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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

NEWS FROM THE BIG E

by Jane Slupecki, Marketing Representative

Hurrah! The Big E is here! The Connecticut Department of Agriculture announces that we have three agricultural booths in the Connecticut building with lots of support from the agricultural organizations from across the state. We have dotted our i's and crossed our t's so now, we need you all to go to the Big E and enjoy the booths and building!

Thanks in advance to all our Big E Booth Exhibitors for all their hard work and tremendous effort to bring the best of Connecticut for samplings - fresh oysters and clams on a half shell, yummy fresh scallops, honey, maple cream, spicy, apple cider donuts and apple pies, sweet and salty pumpkin seeds, fluffy omelets, savory marinated mushrooms, spaghetti sauces, cheeses, apple slices and a new garlic vendor. What we won't do to keep the variety going..... and to keep you coming to the Connecticut Building! Don't forget we have lined up 13 Connecticut wineries, with several of them holding tastings each day. We even have doggie bones for our four-footed friends—and let's not forget our fiber folks and spinners, and educational displays like the CT Ag in the Classroom.

The Connecticut Building would not be the same without all of our ag associations. Many of the groups rely on volunteerism to assure there is a person to talk about their organization for the 12-hour days. Others take time from their very busy businesses to attend. We owe our thanks to these dedicated people and their volunteers for making the public's visit to the Connecticut Building agriculturally-oriented and the most popular attraction of the building. **See you at the Big E!**



**USDA, FFA RELEASE NEW LESSON PLANS
 JUST IN TIME FOR SCHOOL**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and the National FFA Association have developed a new series of K-12 online learning tools and outreach kits to increase statistical literacy in the classroom through the exploration and use of current census of agriculture data.

"These lesson plans contain relevant information to give students a realistic view of statistical processes used to track our nation's current and future food supply" explained Gary Keough, director of the NASS New England Field Office. "The students will have a chance to focus on a variety of concepts including discovering new trends in population subsets and evaluating diversity among farmers."

The classroom-ready resources, which include lesson plans and supporting materials, are aligned with State and national curriculum standards for science, math and social studies. The materials use current Census of Agriculture data to teach a variety of concepts including discovering new trends in population subsets and evaluating diversity among farmers.

The materials are available online via the NASS website (http://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/index.asp) and the FFA Learning Center (<http://ffa.learn.com>).

LIVE ANIMAL GRADING WORKSHOP

Saturday Oct. 16, 2010
 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

at UMass Crops and Animal Research and Education Center
 75 River Rd., S. Deerfield MA
 Cost: \$20 per person (includes lunch)

Presenter: Levi Geyer, USDA AMS Livestock
 Grading and Handling Educator
 Program:

- Feeder Cattle Evaluation Factors
- Feeder Cattle Grading Demo
- Genetic Variation and Improvements
- Lunch Break
- Finish Cattle Evaluation Factors
- Finish Cattle Grading Demo
- Proper Cattle Handling
- Marketing
- Closing/Q&A

RSVP: by Oct. 12 to
 Sonia Schloemann 413-545-4347 or sgs@umext.umass.edu

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.
September 20, 2010

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

EXTRA LARGE	64-68
LARGE	62-66
MEDIUM	48-50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, September 20, 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	30.00
76-90 lbs.	32.00	35.00
91-105 lbs.	40.00	45.00
106 lbs. & up	46.00	49.00
Farm Calves	50.00	52.50
Started Calves	20.00	23.00
Veal Calves	65.00	100.00
Open Heifers	70.00	95.00
Beef Heifers	50.00	64.50
Feeder Steers	62.00	95.00
Beef Steers	60.00	64.00
Stock Bulls	50.00	100.00
Beef Bulls	60.00	62.50
Hogs,Barrows and Gilts	1 @	47.50
Sheep each	70.00	75.00
Lambs each	50.00	140.00
Goats each	50.00	175.00
Kid Goats each	55.00	60.00
Canners	Up to	49.50
Cutters 50.00	54.00	
Utility Grade Cows	55.50	58.00
Rabbits each	5.00	22.00
Chickens each	4.00	15.00
Ducks each	5.00	19.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

