



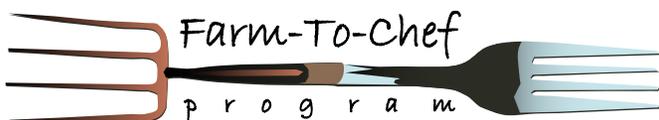
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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .



FARM-TO-CHEF ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD JANUARY 31

by Linda Piotrowicz, Marketing Representative

The Farm-to-Chef Program will hold its fourth annual meeting on Monday, January 31, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Saybrook Point Inn and Spa (<http://www.saybrook.com/>) in Old Saybrook.

Who should attend? All members of the Farm-to-Chef Program (<http://tinyurl.com/FarmtoChef>) are strongly encouraged to be there. Producers, chefs, and others involved in agriculture or commercial foodservice who are interested in learning more about this program are invited as well.

What is on the agenda? This year's meeting will feature several presentations, group exercises, networking, and a delicious CT Grown lunch.

Carlos Cassar, Saybrook Point Inn and Spa's executive chef, will talk about his dedication to using ingredients from local farms, as well as the inn and spa's volunteer Green Team, which works passionately to promote sustainability in many different areas of the facility.

Christine Applewhite from the Connecticut Department of Public Health's Food Protection Program (<http://tinyurl.com/DPHFood>) will provide a refresher on which farm products are approved for use in foodservice and how new legislation will help expand choices for chefs. She will also welcome questions from the audience and try to clarify any confusion that may exist regarding specific foods.

Bill Duesing, executive director of the Connecticut chapter of the Northeast Organic Farming Association (CT NOFA) (<http://www.ctnofa.org/>), will explain the legal definition of and practices used in "organic" production and give an overview of the Farmer's Pledge and other environmentally friendly farming labels that are becoming increasingly popular.

Two new group exercises will provide opportunities to meet and get to know one another better, and to think and problem solve in a fun, productive environment.

Why attend? When attendees were asked what were the most important thing(s) learned at the 2010 annual meeting, their responses included

- "It really taught me how to go after restaurant business."
- "Overall very comprehensive learning day."
- "I needed to know how to get at the products year round. I have a much better idea."

- "How to communicate in a more effective way with chefs. Amazing amount of people this year – great contacts!"

- "Interesting to hear about how the recession is affecting producers and users, and hear conversations about working together through this period."

- "That we need to grow more product."

- "Learned of several new sources, some very close geographically."

- "Products that are produced yet underutilized."

- "The information about sourcing, buying, and selling CT Grown poultry products. A much-needed and under-available product."

- "New location to reach out to for products. Love the networking."

Other comments from 2010 meeting attendees included

- "Great networking, ideas, information!"

- "Making connections and dialog can solve a lot of problems."

- "Thank you for such a wonderful opportunity to network and have important conversations about how producers, restaurants, and institutions can learn how to work better together! We so appreciate having the Farm-to-Chef Program as a resource."

- "Excellent program – covered a variety of very relevant topics."

- "The featured chef, how he spoke and what he said was very important to hear, to consider, and to understand. THIS is what growers need to hear."

- "I think we are heading in the right direction. Great to see the progress we have made."

- "Enjoyed the networking! Friendly participants. Great sharing of ideas and information."

- "Great venue to meet other like-minded CT Grown user/producers to help all of us be successful."

- "I think these meetings are very important and the more opportunities there are for farmers and chefs to be in the same room together, the better."

- "I love these meetings. I find the networking and sharing of ideas to be very inspiring, knowing that we are all supporting the same cause."

There is no charge to attend the meeting, but registration via Survey Monkey at <http://tinyurl.com/FTC2011AM> is required by January 17, 2011. Late registrations cannot be accepted due to the preparation required for the group exercises.

