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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### FARM-TO-CHEF SUMMER WORKSHOP 2008

by Linda Piotrowica, Marketing Representative

Despite torrential rain early in the morning on August 6th, most of the 52 culinary professionals registered for the 2008 CT Farm-to-Chef Summer Workshop braved the elements to come learn about CT seafood at the Bureau of Aquaculture's dock in Milford.

After a brief weather delay, the workshop kicked off slightly before 9:00 AM, just as the clouds broke and the skies cleared. Agriculture Commissioner F. Philip Prelli welcomed attendees with a brief discussion about the importance of the state's seafood industry and CT Grown products.

"I encourage each of you to learn as much as you can here today, and to seek out locally produced foods," Commissioner Prelli said. "With the increasing awareness and demand for local food, it can only benefit your business to feature CT Grown on your menu."

CT Seafood Council Executive Director Barbara Gordon encouraged the group to support the state's local seafood producers and enjoy the exceptional products they offer, noting they are the very freshest available.

Attendees then split into a number of small groups and began 30-minute rotations through a series of stations to learn about various aspects of the industry.

□ Peter Consiglio from Poppa C. LLC presented his challenges and rewards as a commercial fin-fisherman. He discussed different species available and regulations dictating what and how much he can catch.

□ Mike Theiler of Jeanette T. Fisheries taught the group about his life as one of a small group of lobstermen in the state. Using live lobsters to demonstrate, he offered pointers on selection and facts on the life cycle of the crustacean.

□ Nancy Follini and Joe Gilbert from Briarpatch Enterprises showed video footage taken aboard one of their boats, The Regulus, and displayed printed maps. They provided fascinating commentary on the scallop industry, including how different oceanic areas are closed and open to harvest at various times.

□ Kristin Frank from the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Aquaculture explained her role as an Environmental Analyst in monitoring and sampling water and inspecting the shoreline to determine water quality and any potentially hazardous conditions. Her work, along with others at the Bureau of Aquaculture, is vital in protecting the safety of shellfish consumed by the public.

□ Patty King, Boat Captain for Dolan Brothers Shellfish and Norm Bloom and Son LLC, along with Chad Simoneaux and Wishart from Gulf Shrimp Company, discussed the logistics of seafood distribution within the state. They helped provide attendees with a better understanding of how, where, and when CT seafood is available.

□ Larry Williams from Jessey D. Inc. explained his career as a shellfisherman who raises both clams and oysters. He talked about the intricate and labor-intensive process of farming under water, as well as the quality of shellfish produced here in the state.

Attendees came together just after noon to talk with Chefs Jonathan Rapp and Drew McLachlan, who had brought their Dinners at the Farm truck to the site to prepare a scrumptious fish stew from a variety of fresh CT Seafood. The chefs discussed their passion for local ingredients and why it is so important for them and their peers to support local farmers and producers.

After lunch, attendees were welcomed aboard one of Larry Williams shellfish boats for an up-close look at the equipment and electronics needed to be an underwater farmer. Larry shared many stories of his life on the water, including breaking through thick ice during the winter and feeling his hair stand on end as lightning struck down only a few yards from his boat during a storm.

"Some people have this romantic idea of life on the water as a commercial fisherman, said Mr. Williams. "But in reality, it is very difficult, physically demanding work that requires quite a diverse skill set. It seems that every day there is some sort of repair that needs to be done or other issue that must be dealt with."

By mid-afternoon, the sky was blue and the sun was shining. Many smiles were worn and warm words of praise delivered as the chefs slowly departed and said their good-byes.

