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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

THE BUREAU OF AQUACULTURE & LABORATORY REPORT.

From the FDA National Shellfish Sanitation Program



The Town of Stratford Shellfish Commission has agreed to donate a refrigerated centrifuge to The Bureau of Aquaculture Shellfish Laboratory. The centrifuge will be used by the laboratory and analyst staff to conduct Male-Specific Bacteriophage (MSB) testing of Connecticut's shellfish growing waters and shellfish meats. The Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Program (ISSC) recently adopted the laboratory

standards required for determining MSB levels in shellfish tissue samples. Until recently, water testing procedures used in shellfish growing area classification and to determine shellstock sanitation have relied upon traditional bacteriological indicators of contamination. Total and fecal coliforms are used as a bacterial indicator in growing waters for opening and closing shellfish grounds. The survival of these bacteria in environmental waters and their residence times when sequestered by shellfish are significantly different than those for viruses. Waters contaminated by human sewage can contain a wide variety of human pathogenic viruses, such as Norovirus and Hepatitis A, of particular concern if waters are used as a source of shellstock. Bacteria are able to be eliminated by shellfish in several days time. The human pathogenic viruses, on the other hand, remain viable in the shellfish tissues for an extended period of time, and may take up to three weeks to be eliminated from the shellfish. Monitoring for the standard bacteriological indicators does not accurately predict the presence of these human pathogenic viruses, especially in shellfish. Thus, a reliable indicator of the viral quality of waters and shellfish was needed.

Enumeration methods for MSB are inexpensive, easy to perform, and rapid, providing results within 24 hours. As such, these bacterial viruses are potentially important as indicators of sewage contamination in waters impacted by sewage effluents and for monitoring the viral quality of waters. MSB have proved to be the most promising indicators of viral contamination thus far.

Sufficient reliable data have been obtained in recent years to propose the use of MSB as a dependable measure of the viral risk posed by shellfish under certain circumstances. Shellfish that have presumably been subjected to sewage contamination may contain viral pathogens, however, coliform bacterial indicators employed by the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) do not provide a reliable measure of viral contamination. Until recently, public health authorities had no prudent alternative to maintaining a

21-day closure to allow for viral inactivation and/or elimination from shellfish. A closure of this length may not be necessary when a sewage contamination event does not adversely impact shellfish harvest areas. The recently accepted method for MSB supports a separate proposal to the ISSC for re-opening shellfish harvest areas in as few as 8 days after a sewage contamination event, based on a viral assessment of the sewage impacts using MSB as indicators of pathogenic viruses in shellfish.

The Housatonic River is an extremely productive natural oyster bed and public seed oyster ground. This area has three municipal WPCF's within a mile of each other, which have created a large Prohibited shellfish area, from which only juvenile oysters may be removed. All three WPCF's have been upgraded and converted to advanced Ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system. FDA has documented that UV achieves extremely successful viral treatment, when operating under normal conditions. The donated centrifuge will be used to analyze the viral impact associated with the three Housatonic WPCF's, as well as allowing the Bureau to analyze impacts from sewage bypasses across the state that close shellfish growing areas for weeks at a time. The Bureau thanks the Stratford Shellfish Commission for its generous support.

CHRISTMAS DISPLAY COMPETITION

Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed,
Something RED??? - Wednesday, November 3, 2010
At the 2010 Northeast Greenhouse Conference and Expo
DCU Center, Worcester, MA; www.negreenhouse.org

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NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.
October 12, 2010

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

EXTRA LARGE	74-86
LARGE	72-76
MEDIUM	56-58

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., October 11, 2010

Live animals brought the following average
prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	19.00	22.00
61-75 lbs.	25.00	30.00
76-90 lbs.	35.00	38.00
91-105 lbs.	44.00	47.50
106 lbs. & up	50.00	59.00
Farm Calves	62.50	70.00
Started Calves	25.00	28.00
Veal Calves	55.00	102.50
Open Heifers	70.00	85.00
Beef Heifers	60.00	84.00
Feeder Steers	81.00	87.50
Beef Steers	74.00	92.00
Stock Bulls	65.00	90.00
Beef Bulls	67.00	77.00
Feeder Pigs each	35.00	50.00
Sheep each	40.00	125.00
Lambs each	45.00	180.00
Goats each	65.00	175.00
Kid Goats each	40.00	55.00
Canners	Up to	46.50
Cutters	47.00	51.00
Utility Grade Cows	52.00	55.00
Rabbits each	5.00	23.00
Chickens each	4.00	25.00
Ducks each	3.00	26.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