The Farm-to-Chef Program was established by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture in 2006. It helps connect producers and distributors of Connecticut grown ingredients with chefs and other foodservice professionals. It also helps the public locate restaurants and other dining venues that serve Connecticut grown foods. There is no charge to join the program. For more information, contact Linda Piotrowicz at Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov or 860-713-2558.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.
January 3, 2010

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

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 124-128 |
| LARGE | 122-126 |
| MEDIUM | 87-89 |

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, January 3, 2010

Live animals brought the following average prices
per cwt.:

| | Low | High |
|--------------------|-------------|--------|
| Bob Calves: | | |
| 45-60 lbs. | 15.00 | 20.00 |
| 61-75 lbs. | 25.00 | 35.00 |
| 76-90 lbs. | 42.00 | 47.50 |
| 91-105 lbs. | 50.00 | 55.00 |
| 106 lbs. & up | 60.00 | 65.00 |
| Farm Calves | 75.00 | 82.50 |
| Started Calves | 22.00 | 25.00 |
| Veal Calves | 55.00 | 95.00 |
| Open Heifers | 65.00 | 90.00 |
| Beef Heifers | 50.00 | 67.50 |
| Feeder Steers | 55.00 | 85.00 |
| Beef Steers | 53.00 | 64.00 |
| Stock Bulls | 70.00 | 95.00 |
| Beef Bulls | 67.00 | 74.00 |
| Boars | 1 @ 8.50 | |
| Sows each | 1 @ 30.00 | |
| Feeder Pigs each | 3 @ 60.00 | |
| Sheep each | 115.00 | 125.00 |
| Lambs each | 150.00 | 200.00 |
| Goats each | 65.00 | 195.00 |
| Canners | Up to 54.50 | |
| Cutters | 55.00 | 59.00 |
| Utility Grade Cows | 60.00 | 64.00 |
| Rabbits each | 7.00 | 25.00 |
| Chickens each | 4.00 | 16.00 |
| Ducks each | 6.00 | 16.00 |

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| APPLES, Fuji 88 ct WA | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| APPLES, Red Del 80ct xfcy WA | 38.00 | 38.00 |
| BROCCOLI, 14ct CA | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| GRAPEFRUIT, 32ct FL | 38.00 | 38.00 |
| CARROTS, 25lbs CA | 28.00 | 28.00 |
| CELERY, 24ct CA | 43.00 | 45.00 |
| LEMONS, 140ct CA | 39.00 | 39.00 |
| MESCULIN mix, 3lb CA | 7.50 | 9.00 |
| MUSHROOMS, White 10lb lge | 21.00 | 23.00 |
| ONION, 50lb jbo WA | 38.00 | 40.00 |
| ORANGE, 72ct Navel CA | 41.00 | 41.00 |
| PEAR, Bosc 4/5bu 90ct WA | 48.00 | 48.00 |
| PEPPER, red greenhouse 11lb SP | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| PINEAPPLE, 7ct CR | 20.50 | 24.50 |
| POTATOE 70ct, Russet ID | 47.00 | 47.00 |
| SPINACH, Baby 4lb Flat CA | 10.00 | 12.00 |
| TOMATOES, 15lb,grnhouse CAN | 53.00 | 53.00 |
| WINTER CRESS, 2.2lb bag | | |
| Greenhouse PA | 26.00 | 26.00 |

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, January 3, 2010

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

| | | |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Premium White | 65-75% lean | |
| 64.00-67.00 | 69.00-72.00 | ----- |

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

| | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| APPLE CIDER, 4-one gallon | 16.00 | 16.00 |
| APPLE CIDER, 9 half-gallons | 18.00 | 18.00 |
| APPLES, Cortland 80ct, us#1 | 13.00 | 14.00 |
| APPLES, Red Delicious, 12/3lb ,xfcy | 18.00 | 18.00 |
| APPLES, Macintosh 96ct ,xfcy | 21.00 | 21.00 |
| APPLES, Macintosh 12-3lb 2-1/2" fcy | 17.00 | 18.00 |
| CURRENT, Black, frozen fruit per lb | 1.60 | 2.20 |
| CURRENT, Black, juice 6/64oz | 13.00 | 14.25 |
| LETTUCE, 12/4oz Boston, greenhouse | 14.00 | 16.00 |
| PARSNIPS, 25lb bag | 21.00 | 21.00 |
| POTATOES, 10lb bag | 1.75 | 1.80 |
| POTATOES, Russet, 10oz min, 50lb | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| SQUASH, Blue Hubbard 50lb | 13.00 | 14.00 |
| SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9 bu | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| SQUASH, Butternut, 10lb peeled, per lb | .60 | .60 |
| TOMATOES, Cherry 5lb flat ,on vine | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| TOMATOES, Greenhouse 15lb flat | 32.00 | 32.00 |