After the event, the Department of Agriculture received a tremendous amount of favorable feedback. Marc Hussey, General Manager of Corporate Services for Sodexo at the CIGNA Wilde Building, remarked, "Both my chef and I had a great time. The day was very educational, professional and an excellent opportunity for us chefs to have a fuller understanding of the responsibilities and restrictions of the CT shellfish and lobster industry. It was amazing. Hats off to you all, you did a great job!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

David Pascucci, Executive Chef at Danbury Hospital, provided further validation of the day's positive impact: "Linda had a great time at

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**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.**

**August 25, 2008**

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

EXTRA LARGE	120-123
LARGE	118-122
MEDIUM	82-84

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, August 25, 2008

Live animals brought the following average prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	25.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	48.00	60.00
76-90 lbs.	67.50	70.00
91-105 lbs.	72.00	80.00
106 lbs. & up	85.00	89.00
Farm Calves	100.00	200.00
Started Calves	30.00	38.00
Veal Calves	105.00	157.50
Open Heifers	82.00	85.00
Beef Heifers	60.00	63.00
Feeder Steers	77.50	130.00
Stock Bulls	76.00	125.00
Beef Bulls	69.75	75.00
Hogs,Barrows and Gilts	103.00	108.00
Feeder Pigs each	36.00	47.50
Sheep each	30.00	50.00
Lambs each	57.50	135.00
Goats each	45.00	137.50
Kid Goats each	20.00	47.50
Canners	Up to	53.75
Cutters	54.00	56.00
Utility Grade Cows	57.50	65.75
Rabbits each	5.50	25.00
Chickens each	4.00	20.00
Ducks each	3.00	14.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction. The Auction will be held on Labor Day, September 1, 2008 as usual.

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION  
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008**

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>			
Breakers	75-80% lean		
	61.00-64.00	64.00-65.00	58.00-61.00
Boners	80-85% lean	58.00-61.00	
	61.00-63.00	56.00-58.00	
Lean	85-90% lean		
	55.00-58.00	58.00-60.50	51.00-55.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS:</b> Yield Grade 1-2			
	1030-1720 lbs	71.00-75.00	
	1990-2065 lbs	65.00-69.00.	
<b>Bullocks:</b>			
	925-1220 lbs	74.00-79.00.	
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS:</b> Woolled & Shorn			
	Choice and Prime 2-3		
	40-50 lbs	144.00-158.00	
	50-60 lbs	140.00-146.00	
	60-70 lbs	124.00-141.00	
	70-80 lbs	124.00-142.00	
	80-90 lbs	116.00-136.00	
	90-110 lbs	109.00-130.00	

**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5lb	10.00	11.00
APPLES, Ginger Gold fcy bu 2-1/2 min	26.00	28.00
APPLES, Paula Red 12 – 3lb bags	24.00	24.00
APPLES, Paula Red 80ct exfcy	30.00	32.00
APPLES, Paula Red Totes 8-5lb bags	25.00	25.00
BEANS, Green bu hand-picked	15.00	16.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1-pts with lids	27.00	27.00
BROCOLLI, 14ct	12.00	13.00
BROCOLLI, Cut Crown 20lb	14.00	15.00
CARROTS, 24 bunched	17.00	17.00
CHIVES, 1-lb bags, 12ct	7.00	8.00
CORN, 5 dz CT	10.00	10.00
CUCUMBERS, med 1-1/9bu	14.00	14.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu med	10.00	10.00
KALE, 12-16's	11.00	11.00
LEEKs, 12's	16.00	20.00
MINT, 12's	8.00	8.00
NECTARINES, 1/2bu, 2-1/2up	26.00	28.00
PEACHES, 1/2 bu 2-1/2 min	22.00	24.00
PEACHES, White 1/2bu 2-1/2up	26.00	28.00
PEARS, Clapp 2-1/2" min 4/5bu	26.00	28.00
PEPPERS, Cubanelles lge	12.00	12.00
PEPPERS, Green med 1-1/9 bu	7.00	8.00
PEPPERS, Green lge 1-1/9 bu	9.00	9.00
PEPPERS, Green xlge 1-1/9 bu	10.00	10.00
POTATOES, 50lb chef	17.00	18.00
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu lge	12.00	12.00
SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9 bu med-lge	17.00	18.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu med-lge	16.00	17.00
SQUASH, Spaghetti 1-1/9 bu med	18.00	18.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu sm-med	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, Zucchini 1/2 bu med	8.00	8.00
TOMATOES, 25lb box lge	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Grape 12-1pt	10.00	10.00
TOMATOES, Heirloom 10lb med-lge	28.00	28.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