SEASONAL ITEMS

CORN STALKS, Bundle	4.00	4.50
CRANBERRIES, 24-12oz bag		
early black	34.00	36.00
CRANBERRIES, 28lb lugs		
early black	50.00	50.00
INDIAN CORN, ½ bu	15.00	15.00
INDIAN CORN, 1-1/9 bu	28.00	30.00
GOURDS, Shellacked ½ bu	10.00	10.00
PUMPKINS, Howden		
lge 36" bin	100.00	120.00
PUMPKINS, Cinderella		
lge 24" bin	150.00	150.00
PUMPKINS, Pie type		
med 1-1/9 bu	10.00	11.00
PUMPKINS, Pie type		
med 36" bin	180.00	200.00
PUMPKINS, Mini ½ bu	10.00	10.00
STRAW BALES	6.00	6.00

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, October 11, 2010

Bulk/High/Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean		
	52.50-56.50	-----	48.00-52.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	50.00-53.00	56.00-56.50	46.00-49.50

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 4- one gallon	13.00	13.00
APPLE CIDER, 9 half-gallons	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Cortland 2-1/2" fcy	18.00	22.00
APPLES, Delicious Golden bu 2-1/2" fcy/xfcy	20.00	20.00
APPLES, Delicious Red 12-3lb 2-1/2" xfcy	16.00	16.00
APPLES, Gala 2-1/2" fcy/xfcy	20.00	20.00
APPLES, Macintosh 80ct xfcy	24.00	25.00
APPLES, Macintosh 120ct US#1	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Macintosh 96ct xfcy	22.00	23.00
APPLES, Macintosh 12-3lb 2-1/2" U.S. 1	13.00	13.00
APPLES, Macoun bushel fcy/xfcy 2-1/2"	30.00	34.00
APPLES, EMPIRE , 8 - 5lb 2-1/2" xfcy	20.00	21.00
PEAR, Red D'anjou, 4/5 BU	30.00	30.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb film bags	4.50	5.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct	11.00	12.00
BROCCOLI, 20lb loose	14.00	14.00
CABBAGE, Green, box med	11.00	12.00
COLLARD GREENS, Crate	11.00	12.00
CORN, 5 dz	14.00	15.00
KALE, crates	11.00	11.00
PARSNIPS, 25lb bag	23.00	23.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1lb	22.00	22.00
PEAR, Bosc 4/5 BU	26.00	26.00
PEPPERS, Bell Green 1-1/9 bu lge/xlge	10.00	12.00
PEPPERS, Sun Tan 1-1/9 bu lge	6.00	8.00
POTATOES, 10lb bag	2.00	2.10
POTATOES, Russet 50ct	18.00	19.00
POTATOES, Chef, 50LB	12.00	13.00
POTATOES, Yukon Gold Chef 50lb	15.00	15.00
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu	11.00	12.00
SQUASH, Acorn Organic 1-1/9 bu	25.00	26.00
SQUASH, Blue Hubbard 50lb	12.00	14.00
SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9 bu	11.00	10.00
SQUASH, Butternut Organic 1-1/9 bu	25.00	26.00
SQUASH, Kabocha bin per pound	.25	.25
SQUASH, Spaghetti 1-1/9 bu	10.00	15.00
TOMATOES, Grape, 12-1pt	14.00	16.00
TOMATOES, Cherry 5 lb	12.00	12.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

Lean	85-90% lean		
	45.00-49.50	50.00-53.50	39.00-44.50
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1			
	1320-1735 lbs	63.00-65.50	
	1990-2600 lbs	56.00-58.50	
Yield Grade 2			
	1200-1440 lbs	57.00-61.00	
Bullocks: 705-1340 lbs	71.00-74.00		
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1			
	95-115 lbs	100.00-117.00	
Number 2	95-120 lbs	90.00-105.00	
	80-90 lbs	70.00-85.00	
Number 3	90-130 lbs	50.00-70.00	
	80-90 lbs	25.00-35.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Mar-			
kets: Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	40-60 lbs	170.00-182.00	
	60-80 lbs	162.00-176.00	
	80-90 lbs	160.00-168.00	
	90-110 lbs	154.00-162.00	
	110-130 lbs	148.00-160.00	
Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3			
	40-60 lbs	140.00-162.00	
	60-80 lbs	142.00-156.00	
	80-90 lbs	148.00-156.00	
	90-110 lbs	140.00-150.00	

