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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

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

*By Raymond Connors, Supervisor, State Animal Control Division*

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has announced the upcoming sale of a group of rescued animals consisting of ten horses. The animals are consigned to the University of Connecticut's Annual Spring Horse Auction and Tack and Equipment Tag Sale to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at the Horse Barn Hill Arena on the University of Connecticut's Storrs campus. The sale preview will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the auction at 1:00 p.m.

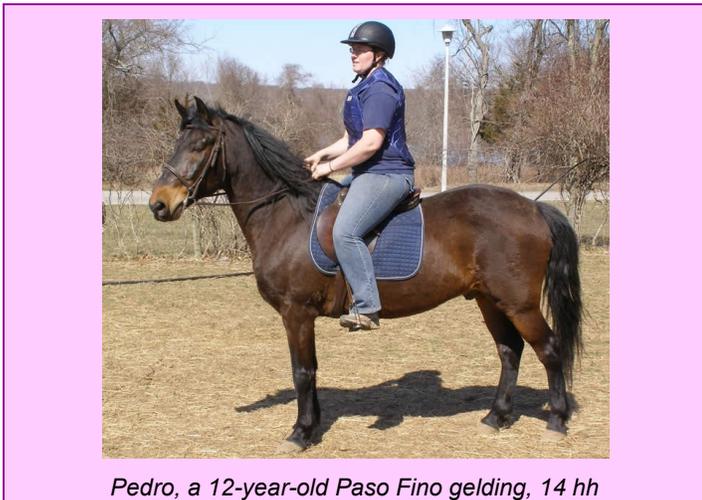
The auction and sale are held by the University of Connecticut's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources for the benefit of the Equine Science Program in the Department of Animal Science. It is a student-organized event with faculty supervision. John Bennett, the barn manager, selects one senior and one junior to work on the event during the spring semester. Other student volunteers are assigned horses weeks in advance to prepare them for the sale. The tack and equipment sale held on auction day features various vendors selling everything from used boots and breeches to horse trinkets and saddles.



*Blue, a 15-year-old Miniature stallion, 8.2 hh*

The rescued and rehabilitated animals that the Department of Agriculture is consigning to the University of Connecticut's auction have been cared for at the department's large animal rescue barn located at the York Correctional Facility in Niantic, Connecticut. The rescue barn, built in 2003, is a cooperative effort of the departments of Agriculture and Corrections. The animals, all of which have been seized as a result of evidence of animal cruelty and neglect, are cared for daily by Department of Agriculture staff and inmates at the York Correctional facility. Combinations of over 200 horses, mules, and donkeys have been rehabilitated at this facility since its opening. The Animal Science Department of University of Connecticut's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources has been an important partner in finding good homes for the rehabilitated animals. The staff and students have taken a genuine interest in the animals as shown by their cooperation and dedication at each sale that has been held since 2003.

The animals consigned to the sale have been at the rescue barn for some time and are completely rehabilitated back to a healthy condition.



*Pedro, a 12-year-old Paso Fino gelding, 14 hh*

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**WHOLESALE BERRIES SHIPPED IN**

	Low	High
BLACK CRNT,CH	34.00	34.00
BLACKBRY,12/6oz,MX	25.00	30.00
BLUEBRY,12/1PT,GA	31.00	34.00
BLUEBRY,12/6,med,FL	19.00	21.00
BLUEBBRY,12/6,org,FL	46.00	46.00
GOOSEBRY,12/6,NZ	40.00	40.00
RASPBRY,12/6,Ign,CA	39.00	39.00
STRAWBRY,8/1lb,md,CA	12.00	15.00
STRAWBRY,8/1,org,CA	30.00	30.00
STRAWBRY,4/2lb,CA	8.00	10.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

April 23, 2012

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

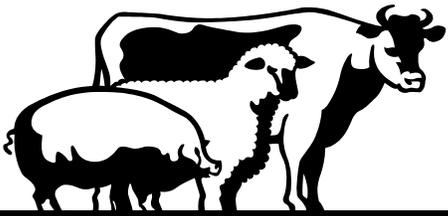
49-54	200-270 lbs	60.00-63.00
	270-300 lbs	58.00-63.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	45.00-50.00
	500-700 lbs	48.00-52.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	29.00-31.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, April 23, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	55.00	62.00
61-75 lbs.	100.00	125.00
76-90 lbs.	142.00	145.00
91-105 lbs.	150.00	160.00
106 lbs. & up	165.00	182.50
Farm Calves	185.00	192.50
Veal Calves	125.00	157.00
Open Heifers	85.00	135.00
Beef Steers	102.00	124.00
Feeder Steers	102.50	135.00
Starter Calves	58.00	70.00
Beef Bulls	89.25	99.00
Sows	25.00	35.00
Butcher Hogs	60.00	105.00
Goats each	145.00	245.00
Kid Goats	28.00	60.00
Canners	Up to	80.50
Cutters	81.00	84.00
Utility Grade Cows	85.00	90.00
Rabbits each	6.00	19.00
Chickens each	5.00	35.00
Ducks each	15.00	18.00
Feeder Pigs	All at	75.00
Lambs	65.00	155.00
Sheep	n/a	n/a



**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE,Mac,100ct,fcy	19.00	19.00
APPLE,Red del,80ct,xfcy	18.00	18.00
CIDER,9-1/2gal	18.00	18.00
FIDDLEHEAD,10lb	50.00	70.00
LETTUCE,Bstn,12/4oz	14.00	16.00
POTATO,10lb	3.20	3.40
TOMATO,Chrry,5lb flat	14.00	14.00
TOMATO,Grnhs,25lb,Ig	14.00	16.00

