



# Agricultural Report

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## CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S RESCUED HORSES CONSIGNED TO UCONN SALE

*Bureau of Regulation and Inspection*

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture announces the upcoming sale of two rescued miniature horses, Dolly and Shadow. The animals are consigned to the University of Connecticut's annual spring Horse Auction and Tack and Equipment Tag Sale, which will be held Saturday, April 27, 2013, in the Horse Barn Hill Arena on the university's Storrs campus. Preview begins at 11:00 a.m., followed by the auction at 1:00 p.m.

Dolly and Shadow have been completely rehabilitated back to a healthy condition at [Second Chance](#) large animal rehabilitation facility. Built in 2003 at the York Correctional Facility in Niantic, Second Chance is a cooperative effort of the Departments of Agriculture and Correction. More than 220 horses, mules, and donkeys, all seized due to evidence of animal cruelty and neglect, have been rehabilitated at the facility. There, the animals receive daily care from Connecticut Department of Agriculture staff and York inmates.

UConn's Department of Animal Science has been an important partner in finding good homes for the animals at Second Chance. The university's annual student-organized auction and sale benefits the Equine Science Program in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources' Department of Animal Science.

John Bennett, barn manager, selects one senior and one junior to work on the event with faculty supervision each spring semester. Other student volunteers work for weeks with assigned horses to prepare them for the auction. Staff and students take a genuine interest in the animals and have demonstrated cooperation and dedication at each sale since 2003.

Dolly and Shadow, available at this year's auction, have current vaccinations,

health certificates, and negative Coggins tests. In addition, each has a microchip (LifeChip<sup>®</sup>) for identification purposes. All records will be available to interested parties.

Funds received from the sale of the horses will go directly to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Animal Abuse Cost Recovery Account, which helps offset the costs associated with the rehabilitation of the animals.

Many happy stories have come out of the Second Chance facility. One in particular involves Scottie, Bubba Ray, and George, three horses seized in different animal cruelty cases, who now have a happy home with lots of loving care in the Agri-science Program at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury.

Scottie is a Holsteiner who was found emaciated and living in a dark stall. He was later found to have a fractured leg. After many months of veterinary care, under the watchful eye of Dr. Thor Hyypya of the Equine Veterinary Clinic in Portland, he was finally rehabilitated and his broken bone healed.

Bubba Ray, a Quarter Horse cross, was seized in 2011 with numerous other large animals, while George, a pony, was seized from a small makeshift pen in the back yard of a residence, where he was found emaciated and very shy because of lack of interaction with other animals and humans.

The three horses went to Nonnewaug High School after Elizabeth Webb, an agri-science teacher there, approached the Connecticut Department of Agriculture about the possibility of leasing some horses for her Equine Management class. In the past the school had borrowed horses, but she was looking for a better arrangement.

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*Dolly (above) and Shadow (below)*



**WHOLESALE PEPPERS  
U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL**

|                       | Low   | High  |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| ANAHEIM, 1/2bu, MX    | 18.00 | 20.00 |
| BELL, Grn, 1-1/9, FL  | 19.00 | 20.00 |
| BELL, Rd, 1-1/9, MX   | 16.00 | 19.00 |
| BELL, Yllw, 1-1/9, DR | 28.00 | 30.00 |
| CHERRY, Ht, 1/2bu, NC | 39.00 | 39.00 |
| CUBANELLE, 1-1/9, FL  | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| JALAPENO, 1-1/9, FL   | 44.00 | 44.00 |

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

April 1, 2013

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

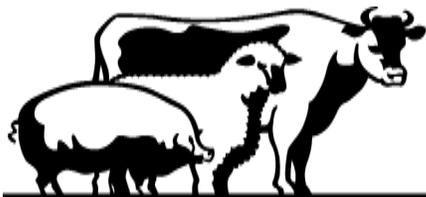
|              |             |             |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 49-54        | 200-270 lbs | n/a         |
|              | 200-400 lbs | 53.00-55.00 |
| 45-49        | 220-300 lbs | 53.00-53.50 |
|              | 300-400 lbs | 54.00-57.50 |
| Sows: US 1-3 | 300-450 lbs | 48.00-58.00 |
|              | 450-700 lbs | 62.00-64.00 |
| Boars:       | 300-700lbs  | 17.00-17.50 |

