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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

TIME TO REPORT YOUR PLANTED CROP ACRES

Farmers are reminded to file an annual acreage report for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage, to ensure eligibility for a variety of USDA programs. Marsha Jetté, Connecticut State Executive Director, encourages you to visit your local USDA Service Center by the July 15th deadline for acreage reporting. Centers can be located at www.fsa.usda.gov

Accurate acreage reports are necessary to determine and maintain eligibility for various programs, such as the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP), Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), and newer programs authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill. Programs include the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE), Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP).

Acreage reports are considered timely filed when completed by July 15, 2010. Prevented acreage must be reported within 15 calendar days after the final planting date. Failed acreage must be reported before the disposition of the crop. Producers should contact their county FSA office if they are uncertain about reporting deadlines.

Late-filed provisions may be available to producers who are unable to meet the reporting deadline as required. Reports filed after the deadline must meet certain requirements to be accepted and may be charged late fees.

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DAIRY SUSTAINABILITY PAYMENTS AND DEFICIT MITIGATION

by Wayne Kasacek, Assistant Director
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As part of the legislature's and the administration's efforts to support the dairy industry during this cycle of low milk prices the department has been making grants to milk producers in this state. In 2009 the Connecticut Department of Agriculture made grants to Connecticut milk producers totaling \$10,084,977.45. In 2010, to date the department has made Dairy Sustainability grants totaling \$3,318,530.27.

As part of the fiscal year 2010 deficit mitigation plan, Public Act No. 10-3 transferred \$5,000,000 from the Community Investment Account to the General Fund. The transfer of funds effectively eliminates the Dairy Sustainability quarterly payment that would have been made for milk produced in April, May and June of this year.

The fiscal year 2011 deficit mitigation plan, Public Act No. 10-179 also transferred \$5,000,000 from the Community Investment Account to the General Fund. At this time it is unknown how this transfer of funds will be implemented by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and the Treasurers Office. When the department is informed as to how this fund transfer will be implemented milk producers will be advised of the impact the fund transfer will have on Dairy Sustainability payments.



USDA-NASS SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON FUTURE ENERGY PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is seeking stakeholder input as it develops an annual program to collect and publish data about agriculture's production and use of renewable energy.

"With growing national interest in energy efficiency and alternative energy sources, there is a need for solid data about how the agriculture sector is generating and using renewable energy," said Gary Keough, director of the NASS New England Field Office. "In response to this need, we're expanding our data collection efforts and are hoping that farmers, farm and energy organizations, and other stakeholders will weigh in and tell us exactly what information they want and need."

In the 2007 Census of Agriculture, NASS for the first time included a question about on-farm energy production. Based on the information gathered from the census, NASS is currently conducting USDA's first On-Farm Renewable Energy Production Survey, focusing on farms and ranches that produced renewable energy via solar panels, wind turbines and methane digesters in 2009.

"This initial survey will provide important baseline data, and our plan is to expand our efforts into a broader, annual survey program beginning in 2012," Keough said. "We're open to looking at all aspects of renewable energy production and use, including issues such as the costs and benefits, the motivators and obstacles, and the handling and use of energy co-products."

A notice is in the Federal Register at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-14842.htm>. Additional information, including an online comment form, is available at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/energysurvey/>.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.
June 28, 2010

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

EXTRA LARGE	68-71
LARGE	62-66
MEDIUM	51-53

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, June 28, 2010

Live animals brought the following average prices
per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	18.00	22.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	32.00
76-90 lbs.	35.00	40.00
91-105 lbs.	42.50	47.50
106 lbs. & up	50.00	55.00
Farm Calves	60.00	65.00
Started Calves	35.00	38.00
Veal Calves	65.00	112.50
Open Heifers	77.50	104.00
Beef Heifers	56.50	59.50
Feeder Steers	90.00	110.00
Beef Steers	69.00	78.50
Stock Bulls	72.50	107.50
Beef Bulls	72.00	72.50
Sheep each	42.50	125.00
Lambs each	50.00	165.00
Goats each	72.00	150.00
Kid Goats each	40.00	60.00
Canners	Up to	56.00
Cutters	57.50	62.50
Utility Grade Cows	63.00	66.00
Rabbits each	5.00	26.00
Chickens each	5.00	15.00
Ducks each	12.00	24.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction. Auction
will be held on Monday, July 5, as usual.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, June 28, 2010

Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
Premium White	65-75% lean	
62.00-65.00	66.00-68.00	-----
Breakers	75-80% lean	
59.50-62.00	62.50-64.00	-----
Boners	80-85% lean	
57.00-59.00	60.00-61.50	54.00-55.50
Lean	85-90% lean	
53.00-57.00	58.00-60.00	48.00-52.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1		
1450-1885 lbs		71.50-75.00
Bullocks: 800-1485 lbs		71.50-75.50
high dress		77.00-80.00
very high dress		86.00-90.00
low dress		66.00-70.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Choice and Prime 2-3		
40-60 lbs		148.00-172.00
60-80 lbs		140.00-161.00
80-90 lbs		146.00-160.00
90-110 lbs		150.00-164.00
Choice 2-3 40-60 lbs		138.00-149.00
60-80 lbs		130.00-147.00
90-110 lbs		140.00-155.00
110-130 lbs		136.00-148.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 9 - 1/2 gal	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Lodi 2-1/2 up bu	24.00	26.00
BEANS, Green bu handpicked	23.00	25.00
BEETS, Red 12's CT	9.00	10.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1-pint fiberboard	25.00	25.00
CABBAGE, Green box 50lb	8.00	10.00
CHERRIES, Bing 20lb box	48.00	48.00
CHERRIES, Yellow Rainer 20lb	55.00	55.00
CHIVES, 1-lb bag	5.00	8.00
COLLARD GREENS, Crate	11.00	11.00
CORN, 5 dz	20.00	22.00
CUCUMBERS, Pickling 1/2 bu	15.00	15.00
KALE, Crate Organic 24's	29.00	29.00
KALE, Crate 12-16's	11.00	11.00
MINT, 1/2 bu	10.00	10.00
MUSTARD GREENS, Crate 12-16's	12.00	12.00
NECTARINES, 20lb box 2-1/2 up	24.00	26.00
PEACHES, 25lb box 2-1/2 up	22.00	24.00
PEAS, English, bu CT	25.00	30.00
PEAS, Snow 10lb	25.00	30.00
PEAS, Sugar Snap 10lb CT	16.00	18.00
RASPBERRIES, 18 - 1/2pts	36.00	36.00
RHUBARB, 20lb	35.00	35.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2bu sm-med CT	8.00	10.00
SQUASH, Yellow sm-med CT	9.00	12.00
SWISS CHARD, 12's	10.00	14.00
TOMATOES, 11 lbs on vine	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Vine Ripes 25lb box med, ghouse	12.00	12.00

SHIPPED IN

APRICOTS, 24lb loose CA	22.00	24.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1-pint NJ	15.00	16.00
BOK CHOY, 30lb NJ	18.00	18.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9 bu med NJ	24.00	26.00
DANDELION GREENS, 12's NJ	15.00	15.00
GRAPES, Flame SL 18lb CA	20.00	20.00
MUSHROOMS, Shiitake 3lb organic PA	22.00	23.00
ONION, Vidalia jbo 40lb GA	30.00	31.00
PEPPER, Bell xlg ,1-1/9 bu Green GA	15.00	16.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh		
120-160 lbs		68.00-80.00
160-200 lbs		60.00-76.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Fleshed		
120-160 lbs		46.00-60.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.		
Kids:	40-60 lbs	102.00-122.00
	60-80 lbs	112.00-138.00
	80-100 lbs	125.00-136.00
Nannies/Does:	80-130 lbs	106.00-119.00
	130-180 lbs	124.00-132.00
Bucks/Billies:	100-150 lbs	170.00-182.00
	150-250 lbs	175.00-190.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon June 28, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.		
49-54	220-270 lbs	61.00-65.00
	270-300 lbs	61.00-64.00
	300-350 lbs	54.00-58.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	55.00-58.00
	270-300 lbs	47.00-50.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	-----
	500-700 lbs	49.00-51.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	30.00-30.50

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:
June 28, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	71-75
LARGE	69-73
MEDIUM	58-62

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

Monday June 28, 2010

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

	Premium
Alfalfa	140.00-150.00
Mixed Hay	120.00-140.00
	Good
Timothy	90.00-120.00
Straw	100.00-110.00

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE RETAIL REPORT

Retail Prices at Grocery Stores
in the Northeast

Week of June 25, 2010

Prices are in dollars per pound
unless otherwise stated.