SEASONAL ITEMS WHOLESALE

September 20, 2010

CORN STALKS, Bundle	4.00	4.50
GOURDS, 1-1/9 bu	20.00	24.00
GOURDS, Shellacked 1/2 bu	14.00	15.00
MUMS, 9" pot each	3.00	3.00
MUMS, hanger 10" each	8.00	8.00
ORNAMENTAL CORN 12/3's	15.00	15.00
PUMPKINS, Howden lge 36" bin	135.00	135.00
PUMPKINS, Cinderella		
lge 24" bin	150.00	150.00
PUMPKINS, Pie type 24" bin	150.00	150.00
PUMPKINS, Pie type		
med 1-1/9 bu	11.00	12.00
PUMPKINS, Pie type med 36" bin	200.00	240.00
PUMPKINS, Mini 1/2 bu	12.00	12.00
PUMPKINS, White Howden		
lge 24" bin	150.00	150.00
STRAW BALES	6.00	6.00

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, September 20, 2010

Bulk/High/Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Premium White	65-75% lean	
54.00-58.00	-----	49.50-53.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLES, Gala bu box 2-1/2 up xfcy	25.00	25.00
APPLES, Honey Crisp bu box 3 up xfcy	40.00	40.00
APPLES, Macintosh 80ct xfcy	21.00	24.00
APPLES, Macintosh 120ct US#1	14.00	15.00
APPLES, Macoun 96ct xfcy	32.00	32.00
ARRUGULA, 24's bunched	12.00	13.00
BEANS, Green bu ,handpicked	14.00	16.00
BEAN, Wax bu	22.00	22.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct	12.00	12.00
Pear, Bosc, 4/5 bu	26.00	28.00
CABBAGE, Savoy 40lb	16.00	18.00
CHIVES, 1-lb bag	8.00	8.00
COLLARD GREENS, Crate	11.00	11.00
CORN, 5 dz	15.00	16.00
CUCUMBERS, Pickling 1-1/9 bu	30.00	30.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9 bu med	14.00	16.00
EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 bu med	10.00	10.00
GRAPES, Concord 8/1 qt	24.00	26.00
LEEEKS, 12's	15.00	15.00
MUSTARD GREENS, Crate 12-16's	12.00	12.00
PEPPERS, Bell Green 1-1/9 bu xlge	14.00	14.00
PEPPERS, Cubanelles 1-1/9 bu	14.00	14.00
PEPPERS, Jalapeno 1/2 bu	10.00	10.00
PEPPERS, Turning Red 1-1/9 bu xlge	10.00	10.00
POTATOES, 10lb bag	2.00	2.10
POTATOES, Chef 50lb	12.00	13.00
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2bu sm-med CT	8.00	10.00
SQUASH, Kabocha 1-1/9 bu lge	13.00	13.00
SQUASH, Yellow sm-med CT	9.00	10.00
SWISS CHARD, 12's	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES, 20lb lge	20.00	20.00
TOMATOES, 8 qt basket lge	17.00	18.00
TOMATOES, Cherry 12/1pt	12.00	12.00
WATERMELON, Seedless 13-15lb each	3.00	3.00
WATERMELON, Seedless 10-12lb each	2.50	2.50
WATERMELON, Sugar baby each	2.00	2.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS

TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,

Grade A eggs on:

September 20, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	71-75
LARGE	69-73
MEDIUM	55-59

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

Monday August 30, 2010

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

	Premium
Alfalfa	140.00-160.00
Mixed Hay	140.00-160.00
Timothy	120.00-140.00
	Good
Alfalfa	100.00-140.00
Mixed Hay	120.00-130.00
Timothy	110.00-120.00
Straw	110.00-125.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	100.00-110.00
Mixed Hay	90.00-110.00
Timothy	85.00-100.00

Breakers	75-80% lean	160-200 lbs	76.00-92.00
52.00-55.00	55.50-58.00	49.00-51.00	
Boners	80-85% lean	Ewes Utility 1-2: Thin Fleshed	
48.00-52.00	53.00-57.00	120-160 lbs	62.00-78.00
Lean	85-90% lean	160-200 lbs	56.00-70.00
45.00-49.00	49.50-53.50	39.00-44.50	
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1		SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1	
1290-1680 lbs	64.00-66.00	sold by the head, on estimated weights.	
1970-2220 lbs	59.50-60.50	Kids: 50-60 lbs	64.00-74.00
Bullocks: 910-1230 lbs	67.00-70.00	60-80 lbs	68.00-88.00
high dress 850-1415 lbs	75.00-77.00	80-100 lbs	90.00-110.00
low dress 880-1185 lbs	59.00-64.00	100-110 lbs	100.00-116.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:		110-120 lbs	114.00-134.00
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3		Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	64.00-80.00
40-60 lbs	152.00-170.00	130-180 lbs	74.00-92.00
60-80 lbs	152.00-172.00	Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	132.00-146.00
80-90 lbs	144.00-162.00	150-250 lbs	164.00-176.00
90-110 lbs	140.00-160.00		
110-130 lbs	136.00-150.00		

Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3		
40-60 lbs	140.00-160.00	
60-80 lbs	130.00-164.00	
80-90 lbs	128.00-144.00	
90-110 lbs	120.00-140.00	
Ewes: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh		
120-160 lbs	78.00-94.00	

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon September 20, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual
weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	59.00-62.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	57.00-58.00
	300-400 lbs	54.00-55.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	56.50-58.50
	500-700 lbs	60.00-63.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	33.00-34.50

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, 1-877-267-8323, 1-888-526-8815, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com.. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com., Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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. These bags are super strong and exceptionally attractive. 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.

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.

133-R. Chicken coops – run-in-sheds, livestock barns, garages, storage sheds. SVF Sales 860-749-4795.

134-R. Barn equipment, waterers, gates, feeders, stalls, fencing. SVF Sales 860-749-4795.

135-R. Battery and filter (oil, fuel, air). SVF Sales 860-749-4795.

137-R. Kiln dry sawdust for bedding. Excellent for cows and horses. Good rates. Trailer load. Call for price in your area @860-974-3853.

152-R. 1967 Ford Industrial tractor with bucket loader, hi-lo transmission, 8 speeds forward, brush hog, snow plow, weights, snow chains, new logging chains. Excellent condition. Call Ken at 860-767-2816 or 860-388-8580.

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

161-R. Registered Herefords for sale. Spring calves ready to be weaned. Bred cows available. Old Beech Farm. 860-693-2052.

162-R. 2008 Massey Ferguson GC2300 23 hours, hydrostatic, 4WD, 23 HP diesel 60" mid-mount mower, 3 pt hitch, mid & rear PTO, Turf tires, manufacturer's warranty to 3/2012 - \$10,500. James Fazzone 203-250-6677.

163-R. IH 986 \$8,500. JD 6310 4x4 with 640 loader \$27,000. 6405 2wd with 620 loader \$27,000. JD730 direct start diesel \$7,500. NH 575 baler with thrower. 311 Case IH SBX520 baler \$9,000, like new. Farmall 300 \$2,800. Rakes, tedders, IH – JD front and rear wts. 203-530-4953.

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.

165-R. New Idea 5212 12' disc mower/conditioner. Good working condition, new blades and spares, new safety shields. \$6,000. Call John at Break Hill Farm 860-491-2243.

166-R. 1989 Ford 8000 diesel with less than 30k on motor, 5 speed / 2speed rear and 18ft Dion unloading box. 1954 Hough Payloader with rebuilt Hercules motor. Richardton Dump Wagon with 6-inch risers. Call evenings 860-635-1379.

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.

168. Pach Stock Family Farm. All natural beef and veal. Cows, calves, bred cows. 860-873-8476.

169. Dadant 6-frame radial hand-crank honey extractor. Brand new condition, used once, normally \$455. Includes stainless steel stand, normally \$55. Bought separately, plus savings of \$76.84 on shipping, price \$450 – total savings of \$137. 860-642-7331. Ask for Alan.

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

172. Angus bull – 5 years old, approximately 1,800 lbs, quiet and calm – \$1,300. 860-798-1434.

173-R. 2008 Massey Ferguson GC2300, 23 hours, hydrostatic, 4wd, 23hp diesel 60" midmount mower, 3pt hitch, mid and rear pto, turf tires manufacturer's warranty to 3/2012 - \$10,500. James Fazzone 203-250-6677.

AG REPORT ADS ARE ONLY \$3.75 FOR UP TO 15 WORDS! A GREAT VALUE FOR YOUR \$\$\$\$. SEND IN YOUR AD TODAY!

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.