SHIPPED IN

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| ARUGULA, 4lb med FLA | 13.00 | 14.00 |
| BEAN, Green handpicked bu FLA | 48.00 | 50.00 |
| BROCCOLI 14ct AZ | 14.00 | 16.00 |
| CABBAGE 50lb, green med CAN | 17.00 | 19.00 |
| CAULIFLOWER, 12ct AZ | 14.00 | 15.00 |
| CLEMENTINES, 5lb SP | 3.75 | 4.00 |
| CORN, 41/2 dz FLA | 35.00 | 36.00 |
| CUCUMBERS, 1 1/9 bu med MX | 21.00 | 22.00 |
| GARLIC, 30lb CA | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| GRAPEFRUIT, 32ct FL | 19.00 | 20.00 |
| LEMON, 115 ct AZ | 18.00 | 18.00 |
| LETTUCE, green leaf 24ct AZ | 16.00 | 18.00 |
| MUSHROOM 4 qt basket, white, med-lgn PA | 8.00 | 8.50 |
| ONION, 50lb, yellow med NY | 14.00 | 16.00 |
| ORANGES, 88ct Navel CA | 19.00 | 20.00 |
| PEARS, Bosc 4/5 bu 100ct OR | 34.00 | 34.00 |
| PEPPER, bell green xl FL | 14.00 | 16.00 |
| ROMAINE, 24ct AZ | 14.00 | 18.00 |
| TANGERINES, 100ct FL | 19.00 | 23.00 |

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

| | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Breakers | 75-80% lean | |
| 58.00-62.00 | 64.50-68.00 | 54.00-57.50 |
| Boners | 80-85% lean | |
| 56.50-60.50 | ----- | 52.00-55.50 |
| Lean | 85-90% lean | |
| 52.50-56.00 | 56.00-57.00 | 48.50-52.50 |
| SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 | | |
| | 1255-2215 lbs | 63.50-68.00 |
| Bullocks: 860-1265 lbs | | 69.00-73.00 |
| CALVES: All prices per cwt. | | |
| Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1 | | |
| | 95-125 lbs | 115.00-128.00 |
| | 90 lbs | 70.00-80.00 |
| SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets: | | |
| Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3 | | |
| | 50-60 lbs | 204.00-219.00 |
| | 60-80 lbs | 196.00-211.00 |
| Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3 | | |
| | 40-60 lbs | 164.00-190.00 |
| | 60-70 lbs | 182.00-194.00 |
| | 70-80 lbs | 158.00-173.00 |
| | 80-100 lbs | 170.00-186.00 |
| | 90-110 lbs | 153.00-168.00 |
| SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh | | |
| | 120-160 lbs | 128.00-141.00 |
| | 160-200 lbs | 110.00-111.00 |

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:
January 3, 2010

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 131-135 |
| LARGE | 129-133 |
| MEDIUM | 94-98 |

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

Week ending January 1, 2010
Hay and Straw Market for Eastern
Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid
by dealers at the farm and per ton.

| | Premium |
|-----------|---------------|
| Alfalfa | 170.00-210.00 |
| Mixed Hay | 140.00-160.00 |
| Timothy | 140.00-150.00 |
| | Good |
| Alfalfa | 110.00-140.00 |
| Mixed Hay | 120.00-140.00 |
| Timothy | 120.00-140.00 |
| | Fair |
| Alfalfa | 100.00-110.00 |
| Mixed Hay | 100.00-120.00 |

| | | |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| | 200-300 lbs | 108.00-123.00 |
| Ewes Utility 1-2: Thin Fleshed | | |
| | 120-160 lbs | 114.00-128.00 |
| | 160-200 lbs | 88.00-102.00 |
| SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights. | | |
| Kids: | 40-60 lbs | 119.00-134.00 |
| | 60-80 lbs | 139.00-168.00 |
| | 80-100 lbs | 148.00-175.00 |
| | 100-110 lbs | 173.00-187.00 |
| Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs | | 149.00-164.00 |
| | 130-180 lbs | 162.00-177.00 |
| Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs | | 198.00-213.00 |
| | 150-250 lbs | 222.00-237.00 |

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon January 3, 2010

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

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 220-270 lbs | 68.00-71.50 |
| | 270-300 lbs | 68.00-70.50 |
| | 300-400 lbs | 65.00-70.50 |
| | 220-270 lbs | 62.00-65.00 |
| | 270-300 lbs | 62.50-66.00 |
| | 300-400 lbs | 65.00-70.00 |
| Sows: US 1-3 | 400-500 lbs | 43.00-44.00 |
| | 500-600 lbs | 46.00-49.00 |

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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.