VEGETABLES

Asparagus	2.99 - 3.49
Broccoli	2.00 - 2.00 per bunch
Cabbage	0.39 - 0.59
Carrots, Baby organic	1.99 - 2.00 1lb bag
Celery	0.99 - 1.68 each
Cucumbers	0.33 - 0.75 each
Lettuce, Romaine	0.88 - 1.00 each
Mushrooms, White	1.50 - 1.99 8oz pkg
Peppers, Bell green	0.98 - 1.79
Peppers, Bell red	0.99 - 3.99
Potatoes, Russet	1.50 - 3.00 5lb bag
Squash, Zucchini	0.98 - 1.69
Tomatoes on the vine	0.99 - 2.99

FRUITS

Apples, Red delicious	0.98 - 1.69
Avocados, Haas	0.88 - 1.69 each
Cantaloup	1.50 - 3.00 each
Grapes, Green/Red	0.79 - 2.79
Lemons	0.33 - 0.67 each
Mangoes	0.78 - 1.33 each
Nectarines	0.99 - 2.49
Oranges, Navel	0.34 - 1.00 each
Peaches	0.79 - 2.49
Strawberries	1.66 - 2.99 16oz pkg
Strawberries organic	3.48 - 3.99 16 oz pkg

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85-R. Tomato stakes, tree stakes, fence boards, custom cut lumber. Staehly Products Co., LLC 860-873-9774.

92-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

102. Parts for Grimm hay tedders for sale, also rough lumber. 860-684-3458.

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

108-R. Model A.J.D. styled, all restored, new rubber. Model H.J.D. all restored, new rubber, electric start, tags on tractors. 860-871-0171; 860-559-5031.

114-R. Two registered male llamas for Sale – Medium Fiber, Brown, Great pets, Easy to keep. Will keep out dogs and coyotes. Price for two, \$290. OBO Westview Farm Monroe, Ct. @ 203-880-6814.

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117-R. Tractor bucket loader attachments, INT 1850 @ \$500., JD146 @ \$2,000., Hereford heifer, 1 yr. old, \$600., goats Boer cross, \$75./ea. 860-537-1974.

119-R. Farmall SM, WF in real good condition, good paint and good tin. Would make a good one for a pulling tractor. Telephone 860-354-4659.

120. 4230 J.D. tractor and 7-foot bush hog, very good condition. \$9,500 OBO. 860-301-1809.

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.

122-R. International Cub tractor - \$2,400. International Cub sickle bar mower \$350. Cub snow plow \$250. Cub land plow \$175. All in good condition. 860-628-5475.

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118-R. 3PH disc mower, 6 or 7 foot bar wanted. Working or nonworking. Call 860-274-8473.

510-R. Producers Wanted: Connecticut 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. Additional Connecticut producers and distributors are needed for this popular and expanding program. Please help us get your product into the hands of local chefs! Contact Linda at the CT Department of Agriculture, Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov or 860-713-2558, for more information.

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.

611-R. The Department of Agriculture's Farm Link Program is a match-making service to help new farmers find farm land owners and to aid in the process of farm transfer to the next generation of farmers. Applications available at www.farmlink.uconn.edu or call (860) 713-2503. For further information, please contact Jane Slupecki at (860) 713-2588.

COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATION DEADLINE NEARS

Nominations are being accepted from farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers for eligible candidates to serve on local Farm Service Agency county committees. "County committees play a vital role in the administration of federal farm programs and the positive effect they have on rural communities," announced Marsha Jetté, State Executive Director, of the USDA's Farm Service Agency.