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, April 8, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

|                     | Low    | High    |
|---------------------|--------|---------|
| Bob Calves:         |        |         |
| 45-60 lbs.          | 50.00  | 58.00   |
| 61-75 lbs.          | 95.00  | 110.00  |
| 76-90 lbs.          | 115.00 | 120.00  |
| 91-105 lbs.         | 130.00 | 140.00  |
| 106 lbs. & up       | 150.00 | 155.00  |
| Farm Calves         | 160.00 | 200.00  |
| Starter Calves      | 60.00  | 65.00   |
| Veal Calves         | 82.50  | 180.00  |
| Open Heifers        | 85.00  | 125.00  |
| Beef Steers         | 85.00  | 125.00  |
| Beef Heifers        | 90.00  | 98.50   |
| Feeder Steers       | 83.00  | 112.50  |
| Stock Bulls         | 90.00  | 105.00  |
| Beef Bulls          | 85.00  | 107.00  |
| Boars               | n/a    | n/a     |
| Sows                | n/a    | n/a     |
| Butcher Hogs        | 37.00  | 50.00   |
| Goats each          | 90.00  | 250.00  |
| Kid Goats           | 35.00  | 120.00  |
| Canners             | Up to  | 79.50   |
| Cutters             | 80.00  | 84.00   |
| Utility Grade Cows  | 85.50  | 90.00   |
| Replacement Heifers | n/a    | n/a     |
| Replacement Cows    | 925.00 | 1020.00 |
| Rabbits each        | 6.00   | 30.00   |
| Chickens each       | 4.00   | 45.00   |
| Ducks each          | 5.00   | 30.00   |
| Feeder Pigs         | 45.00  | 90.00   |
| Lambs               | n/a    | n/a     |
| Sheep               | n/a    | n/a     |



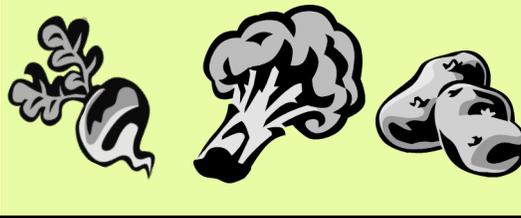
**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

|                            | Low   | High  |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| APPLE, Gld del, 125ct, fcy | 21.00 | 21.00 |
| APPLE, Mac, 96ct, fcy      | 27.00 | 27.00 |
| APPLE, Rd del, 100ct, fcy  | 24.00 | 24.00 |
| BEAN SPRT, 10lb            | 6.00  | 6.00  |
| LETTUCE, Bibb, 12/4oz      | 13.00 | 16.00 |
| POTATO, Chef, 50lb         | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| POTATO, Rd, 10/5lb, A      | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| POTATO, Rsst, 90ct         | 10.50 | 11.00 |
| RUTABAGA, 50lb             | 13.00 | 14.00 |
| TOMATO, 11lb, on vine      | 22.00 | 23.00 |
| TOMATO, loose, 25lb        | 17.00 | 17.00 |

**SHIPPED IN**

|                         |       |       |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| ASPARAGUS, 28lb, CA     | 48.00 | 50.00 |
| BLUEBERRY, 12/6oz, FL   | 36.00 | 39.00 |
| CORN, 5dz, FL           | 20.00 | 22.00 |
| DANDELION GRN, bu, NJ   | 18.00 | 20.00 |
| LEEK, 5kg, grnhs, NT    | 24.00 | 30.00 |
| LEMON, 140ct, CA        | 22.00 | 24.00 |
| PEANUT, 25lb, VA        | 28.00 | 28.00 |
| RHUBARB, grnhs, 6kg, NT | 44.00 | 44.00 |



**HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET**

April 6, 2013

Wholesale, sold by market's resident companies and/or farmers' market vendors

|                  | Low  | High |
|------------------|------|------|
| DAFFODIL, 4" pot | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| DAFFODIL, 6" pot | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| HYACINTH, 6" pot | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| PANSY, 8" pot    | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| PANSY, 48/flat   | 7.00 | 8.00 |
| PANSY, 10" hngr  | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| TULIPS, 6" pot   | 3.00 | 3.00 |



**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

April 2, 2013

Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons (delivered)

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| XTRA LARGE | 1.70-1.81 |
| LARGE      | 1.58-1.68 |
| MEDIUM     | 1.14-1.24 |