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:
October 12, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	84-88
LARGE	82-86
MEDIUM	65-69

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

Monday October 11, 2010

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

	Premium
Alfalfa	150.00-175.00
Mixed Hay	150.00-165.00
Timothy	120.00-150.00
	Good
Alfalfa	110.00-140.00
Mixed Hay	120.00-140.00
Timothy	110.00-120.00
Straw	110.00-140.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	100.00-110.00
Mixed Hay	90.00-110.00
Timothy	100.00-110.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh		
120-160 lbs	80.00-94.00	
160-200 lbs	72.00-88.00	
Ewes Utility 1-2: Thin Fleshed		
120-160 lbs	58.00-70.00	
160-200 lbs	55.00-64.00	
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.		
Kids: 50-60 lbs	96.00-102.00	
60-80 lbs	110.00-124.00	
80-100 lbs	125.00-144.00	
100-110 lbs	140.00-152.00	
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	92.00-108.00	
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	158.00-168.00	

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon October 11, 2010

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

49-54	220-270 lbs	60.00-63.00
	270-300 lbs	56.00-58.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	50.00-55.00
	270-300 lbs	49.50-52.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	47.00-49.00
	500-700 lbs	50.00-53.50
Boars:	300-700 lbs	35.00-36.00

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6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

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

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

160-R. 1st cutting hay – mixed grass \$3.75 bale – picked up. 203-264-1588, 203-264-4799.

164-R. J.D. Model H; J.D. Model L.A. – both completely restored. Side mount mower for L.A. Call 860-871-0171; Cell 860-559-5031.

167-R. Pumpkins – Face, Sugar, Big Mac, Cinderella, Blue Hubbard, Butternut squash, etc. Good color, stems, weight. By the bin or trailer load. Delivery available. Dzen Brothers Farm 860 648-1355.

170. Christmas greens, balsam and mixed wreaths, roping, kissing balls, samples gladly shown. 203-457-1344.

171-R. For Sale: Buckboard ready to use today! 2 seater carries 4 people. Always stored inside. Will deliver reasonable distance. \$750. Bob Brooks 442-4237 oldhorsetrainer@ct.metrocast.net

174-R. Round 4x4 hay bales. Premium, silage alfalfa or grass. Tightly plastic wrapped. Starting \$40. 860-884-2889.

175-R. Mower conditioner John Deere 1219, new guards, knives. Hydraulic swing/lift. Excellent condition \$2,900. 860-884-2889.

176-R. JD 1219 mower conditioner, good shape, runs well, stored indoors \$2,500. 860-437-7828. Tomnancy8934@sbcglobal.net.

177-R. Pumpkins all sizes, top quality. Delivery available. Paul Peters – Hebron – 860-428-4846.

181-R. First cutting hay for sale, \$4.00 per bale. Telephone 203-206-1344.

182-R. 1941 Farmall H tractor, new rubber, restored, good condition. \$2,000. Call 203-206-1344.

183-R. Honey processing equipment, Maxant extractor \$650, Maxant clarifier \$450, boiling tank \$75, all for \$1,100. Factory restored to like-new condition. 3-point hitch snowblower 5' - \$1,200. 860-423-1347, cell 617-308-3015.

184-R. Rye straw for sale, \$5.00/bale, plastic and wine, 50 bale minimum. 860-872-1035 or 860-729-3772.

185-R. Reinforced concrete slabs; one 15" x 48" by 30ft; and one 12" x 60" by 26 ft. good for bridges, etc. \$500 for both. (860) 889-0598.

186-R. Corn stalks for sale, 50 bundles or more \$4.50 a bundle. Leo (860) 930-3373.