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188. Rye straw, seedless strawberry grade - \$5.00 per bale. Call 860-289-5188 or 860-289-5055.

11-R. Hay - excellent 1st cut, plastic wrapped round bales \$40. 860-886-0716.

14-R. Forklift - Yale 2,000# capacity, propane, pneumatic tires, \$1,400. (7) Wellmaster greenhouse carts, pneumatic tires \$3,000 all. Dzen Brothers Farm 860-648-1355.

15-R. Reg. Hereford Heifers for sale. www.doublehacres.net or 860-250-3311.

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23-R. JD 6405 2wd with loader. JD 6310 4x4 with loader. JD B, Farmall 300, JD 40 bulldozer. 3 NH balers 575's with throwers. JD 336 with kicker. Rakes, tedders. IH & JD front and rear wheel weights. JD 450B bulldozer. 10 ft Brillion seeder. IH 720 reset plows. 10 ft wheel harrow. 5-ton S.S. fertilizer spreader. 203-530-4953.

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

18-R. Looking for stands of red cedar for harvest, any quality, no brush will be left behind. Also seeking hemlock. Contact Charles Leigus 860-301-0673.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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16-R. Overgrown hedge rows, drainage ditches, fence lines or any other hard to reach areas? We have a solution. An Excavator mounted tree/brush mower capable of mowing 8"-12" diameters flush to the ground. Call for Brochure 860-875-0280.

19-R. Dr Herbert Van Kruiningen has resumed veterinary practice (860-634-4419). Dr VK is a Cornell graduate, who, following graduation taught Large Animal Medicine there for two years, and then worked exclusively with race horses for a summer at Belmont Park. For a number of years, 1970-1983, he had a veterinary practice at his home in Coventry, seeing both small and large animals. He has taught at the Tuff's Veterinary School and UCONN for many years, and is the author of Health and Disease Management of Animals, a book that addresses diseases of farm species and horses. Dr VK's practice is limited to farm livestock and equines.

20-R. Ever See a Bronto Eat? Burke Ridge Construction LLC, Mowing Division will be hosting a free demonstration to watch our Brontosaurus and Fecon mowers in action. On January 7 and 8, we will be mowing for Bahler

Farms, Ellington, CT. Come out to see what these machines can do, ask questions or talk to our operators. Call: 860-559-3009 or 860-614-4665 for more information. If you are unable to attend but have any questions, do not hesitate to call us.

DON'T MISS THE CT FARM ENERGY WORKSHOPS

Join the CT Farm Energy Program for a series of 5 free workshops in January 2011 about technical assistance and financial incentives that are available to AG producers as it relates to energy. Topics will include the CT Farm Energy Program, the new CT Farm Energy BMP Guide, NRCS EQIP program and grant and loan programs offered through USDA Rural Development REAP Grants (Renewable Energy for America Program) for renewable and energy efficiency projects.

Learn about the CT Farm Energy Program and the technical assistance it provides, along with an overview of the new Connecticut Farm Energy Best Management Practice (BMP) Guide.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will present information on funding available for select conservation practices allowed under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to address energy issues, and what is involved in applying for an Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP). Learn how the recommendations from the AgEMP can be funded through EQIP financial assistance.

CT Farm Energy Program will discuss in detail how to apply for a USDA Rural Development - REAP (Renewable Energy for America Program) Grant and go through the application binder for those interested in applying. CT Farm Energy Grant writers will be on hand to assist & answer questions.

January 5, 2011 @ 6 pm
Tolland County AG Center
24 Hyde Avenue (Rte 30), Vernon, CT 06066

January 10, 2011 @ 6 pm
Middlesex UConn Extension
1066 Saybrook Road (Rte 154), Haddam, CT 06438

January 19, 2011 @ 3 pm
Norwich USDA Service Center
238 West Town Street, Norwich, CT 06360

January 24, 2010 @ 6 pm
Windham UConn Extension
139 Wolf Den Road, Brooklyn, CT 06234

January 26, 2011 @ 3 pm
Windsor USDA Service Center
100 Northfield Drive, 4th Floor, Windsor, CT 06095

This series of workshops is made possible through the partnership of Eastern CT Resource Conservation & Development Area (RC&D), USDA Rural Development (RD), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the CT Farm Energy Program (CFEP). USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider

The workshops are free and open to the public to attend, please call or email the CT Farm Energy Program if you plan to attend so enough materials will be available.