201-R. Unique opportunity for an individual to farm and harvest a 50+ organic chestnut tree farm in Bethany, CT. The only thing we ask in return is that the chestnut farm is lovingly cared for. It was our dad's pride and joy and we are sad to see it go untouched since his passing in 2008. There is potential for profit as his harvest was sold to markets and natural food stores in the area. This offer is for the chestnut tree farm only as the residence is presently leased to tenants. Please call Tom for a showing or with any questions. 203-907-7800.

WANTED

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

RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON THE 2011 FARM MAP

We're doing the CT Farm Map again!! It's time for you to request an



application for the 2011 Farm Map. Just like before, the Farm Map will be a full-color, full-scale, comprehensive DOT road map useful anytime – not just when people want to visit your farm!

Qualifications: To be included on the Farm Map, your agribusiness must produce the majority of products you sell, have regular hours of operation and be open to the public open at least 5 days a week and 7 hours a day on either a seasonal or year-round basis. Farmers' markets and other specialized markets, like fishermen's markets, are also eligible.

Cost: There is a \$100 fee for each location listed on the Farm Map. This fee will be used to offset the printing costs for 225,000 maps, and you will automatically be added to the e version of the Farm Map on our website.

Registration Deadline: The registration deadline to have your application and check in by Friday, October 15, 2010.

Interested? To request a registration form call the Department's Marketing Division at (860) 713-2503. Have an application? Promptly send checks made out to the "CT Dept. of Agriculture"

to: FARM MAP, CT Dept. of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 129, Hartford, CT 06106.

Don't wait and miss this great marketing opportunity!!

**NEW "ORNAMENTAL EDIBLES" EXHIBIT
ADDED TO ARBORETUM**

A new exhibit that will tickle visitors' taste buds has been added this year at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.

The new Ornamental Edibles exhibit in the arboretum's National Herb Garden will demonstrate ways that home gardeners can incorporate delicious vegetable plants into their landscape gardens. Visitors to the herb garden are encouraged to experience plants through sight, smell, touch and taste. It is the largest designed herb garden in the nation that includes annual, perennial and woody herbal plants.

The exhibit is being used to promote healthy eating and contribute to the USDA initiative encouraging Americans to eat locally produced food. The exhibit is managed by arboretum horticulturist Chrissy Moore and technician Jeanette Proudfoot. The arboretum is administered by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), USDA's principal intramural scientific research agency.

Many vegetables make lovely landscape plants. According to Scott Aker, who leads the arboretum's Gardens Unit, ornamental edible plants have attractive foliage, texture and color that give them curb appeal while they are producing food. Even small areas and container gardens can be used to grow attractive vegetables and fruits for home use.

The arboretum's exhibit will feature vegetables appropriate for the current season while also highlighting ARS research. For example, visitors to the arboretum this summer can see ARS-developed, nematode-resistant peppers arranged with tomatoes, eggplants, gourds and beans in an attractive--and tasty--landscape garden.

Visitors are encouraged to sample the plants in the exhibit. And should one want to know more about the garden, a quick call to the arboretum's "Cell Phone Tour" phone number displayed on a small sign will tell visitors more about it.

**USDA LOANS AVAILABLE FOR
CONSERVATION PRACTICES**

The Conservation Loan (CL) program is available to farm owners and farm-related business operators who are working to implement conservation practices approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Marsha Jetté, State Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency, noted the loans can be made through a streamlined application process. The current interest rate on loans is 4.375% for 7 to 20 years. Direct loans have a limit of \$300,000; guaranteed loans up to \$1,112,000.

The CL is available to large and financially strong farmers, as well as to smaller and less financially established farmers. An NRCS approved conservation plan including all applicable conservation practices is needed before FSA can provide financing.

Conservation Loan funds can help with costs to install conservation structures; establish forest cover, create water conservation measures; establish or improve permanent pastures; implement manure management; transition to organic production, adapt emerging conservation techniques and other practices.

Producers in the counties of Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven and Hartford can apply by contacting Ellen Losee, Farm Loan Manager, at 860-626-8852. If you are located in New London, Tolland or Windham county contact Ron Clark, Farm Loan Manager, at 860-887-9941.

CONNECTICUT GROWN PRICE CARDS & POSTERS

The Connecticut Grown Price Cards and Posters are available at the Department of Agriculture and are available to growers, grocery stores and roadside stands. Cards and posters are available on a first come, first- served basis. Call Rick Macsuga at (860) 713-2544 .

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