110-130 lbs	100.00-116.00	COD LGE
130-150 lbs	100.00-118.00	MKT
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS:</b> All goats are Selection		SCRD
1, sold by the head, estimated weights.		POLLOCK
Kids:	50-60 lbs 78.00-80.00	POLL MED 1/
	60-70 lbs 88.00-100.00	WOLF
Yearlings:	70-80 lbs 100.00-136.00	CUSK
	80-90 lbs 118.00	HAKE LGE
Nannies/Does:	80-130 lbs 68.00-90.00	MED
Bucks/Billies:	100-150 lbs 164.00-175.00	BLUEFISH DRESSED
150-250 lbs	150.00-180.00	DABS LGE

**NEW HOLLAND,PA HOG AUCTION**

FOR Mon August 25, 2008

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

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	61.00-64.50
	270-300 lbs	58.00-61.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	58.00-61.00
	270-300 lbs	55.00-57.75
40-45	220-270 lbs	55.00-58.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	49.00-54.00
	500-700 lbs	54.00-59.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	12.00-14.50

**METROPOLITAN AREA  
U.S.D.A.**

**NEW YORK PRICES  
WHITE EGGS  
TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,  
Grade A eggs on:  
**August 25, 2008**

EXTRA LARGE	127-131
LARGE	125-129
MEDIUM	89-93

Above quotations based on  
CARTON sales to retailers.

**NEW BEDFORD  
WHALING CITY SEAFOOD  
DISPLAY AUCTION**

SEA SCALLOPS LANDINGS &  
PRICES IN 1,000 LBS  
DATE 8/25/08

SPECIES	LBS/MIN/HIGH
U/12 CHANNEL 1/	0.0 840 840
10/20	1.1 715 740
30/40	1.1 715 740
10/20 MID ATL	6.0 690 735
20/30	5.0 700 725

**NEW BEDFORD  
WHALING CITY SEAFOOD  
DISPLAY AUCTION**

FISH LANDINGS AND PRICES  
IN 1,000 LBS & \$/CWT  
DATE 8/25/08

SPECIES	LBS/MIN/HIGH
HADDOCK 0.2	241 241
HADD SCR1.2	161 214
GILLNET LGE COD	
	0.1 236 241
MKT	1.7 199 235
SCRD	0.2 162 222
	0.5 213 235
	3.5 237 254
	1.2 202 237
	0.1 74 74
	0.0 70 70
	0.0 37 37
	0.0 22 22
	0.0 171 171
	0.0 110 110
	0.2 52 52
	0.1 184 212
	0.3 189 189
	2.2 128 138
	0.0 40 40
	0.2 467 467
	1.4 272 272
	2.0 187 197
	6.5 202 202
	2.1 207 207
	0.0 167 167
	3.3 159 162
	2.8 121 132
	3.9 334 441
	4.3 325 341
	21.7 47 52

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### 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 or ddonahue01@comcast.net..

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049 or ddonahue01@comcast.net, Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency.

4-R. Gallagher High Tensile and portable electric fencing for farms, deer control, gardens. 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.

10-R. CT Grown Mesh Bags - The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has CT Grown Mesh Bags for sale. The dimensions are 16" l x 5" w x 12" h. They are being sold by the case (40 per case) for \$156.16. For more information or to order, please call (860)713-2503.

12-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, stakes, mantles, portable and custom sawing available. (203) 788-2430.

93. Irrigation system – covers 3 acres. Complete with all fittings plus trailer. \$3,000 firm. Call (860) 289-5188 or (860) 289-5055 for more information.

123-R. Battery powered price computing scales with state compliance, battery powered cash registers, repair of all types of scales. (800) 403-5919.

154-R. Hay for sale – 4 x 4 round bales. Call (203) 484-0664.

167-R. Irrigation Equipment: Chevy propane Berkley 6"-5" pump, pto Marlow 6"-5" pump, 2040ft Tico 5" pipe, 9000+ft 2" w/Wade fittings, Fitomate self-flushing filter. Call for pricing. Maple Lane Farms (860) 889-3766.

