD GREENS, 12-16s NJ	11.00	11.00
CORN, 4 1/2 dz FL	14.00	15.00
CUCUMBER, 1-1/9bu med GA	22.00	24.00
DANDELION GREENS, 12's NJ	15.00	15.00
ESCAROLE, 1.3 bu NJ	12.00	13.00
HORSERADISH, 5lb MIZZ	12.00	12.00
KOHLRABI, 12's NJ	14.00	15.00
LEEEKS, 12's NJ	15.00	16.00
LETTUCE, Boston 24ct NJ	12.00	13.00
LETTUCE, Red Leaf 24ct NJ	14.00	15.00
LETTUCE, Romaine 24ct NJ	12.00	13.00
NAPPA, 1.3 bu NJ	14.00	14.00
ONION, Vidalia jbo 40lb GA	33.00	33.00
PEAS, English, bu CA	45.00	45.00
PEACHES, 1/2 bu 2-1/2 min SC	21.00	22.00
PEPPER, Bell xlg ,1-1/9 bu Green FL	18.00	20.00
SPINACH, 1.3 bu Flat NJ	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2bu NJ	6.00	8.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2bu med NJ	6.00	8.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

60-80 lbs	140.00-158.00
90-110 lbs	138.00-150.00
130-150 lbs	125.00-140.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3:	
Medium Flesh 120-160 lbs	64.00-72.00
160-200 lbs	56.00-74.00
200-300 lbs	52.00-68.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection	
1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.	
Kids: 40-60 lbs	88.00-118.00
60-80 lbs	112.00-134.00
80-100 lbs	124.00-150.00
100-110 lbs	132.00-148.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	110.00-128.00
130-180 lbs	120.00-136.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	167.00-182.00
150-250 lbs	190.00-205.00

NEW HOLLAND,PA HOG AUCTION

Mon May 24, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual weights,
prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-300 lbs	61.50-63.50
45-49	300-350 lbs	48.00-49.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	47.00-50.00
	500-700 lbs	51.00-55.00

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:
May 24, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	86-90
LARGE	84-88
MEDIUM	67-71

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

Monday May 24, 2010

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

	Premium
Alfalfa	140.00-145.00
Mixed Hay	140.00-145.00
	Good
Timothy	110.00-140.00
Straw	90.00-125.00

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE RETAIL REPORT

Retail Prices at Grocery Stores
in the Northeast
Week of May 21, 2010
Prices are in dollars per pound
unless otherwise stated.

VEGETABLES

Asparagus	2.99 - 3.49
Broccoli	1.50 - 2.00 per bunch
Cabbage	0.49 - 0.59
Carrots, Baby organic	1.29 - 2.49 1lb bag
Celery	0.99 - 1.50 each
Cucumbers	0.33 - 0.75 each
Lettuce, Romaine	0.88 - 1.50 each
Mushrooms, White	1.79 - 2.00 8oz pkg
Peppers, Bell green	0.99 - 1.99
Peppers, Bell red	3.99 - 3.99
Potatoes, Russet	1.99 - 2.99 5lb bag
Squash, Zucchini	0.99 - 1.79
Tomatoes on the vine	0.99 - 2.99

FRUITS

Apples, Red delicious	0.99 - 1.49
Avocados, Haas	0.67 - 1.66 each
Cantaloup	2.99 - 2.99 each
Grapes, Green/Red	0.99 - 2.79
Lemons	0.33 - 0.67 each
Mangoes	0.59 - 1.66 each
Nectarines	1.99 - 1.99
Oranges, Navel	0.33 - 1.00 each
Peaches	0.98 - 2.99
Strawberries	1.49 - 2.99 16oz pkg
Strawberries organic	2.99 - 3.99 16 oz pkg

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46-R. 300 tomato cages, 4ft tall, steel reinforcing wire, \$3.00 each, Killingworth:860-663-3282

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87-R. 30 bales of hay \$3.50 each. 203-235-63550.

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□ The Eastern States FFA Planning Committee will use its \$8,000 AgEnhancement grant for the Eastern States FFA Star program, which will run during The Big E in September 2010. Through this program, FFA representatives from 14 states compete in four categories: Star Farmer, Star Agribusiness, Star Agricultural Placement and Star Agriscience.

□ Eden Regional Farm Museum will use its \$1,500 grant to promote local food production in a five-county area while educating the nonfarm public about the business of agriculture.

□ The New England Green Pasture's \$4,000 grant supports agricultural programs at The Big E, such as Outstanding Dairy Farm of the Year and Salute to Agriculture.