187-R. 1958 John Deere 730 diesel electric start \$6,300. Case 701-B diesel rebuilt 456 made gas and diesel in 1958 \$4,800. John Deere AW 1940 electric start 80 made \$3,800. 5-ton 6x6 350 hp Cumming 14ft bed 4,000 miles \$9,500. 1981 GMC 7,000 12ft dump, 427 engine, 2,000 miles, truck has 49,000 miles. Firewood processor Built Right SP40 2007 with 75 hours on it, like new \$36,000. Tree Farmer log forwarder with Brako 40 loader, 13 foot bed, ready to work \$24,000. Call Don 860-978-8717.

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189. Poultry equipment – three tier brooder, large stainless plucker, electric scalding. Working. \$100 takes all. chorticulture@sbcglobal.net.

190-R. Purebred Angus bull, 5 years old, good disposition, great pedigree - \$1,500. 203-788-0978

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5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY FARMING CONFERENCE

Jones Auditorium, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station,
New Haven, CT - October 30, 2010, 9 am to 4 pm

9:00 Welcome and introductions

9:15 – 10:00 Having a good board and leadership: Mary and Jon Gorham, Mary will talk about the process of bringing together a group to create a vision for the Massaro Community Farm, deciding the structure of the organization, and creating a strategic plan up to the point of making a business plan. Jon will talk about how the board of the Massaro Community Farm took that forward and began fundraising.

10:00 - 10:45 Cultivating Connections: Engaging Youth with the Food System

Presenters: Jessica Cartagena, FRESH Voices Coordinator; Amy Underwood, Chaurielle Robinson and Debra Florez, FRESH Voices Crew; and Arthur Lerner, FRESH Director. FRESH Voices is a new initiative of the FRESH Youth Program to record, share and present the experiences of Youth and other Members of the extended FRESH Community. Members of the FRESH Voices crew will present about their experience working in the Youth Program of FRESH New London. They will share information about strategies for recruitment, training and organizing the FRESH Youth Program, as well as ideas for connecting young people with issues and experiences of food, community and agriculture.

11:00 – 11:45 –Farmer Panel: Many Community farms have hired a farmer. Hear the perspective of three or four farmers growing on Community Farms. Daniel MacPhee Farm Manager and Educator with the Yale Sustainable Food Project, Brenda Caldwell, CSA farmer from Boulder Knoll Farm in Cheshire, Anne Patrie, educational farmer from Community Farm of Simsbury.

11:45-12:30 Sharing: What is happening on your farm? What resources do you need? What resources can you offer? What conversations do you want to continue during lunch?

12:30 Potluck lunch, bring a dish to share and a place setting. We'll provide beverages.

1:30 –2:15 Connecting with Farmland: Jiff Martin, American Farmland Trust - Farmland Leasing considerations for municipalities and land trusts as developed through the Farmland Connections project.

2:15- 3:00 Local ≠ Safe: Why Even Small, Local Farms Need to Pay Attention to Food Safety: Diane Wright Hirsch, MPH, RD, Extension Educator, Food Safety, University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension. Diane, a food safety educator who provides food safety education for farmers, processors, retailers and consumers, will talk about the food safety risks/issues for produce, programs and resources available to help reduce food safety risks, and regulations that may apply to your product.

3:00 Tour of Massaro Farm in Woodbridge: Massaro Farm is holding its 2nd Annual Family Fun Day. It is a short ride from New Haven. This is a good opportunity to see what they have done. Massaro Farm won the 2010 Pathfinder Education Leader Award for significant contributions in the area of educating the public about the importance of farmland preservation.

Registration is \$30 for CT NOFA members, \$40 for non-members. A special price of \$20 for the first person to sign up from each community farm in Connecticut is also available. Be sure to let the office know your farm when you sign up, so you can get your discount. We want to reach out to as many of the community farms in the state as possible! To register, visit www.ctnofa.org

To learn more about Connecticut's Community Farms, visit <http://www.ctnofa.org/CommunityFarms.html>

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Where Are You... We Miss You!!!



FARM MAP INFO!

Send your check and application to:
 CT Dept. of Agriculture
 Farm Map & Website
 165 Capitol Avenue
 Hartford, CT 06106

Your time is almost up to send in your farm map application!!!

Did you misplace your old one?? Give us a call and we'd be happy to email, fax or snail mail a new application to you!

We need your application and renewal check (for \$100 made out to the Dept. of Ag) by: **Postmarked by Friday, October 15, 2010**

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