Contact: Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Program Coordinator, CT Farm Energy Program. www.ctfarmenergy.org, 860-345-3977

DOAG JOINT VENTURE GRANTS

The Department of Agriculture will accept applications for the CT Grown Joint Venture Grant Program from January 1 through January 31, 2011.

This popular program offers matching funds for marketing projects that use the CT Grown logo or slogan. Eligible projects include signage, advertisements, billboards, brochures, websites, etc. This competitive program is open to producers and agricultural nonprofits. Awards will be announced in February 2011.

The guidelines, application, and state forms can be downloaded from the Department of Agriculture website, www.ctgrown.gov, click on Programs and Services, then CT Grown Joint Venture Grants. You can also call 860-713-2503 to have a copy of the information emailed to you.

RAIN GARDENS SPROUTING UP EVERYWHERE

By Don Comis

Rain gardens are increasingly popular with homeowners and municipalities and are mandatory for many communities nationally. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) scientists are finding ways to improve rain gardens so they not only reduce runoff, but also keep toxic metals out of storm drains.

Rain gardens are plantings in depressions that catch stormwater runoff from sidewalks, parking lots, roads and roofs. Rain gardens come in various shapes and sizes, from large basins carved by front-end loaders to small artificial streambed-like formations complete with pebbles. Rain gardens not only slow water down to give it time to soak into the ground and be used by plants, but also filter out sediment and chemical pollutants.

Plant physiologist Rich Zobel at the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Appalachian Farming Systems Research Center (AFSRC) at Beaver, W.Va., and research associate Amir Hass, who works for West Virginia State University in Institute, W.Va., and is stationed at Beaver, are working on improving rain gardens. They are collaborating with ARS hydrologist Doug Boyer and ARS soil chemist Javier Gonzalez at Beaver, and colleagues at the ARS Southern Regional Research Center (SRRRC) in New Orleans, La., and the ARS Eastern Regional Research Center (ERRC) in Wyndmoor, Pa.

ARS is USDA's principal intramural scientific research agency, and this research supports USDA's commitment to agricultural sustainability.

The scientists at the SRRRC found that poultry litter biochar-activated carbons created from the charred remains of poultry litter-is a powerful pollutant magnet. It can attract heavy metals such as copper, cadmium and zinc, which are ordinarily tough to snag from wastewater.

ARS chemists Isabel Lima and Wayne Marshall (now retired) at the SRRRC developed the ARS-patented method for turning agricultural bio-waste into biochar. They created the biochar by subjecting poultry litter—bedding materials such as sawdust, wood shavings and peanut shells, as well as droppings and feathers—to pyrolysis, a high-temperature process that takes place in the absence of oxygen.

Hass and colleagues are testing the poultry litter biochar as well as other farm and industrial byproducts at two demonstration rain gardens in the Beaver area, as well as at plots at a county landfill and a mineland reclamation site.

USDA REPORT SHOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF NEW ENGLAND HORTICULTURE OPERATIONS

Concord, NH – New England's horticulture operations with over \$10,000 in sales reported \$431 million in sales in 2009 according to results of the 2009 Census of Horticultural Specialties released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Connecticut led the six New England States with \$182 million in sales followed by Massachusetts with \$114 million. Annual bedding/garden plants and nursery stock were the leading sources of sales in most of the New England States.

New England's horticulture operations reported expenses totaling \$393 million. Labor expenditures were the leading expense totaling \$140 million. The number of hired workers totaled 12,036. The number of hired workers by State were: 4,435 in Connecticut;

- 1,703 in Maine; 3,001 in Massachusetts;
- 1,221 in New Hampshire;
- 588 in Rhode Island; and 1,088 in Vermont.

The Census of Horticultural Specialties provides the only comprehensive, detailed data on U.S. floriculture, nursery and specialty crop production at the national and state levels. It provides information on the number and types of establishments, value of sales, varieties of products, production expenses and more. Complete results of the 2009 Census of Horticultural Specialties are available online at www.agcensus.usda.gov.

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