FSA county committees make decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs, disaster programs, employing county executive directors and other significant agricultural issues. To hold office as a county committee member, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate. A complete list of eligibility requirements is posted online at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/ccoligib_10.pdf

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Additionally, organizations representing minorities and women may nominate candidates. All nominees must sign nomination form FSA-669A, which includes a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected. Visit a USDA Service Centers or: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>. Nominations must be received or postmarked by August 2, 2010.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 5 and are to be returned by Dec. 6. Newly elected county committee members take office Jan. 1, 2011. For more information about FSA county committees, visit a local USDA Service Center or online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/>. Then select the County Committee Election Page.

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SAVE THE DATE - 2010 TOUR DES FARMS

OCTOBER 2nd 2010 - AT THE FREUND FARM
IN EAST CANAAN, CT



Pedal through some of Connecticut's most scenic and productive farmland. Choose between a 10 mile route; 25 mile route; or a Metric Century (62 mile) mile route with farm stops at approximately every five miles.

Buy as much produce or plants as you like and need not worry about carrying it as it will magically appear at the finish. Cyclists will also receive five Farm Bucks to spend at the farms they will be visiting.

Enjoy a great day of exercise and support Connecticut agriculture.

- Ride begins and ends at The Freund's Farm Market & Bakery at 324 Norfolk Road (Rte. 44), East Canaan, CT 06024

- Registration begins at 9:00 AM

- Cyclists may register online at www.active.com or call (203) 284-3663 x3.

The 102nd Army Band will be performing at 1:00 PM (Concert is free and open to the public)

ARS LAUNCHES REDESIGNED KIDS SITE

Sci4Kids, an educational website operated by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids>, now has a new look and "feel."

The redesign builds on Sci4Kids' past success in educating kids about the importance of agriculture and science in their daily lives with easier site navigation, vibrant graphics, interactive content, videos and animation, among other improvements.

Since its debut in September 1998, Sci4Kids has posted more than 126 stories about what ARS scientists do and the discoveries they've made. The website, which is primarily geared to youngsters aged 8-13, offers a "Teachers' Desk" loaded with classroom resources and activities designed to stimulate kids' learning about agricultural research. The site also includes science fair project ideas.

New features include:

- "Science Spotlight," where-with a single mouse click-kids, parents or educators can tap into the latest news from the frontlines of ARS research.
- Interactive games such as "Color a Pepper Plant," which demonstrates in a fun way how plant breeders can change the features of popular crops to suit consumer preferences.
- "Images of Ag Research," a captioned slideshow depicting science in action, from a dive-bombing fly that's forcing fire ants to take cover, to parasitic tapeworms "pickled" in a jar.
- "Sci4Kids Files," an archive page with links to past stories and other content.

Produced by the ARS Information Staff in Beltsville, Md., Sci4Kids operates with the recognition that today's children are tomorrow's farmers, scientists, policy makers and consumers. With this latest iteration, the website reaffirms its commitment to making sure kids have access to information about agricultural research in a way that's fun, timely and significant.

Check back for fun Sci4Kids contests throughout the summer.

ARS is the principal intramural scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA SURVEY TO FOCUS ON FARM LABOR

Concord, NH – How many workers are employed on agricultural operations in New England? Have farm labor jobs and wages been affected by the current economy? These are some of the key questions the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) hopes to shed light on through the July Agricultural Labor Survey.

"Now more than ever, labor issues are a concern in every industry and every community – including New England's agricultural industry and rural communities," explained Gary Keough, director of the NASS New England Field Office. "The Agricultural Labor Survey is very timely because it provides vital data that affect the agricultural labor force and farmers and their bottom lines."

Statistics from the Agricultural Labor Survey are used by USDA and the Department of Labor to establish minimum wage rates for agricultural workers, administer farm labor recruitment and placement service programs, and assist legislators in determining labor policies.

During the last two weeks of July, NASS will contact selected New England farm operators and ask them to provide information on their total number of hired workers, hours worked, and wage rates paid during that week. For their convenience, survey participants have the option of responding online.

NASS will compile, analyze and publish survey results in the quarterly Farm Labor report, to be released on August 19, 2010.

"We strongly encourage participation in this survey. Only farmers and ranchers can provide the accurate information needed to build the foundation for reliable agricultural labor estimates," said Keough.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Keough. All reports are available on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS New England Field Office at 1-800-642-9571.

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