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

April 1, 2013

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

|   |             |                          |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|
| <b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>                                |             |                          |
| Breakers  | 75-80% lean |                          |
|   | 75.00-79.00 | 80.00-83.00 71.00-74.540 |
| Boners  | 80-85% lean |                          |
|   | 73.00-78.00 | 79.00-82.00 68.00-71.00  |
| Lean  | 88-90% lean |                          |
|   | 72.50-76.50 | 77.50-80.00 62.00-70.00  |
| <b>CALVES: All prices per cwt.</b>                    |             |                          |
| Graded Bull Calves                                    |             |                          |
| No.1  | 95-125lbs   | 175.00-190.00            |
| No.2  | 95-130lbs   | 150.00-170.00            |
| No.3  | 95-125lbs   | 125.00-145.00            |
| <b>SLAUGHTER BULLS</b> Yield Grade 1                  |             |                          |
|   | 960-1770lbs | 92.00-98.00              |
| <b>HOLSTEIN HEIFERS</b>                               |             |                          |
| No.1  | 95-115lbs   | 100.00-120.00            |
| <b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Trad. Markets</b>             |             |                          |
| Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3                   |             |                          |
|   | 40-50lbs    | 160.00-180.00            |
|   | 50-70lbs    | 142.00-165.00            |
|   | 80-110lbs   | n/a                      |
|   | 110-130lbs  | n/a                      |
| Wooled & Shorn Good & Choice 3-4                      |             |                          |
|   | 40-50lbs    | 200.00-235.00            |
|   | 50-60lbs    | 170.00-174.00            |
|   | 80-100lbs   | n/a                      |
| <b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh</b>           |             |                          |
|   | 90-120lbs   | 70.00-90.00              |
|   | 120-160lbs  | 76.00-85.00              |
|   | 160-200lbs  | n/a                      |
| Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh                               |             |                          |
|   | 110-120lb   | n/a                      |
|   | 120-160lbs  | 42.00-65.00              |
| <b>Bucks</b>  |             |                          |
|   | 120-160lbs  | 50.00-70.00              |
|   | 215-240lbs  | 40.00-60.00              |
| <b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel. 1, by the head, est. wt.</b> |             |                          |
|   | 40-60lbs    | 70.00-110.00             |
|   | 60-70lbs    | 97.00-122.00             |
|   | 70-90lbs    | 114.00-165.00            |
|   | 90-130lbs   | 120.00-180.00            |
| Nannies/Does:   | 110-125lbs  | 110.00-140.00            |
|   | 130-160lbs  | 130.00-172.00            |
| Bucks/Billies:  | 130-150lbs  | 180.00-200.00            |
|   | 150-180lbs  | 200.00-227.00            |
| Sel. 2  | 125-150lbs  | 132.00-180.00            |

**PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN SUMMARY**

April 1, 2013

Eastern/Central Pennsylvania

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Corn No 2 (per bu)     | 7.11  |
| Wheat No 2 (per bu)    | 7.34  |
| Oats No 2 (per bu)     | 4.60  |
| Soybeans No 2 (per bu) | 13.87 |
| Ear Corn (per ton)     | n/a   |

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

April 5, 2013

Per doz., USDA Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| XTRA LARGE | 1.15-1.19 |
| LARGE      | 1.13-1.17 |
| MEDIUM     | 0.96-1.00 |

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### FDA FOOD SAFETY TRAINING TOOLS AVAILABLE

In an effort to enhance retail food safety, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has released [three video testimonials](#) to educate retail and foodservice employees on the possible, dire consequences of poor preparation practices and provide tips to prevent foodborne illness.

The videos support the FDA's Retail Food Safety Initiative, which seeks to strengthen the retail and foodservice industry's active managerial control of foodborne illness risk factors. The videos were produced as part of FDA's Oral Culture Learner Project, designed to enhance food safety training efforts at the retail level by helping food employees understand the important role they play in protecting public health.

The agency encourages industry operators, food safety educators/trainers, and federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial regulatory officials to take full advantage of the project materials, which are available free of charge at [www.fda.gov/foodemployeetraining](http://www.fda.gov/foodemployeetraining).

*From FDA constituent update, April 3, 2013*

### CONNECTICUT FARMS AND WINERIES

#### PARTICIPATE IN SPECIALTY FOOD COMPETITION

Connecticut farms and wineries were well represented at the twelfth [Connecticut Specialty Food Association](#) (CSFA) Product Awards Competition, held March 27, 2013, in Plantsville.

A panel of 20 judges consisting of culinary professionals from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's [Farm-to-Chef Program](#), food writers, wine specialists, and local media personalities scored the 184 entries on overall flavor, texture, aroma, and appearance.

Among the 35 product categories were breads, cheeses, desserts, gluten-free items, ice creams, jams, certified organic products, pasta sauces, salad dressings, condiments, snack foods, and more. The wide variety of food and beverages all were made by Connecticut based companies.

A special Connecticut Grown category featured products containing at least 51 percent Connecticut Grown ingredients, while the entire wine division was exclusively for wines made with 100 percent Connecticut Grown fruit.

Winners of the Connecticut Grown categories are provided below. A complete list of competition results can be found on CSFA's website at [http://www.ctspecialtyfood.org/?page\\_id=8](http://www.ctspecialtyfood.org/?page_id=8).

For more information, contact Tricia Levesque at 860-677-8097 or [tricia@ctfoodassociation.org](mailto:tricia@ctfoodassociation.org).