□ The New Hampshire 4-H Foundation uses its \$3,000 grant to sponsor a trip for 25 teens from Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire. The day gives the 4-Hers a first-hand look at career opportunities on a number of different farms, ag research facilities and ag businesses.

□ A \$1,000 grant will help NOFA-NJ develop a curriculum and training program to help farmers establish and operate farm markets.

□ NY Pork Producers Empire Swine Youth Program applies its \$1,000 grant to a multi-faceted event that helps young people challenge their knowledge of the swine industry and their management and interviewing skills. The event is held at the New York State Fair.

□ The New Hampshire Institute of Agriculture and Forestry will use its \$1,000 grant to pilot a project on the production of four-season greenhouse vegetables and fruit.

□ The Last Green Valley will use its \$1,000 grant to develop a Web site of resources to help Connecticut and Massachusetts farmers advance agriculture in their 35-town area.

□ A \$500 grant will help Regional Dairy Extension provide in-service training for northeast and mid-Atlantic dairy Extension agents.

Farm Credit Northeast AgEnhancement Program

□ Created: 1996

□ Total grant dollars since 1996: \$1,112,656

□ Total projects supported: 418

□ Proposal submission dates: April 1, August 1, December 1

□ Contact: Robert A. Smith, Farm Credit East, 2668 State Route 7, Suite 21, Cobleskill, NY 12043

□ Phone: 518.296.8188

□ Send funding proposals to: AgEnhancement@FarmCreditEast.com

□ For information: FarmCreditEast.com/Resources-and-Reports.aspx

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BROOKLYN AG DAYS HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Brooklyn Ag Days is an agricultural event which will be held on June 5th and 6th at the Brooklyn Fair Grounds located on Route 169 in Brooklyn, Connecticut. The gates open at 7am and events start at 9am on both days. Admission is \$5.00 per person and children under 12 are free. There is no charge for parking.

Special events on Saturday are: antique tractor pulls, 4x4 truck pulls, horse show, gymkhana show, ox pull and a pedal tractor pull for children 3 to 7 years of age. Also, a chicken BBQ will be held at 5pm. Chicken BBQ tickets must be purchased during the Ag Days event and the cost is \$9.00 per ticket. Your ticket includes chicken, baked potato, corn, roll, a drink and dessert. Sunday events include a draft horse pull, lawnmower races, garden tractor pull and a draft horse show.

Events happening on both Saturday and Sunday are the antique tractor and engine shows, swap meet, antique farm equipment and working exhibits, as well as crafts, activities for children and a basket raffle. The basket raffle will be drawn on Sunday, June 6th. It is not necessary to be present to win.

Please see the website for a complete schedule of events at www.brooklynagdays.org. For information about being an exhibitor or for any questions about Brooklyn Ag Days, please contact Amy at 860-617-6315.

From young to old it is a great time for all!

NEW METHODS DEVELOPED TO DETECT, MEASURE POTATO PHYTONUTRIENTS

Potatoes come in all shapes, sizes and colors-including tubers with red, yellow, orange and purple flesh. This diversity also applies to phytonutrients, Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists in Prosser, Wash., are discovering.

Together with colleagues, they've devised new analytical procedures for rapidly detecting and measuring phytonutrient concentrations in the tubers. Phytonutrients are plant compounds that are of particular interest for their potential to help diminish the risk of cardiovascular disease, respiratory problems and certain cancers, note Roy Navarre and Chuck Brown, geneticists with the ARS Vegetable and Forage Crop Research Unit in Prosser.

Using the new analytic methods, Navarre and Brown profiled the phytonutrient contents of several hundred lines of wild and cultivated potato. For example, their analysis of phytonutrients known as phenolics showed concentrations that ranged from 100 to more than 1,500 milligrams per 100 grams dry weight in the potatoes.

One type of phenolic, called chlorogenic acid, is being tested by university cooperators for its potential to lower blood pressure. Also of interest are potatoes with high antioxidant activity, which is credited with helping neutralize cell-damaging molecules in the body called free radicals. Some potatoes boast antioxidant levels that rival vegetables such as spinach, Navarre reports.

Read more about the phytonutrient studies, as well as other potato research being conducted by ARS scientists at other locations, in the May/June 2010 issue of Agricultural Research magazine, available online at: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/AR/archive/may10/potatoes0510.htm>.

ARS is the principal intramural scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The research also supports the USDA priority of improving nutrition and health.

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