181-R. Four Ashire heifers, 18 months, ready to breed, good body type, two with horns, two without - \$900 each. One bull calf, 3 month - \$300. Halter broke. (860) 857-2446.

184. 1992 Wildcat Compost Turner, model #CX 750 ME, Cummins Diesel 177 HP, American Coupler Systems coupler for attaching to a loader, complete with electric controls, serviced and ready to use - \$10,000 or best offer. 12'10" Taylor-Way Harrow with 20" smooth discs - \$2,000. 943 Bobcat loader - \$4,500. Dresser 520B with cab and 4in1 bucket – needs transmission - \$3,000. Call Greg in Connecticut (860) 668-7371 x213.

191-R. For Sale: Approx 350 ft overhead trolley sys w/trolleys beams are 8x5x3 \$1200. J.D.#32 3ph wood splitter- 26" stroke \$700. Ford 801 Gas \$3000; Ford 801 Diesel \$3500; Ford 19 series loader \$750; Ford front snow plow \$600; Fits Ford 1 spool hyd vavle complete \$500; New and used steel shelving; Wallace Gantry rolling crane & more. Pete @ 860-267-4341

193-R. Massey Harris tractor T35, HP, 3 point hitch and snow plow. Good condition. \$3,200. (203) 269-9070.

194-R. John Deere 5300 tractor-loader w/quick-tach 10A backhoe. 2400 hours. Very good condition - \$18,500. Art Clauson (860) 984-3196 Niantic.

### WANTED

83-R. Wanted: Land to Lease: Small, outdoor recreational club seeks lease of properties with wetlands, fields and woodland. Looking for long possible term arrangements. References available. Leave message 860-303-5252.

192-R. Antique windmill wanted, working or in good condition. (203) 298-8589.

### 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.

8-R. Horse properties, Farms and Land. Ralph's the man specializing in all types of Real Estate. With a lifetime of agricultural and business experience he is the best choice to represent both buyers and sellers and make your dreams come true. Call Ralph Winn with Century 21 Alaimo & Corrado at (860) 648-6902 or www.winwithWINN.com.

195-R. Bushiness opportunities Village of Wapping@ Buckland Hills: 20 acre calander scene farm, 27.000 cars per day, yet rural. NNN land leases, %gross. Must have Financial H.P. Strong work ethic. (1) Pony Hay Rides, (2) Home grown Restaurants, (3) Ice Cream Barn, (4) B&B (8bdm) Farm HomeStays, (5) Mini Golf, (6) Farm Market General Store Deli. Hilltop site, 100 mile view for Hotel Convention center. God Bless, I am Bill Krawski, owner, dirt farmer - 130 Buckland Rd. South Windsor, Ct 06074, 860-644-8486.

### TIME RUNNING OUT FOR DISASTER BUY-IN WAIVER

Bonnie E. Burr, State Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Connecticut says producers who would otherwise be ineligible for the disaster assistance programs available through the 2008 Farm Bill have only a few weeks left to pay a fee so they can become eligible. The buy-in fee is due no later than Sept. 16, 2008, 90 days after the date of enactment, as required by the 2008 Farm Bill

"The 2008 Farm Bill requires producers who wish to participate in the new disaster programs to have crop insurance or noninsured crop disaster assistance (NAP) coverage for the land for which assistance is being requested, and for all farms in all counties in which they have an interest," says SED Burr

According to SED Burr since the 2008 Farm Bill was enacted after the application periods had closed for those programs, producers who did not have such coverage could not comply with this requirement in order to be eligible for the new disaster programs. However, the Farm Bill authorizes a waiver that allows producers to pay a fee, called a "buy-in" fee, to be eligible for this new disaster assistance. Every producer whose crops, including grazing lands, are not fully covered by crop insurance or NAP may take advantage of this one-time opportunity.

"Those who miss this opportunity will not be eligible for disaster assistance," says SED Burr.