#### CT Grown Product

- (tie) Bishop's Orchards Farm Market, Apple Cider; Killam & Bassette Farmstead, LLC, Strawberry Jam
- (tie) Bishop's Orchards Farm Market, Apple Butter; Winding Drive Corporation, Pear with Honey Ginger Jam
- White Oak Farm & Table, Apple Jalapeno Finishing Sauce

#### 2013 Wine Product of the Year

- Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Cayuga White, 2010

#### Wine: Blush

- Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Sunset Blush, 2010
- Bishop's Orchards Winery, Amazing Grace

#### Wine: Dessert

- Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Midnight Ice, 2010
- Taylor Brooke Winery, LLC, Corot Noir, 2011
- Taylor Brooke Winery, LLC, Woodstock Valley Red, 2010

#### Wine: Dry Red

- Jones Winery, Cabernet Franc, 2010
- Sunset Meadow Vineyards, St. Croix, 2008
- Jonathan Edwards Winery, Cabernet Franc, 2011

#### Wine: Dry White

- Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Cayuga White, 2010
- Taylor Brooke Winery, LLC, Wine Dog 1, 2011
- Taylor Brooke Winery, LLC, Woodstock Hill White, 2011

#### Wine: Fruit

- Bishop's Orchards Winery, Hyland Red
- (tie) Bishop's Orchards Winery, Celebration; Bishop's Orchards Winery, Honey Peach Melba
- Bishop's Orchards Winery, Happily Impeared

#### Wine: Other White

- Jones Winery, Woodland White, 2011
- Bishop's Orchards Winery, Hard Cider, Semi-Sweet
- Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Blustery Blend, 2010

#### Wine: Rosé

- Taylor Brooke Winery, St. Croix Rosé, 2011
- Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Rosé, 2011
- Jones Winery, Rosé of Cabernet Franc, 2011

**DOAG'S RESCUED HORSES CONSIGNED TO UCONN SALE**

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Mrs. Webb viewed some of the agency's rescued horses and picked out the three "boys." A free lease agreement was put in place for the 2011-2012 school year. In October 2011, the "boys" were transported from Second Chance to the school, where they were greeted by the sound of happy high school sophomores eager to work with their three new project horses.

By the end of the school year, the three horses had settled in so well with the other livestock at Nonnewaug that Mrs. Webb felt the "boys" should have a permanent home there. The school formally adopted them in an agreement that benefitted both the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and the students.

Today the students and the horses work together to learn from one another. Mrs. Webb reports:

"The boys have been progressing nicely since they arrived. We've been doing desensitizing/ground work training with them.

"We hope to saddle break or train George to cart. Bubba is great with the ground work--it makes him think--and he has some arthritis so we don't really need to ride him. Scottie is still working on trust and fear issues, but has made great progress.

"It is not our goal to ride them as much as it is to make them into safe horses for anyone to handle."

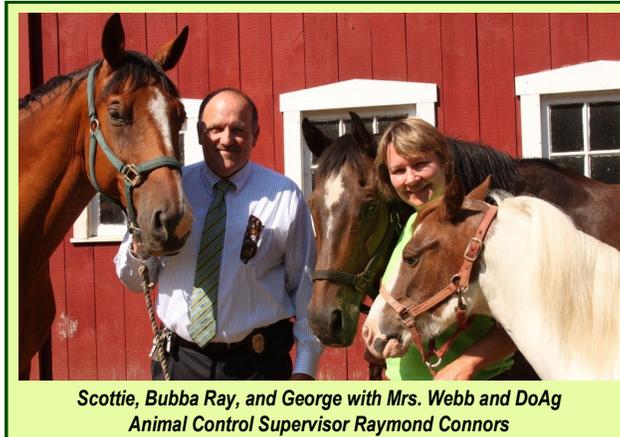
The adoption has truly helped both the horses and the students, and is just one example of a happy Second Chance outcome for animals rescued from cruelty and/or neglect. Now Dolly and Shadow, consigned to the April 27, 2013 auction at UConn, also have an opportunity to gain permanent loving homes.

For more information about the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's animals, please contact Linda Wenner at 860-713-2506 or visit the UConn auction website at <http://www.cag.uconn.edu/ansci/ansci/equine/horsesale.php>. Questions about the auction and tag sale can be directed to UConn at 860-486-2034.

More information about the Second Chance facility is available on Connecticut Department of Agriculture's website (<http://tinyurl.com/DoAgSecondChance>).

Monetary donations to help offset animal rehabilitation costs are always welcome and can be made to the Animal Abuse Cost Recovery Account, c/o Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room G-8A, Hartford, Connecticut 06106.

*Raymond Connors and Linda Piotrowicz contributed to this article. Photos by Linda Wenner and Nonnewaug High School.*



*Scottie, Bubba Ray, and George with Mrs. Webb and DoAg Animal Control Supervisor Raymond Connors*



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