Producers are also reminded that the payment of the applicable buy-in fee does not afford the producer crop insurance or NAP coverage; it only provides eligibility for the 2008 disaster programs.

The crop insurance and NAP coverage requirements will be waived in 2008 for producers who did not obtain crop insurance or NAP coverage by the applicable sales closing date, if the producer files an application for waiver and pays a buy-in fee in an amount equal to the 2008 applicable NAP coverage or catastrophic risk protection plan fee for the crop or grazing lands.

The buy-in fee for 2008 eligibility only for either the catastrophic risk protection insurance (CAT) or NAP is \$100 per crop, but not more than \$300 per producer per administrative county, or \$900 total per producer for all counties less any previously paid fees for CAT and/or NAP. Producers can contact their local administrative FSA county office to file the application for waiver and pay the applicable fees.

The applicable buy-in form must be completed and applicable fees paid by Sept. 16. Payment of the applicable fees will allow the producer to be eligible for benefits for losses under Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program, Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and Emergency Assistance Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP).

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the event last week and learned a great deal. Have new respect for people that make a living on the waters around CT. Went to the Milford farmers market on Saturday - saw Larry [Williams, who sells his shellfish at the market]...I purchased 3# of little necks from Larry and my 10-year-old son ate them all Saturday night! Thanks for getting us in touch with some great people."

Thanks go to everyone who attended as well as the men and women who took the time out of their extremely busy schedules to speak, participate, and present at the workshop. In addition, gratitude goes out to the following others who made the day possible: Rick Macsuga, CT Department of Agriculture; David Carey, CT Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture; and Don Bell, CT Seafood Council.

Farm-to-Chef is a free program that helps connect local culinary professionals with producers and distributors of CT Grown products. Informational newsletters, workshops, networking, promotions and other opportunities are provided to members as part of the program. Farmers, wholesalers, chefs, and other food service professionals are encouraged to join. For more information, please contact Linda Piotrowicz at 860-713-2558 or Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov.

**CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE**

On September 20, 2008, Celebrating Agriculture will be held at the Woodstock Fair Grounds, Woodstock, CT from 9am until 3pm.

This agricultural education event showcases the benefits agriculture provides to the Quinebaug-Shetucket region as well as the challenges farms face today. Celebrating Agriculture was developed in 2001 in an effort to promote community education and participation in agriculture, as well as to support consumer purchasing of local farm products.

We hope that community members learn more about forestry, farming, recreational agriculture, and all the other important faces of agriculture today, and enjoy a day of good food and fun for all ages. The event is free. Breakfast is \$3 for kids, \$5 for adults. Parking is also free.

For more information go to [www.celebratingagriculture.org](http://www.celebratingagriculture.org) on the web or contact Dawn Pindell, 860-774-8397 ext: 109.

**ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

APPLES, Gala 90's NZ	77.00	77.00
APPLES, Fuji 80ct xfcy CHILE	65.00	65.00
AVOCADOS, Hass 48ct	48.00	49.00
BANANAS 40lb	21.00	23.00
BLACKBERRIES, lge 12 – 1/2pt CA	47.00	47.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12 1-pint NJ	65.00	65.00
GRAPES, Thompson 19lb CA	34.00	34.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 7/10 bu 36ct CA	35.00	35.00
HONEYDEW, 2/3 cart 6's CA	20.00	20.00
LEMONS, 115ct CA	92.00	92.00
MUSHROOMS, Portobella 5lb PA	18.00	18.00
MUSHROOMS, White 10lb lge PA	19.00	24.00
NECTARINES, 40-42ct CA	47.00	47.00
ORANGES, Valencia 72 ct CA	40.00	40.00
PEACHES, 60 ct CA	37.00	37.00
PLUMS, Friar 28lb CA	10.00	10.00
POTATOES, Sweet Beauregard 40lb CA	30.00	30.00
POTATOES, Russett 10-5lb bags	24.00	26.00
RASPBERRIES 12 – 1/2pt CA	36.00	36.00
SPINACH, Baby 4lb CA	12.00	16.00



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