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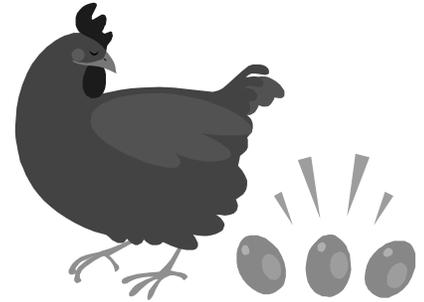
	Low	High
ARUGULA,4/5bu,NJ	14.00	15.00
ASPARAGUS,11lb,Ig,CA	22.00	23.00
BEANS,Grn,,bu,FL	18.00	20.00
BROCCOLI,14ct,AZ	13.00	16.00
CABBAGE,Grn,50lb,FL	13.00	13.00
CANTALOUPE,12ct,HD	21.00	24.00
CHIVES,1kg,IS	20.00	22.00
CILANTRO,24,NJ	14.00	14.00
CORN,4dz,FL	15.00	17.00
DILL,24,NJ	22.00	24.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9,md,FL	20.00	20.00
KALE,24s,SC	12.00	13.00
LEEKs,12s,NJ	14.00	18.00
LETTUCE,Bstn,24,NJ	14.00	18.00
LETTUCE,Rd lf,24,NJ	18.00	18.00
ONION,Vidalia,40lb,Ga	18.00	20.00
PEACHES,54ct,CA	40.00	40.00
PEAS,Englsh,bu,GA	35.00	40.00
PEPPER,Grn,1-1/9,Ig,FL	20.00	22.00
RHUBARB,20lb,WA	37.00	40.00
SPINACH,24,NJ	15.00	16.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

April 23, 2012

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>			
Breakers	75-80%lean		
	83.50-87.00	87.00-90.00	76.00-82.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	84.00-87.00	88.00-92.00	73.00-78.00
Lean	88-90% lean		
	75.00-81.00	82.00-85.00	72.00-74.00
<b>CALVES: All prices per cwt.</b>			
<b>Graded Bull Calves: Number 1</b>			
	95-125lbs	240.00-255.00	
	80-90lbs	230.00-240.00	
	Number 2	95-120lbs	215.00-240.00
	Number 3	95-125lbs	140.00-170.00
<b>Holstein Heifers: Number 1</b>			
	90-105 lbs	190.00-215.00	
<b>Slaughter Bulls-745-1745lbs-94.00-99.00</b>			
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:</b>			
<b>Woolled &amp; Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3</b>			
	40-60lbs	225.00-255.00	
	60-80lbs	212.00-345.00	
	80-90lbs	210.00-229.00	
	90-110lbs	205.00-230.00	



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	132-139
LARGE	127-137
MEDIUM	100-110

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

April 23, 2012

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	92-96
LARGE	90-94
MEDIUM	80-81

**PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN REPORT**

April 23, 2012

Grain market for eastern Pennsylvania.

Corn, No.2, bu.	6.53-6.85
Ear Corn, ton	190-190
Soybeans, No.2, bu.	13.72-14.11



110-130lbs	185.00-200.00
130-150lbs	150.00-168.00
<b>Woolled &amp; Shorn Choice 2-3</b>	
40-60lbs	200.00-235.00
60-80lbs	185.00-205.00
80-90lbs	192.00-208.00
90-110lbs	212.00-222.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh</b>	
120-160lbs	80.00-100.00
160-200lbs	79.00-98.00
200-300lbs	68.00-84.00
<b>Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh</b>	
120-160lbs	64.00-79.00
160-200lbs	60.00-79.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.</b>	
30-40lbs	100.00-115.00
40-60lbs	130.00-170.00
60-80lbs	160.00-182.00
90-100lbs	n/a
110-130lbs	N/A
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	155.00-170.00
130-180lbs	160.00-175.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	210.00-225.00
150-250lbs	225.00-250.00

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### FOR SALE

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61-R. New & used farm tractor Massey Ferguson & Yanmars starting out at \$13,500. Tractor & loader. 0% financing 72 months. Krone haying equipment rake, tedder, mowers & more. OPEN HOUSE April 21<sup>st</sup>, 9-2. Website--[www.bigboystoysllc.net](http://www.bigboystoysllc.net). Scenic Rte 169, Pomfret, CT. Lots of equipment new & used. 860-928-9778. Great financing available.

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### CONNECTICUT FARM-TO-SCHOOL SURVEY

The Eastern Connecticut RC&D Area and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture Farm-to-School Program are conducting three surveys to gather baseline statewide data on farm-to-school participation and interest, and to identify the best opportunities to increase sales of Connecticut Grown products to K-12 schools. Three different surveys have been sent to farmers, school food service directors, and wholesalers/distributors. The surveys have a May 4, 2012, deadline. This project is being funded through a grant from the USDA and the regional group Farm to Institution New England. A final report will be prepared and made available on several websites by the summer.

### DOAG'S RESCUED HORSES CONSIGNED TO UCONN SALE (continued from Page 1)

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



*Cinnamon, an 11-year old Paint mare, 15.1 hh*

For more information regarding the department's animals, contact the State Animal Control Division at 860-713-2506 or visit the auction website at <http://www.cag.uconn.edu/ansci/ansci/equine/horsesale.php>. On this website you will find information and photos of all of the rescued animals.

For general information regarding the Spring Horse Auction and Tack and Equipment Tag Sale, you may go to the website or contact the University of Connecticut at 860-486-2034.

### SIGN UP NOW FOR CT OPEN HOUSE DAY

The Connecticut Office of Tourism (COT) is sponsoring the eighth annual Connecticut Open House Day on Saturday, June 9, 2012. The one-day, statewide event is designed to showcase Connecticut's diverse world of history, art, film, and agritourism to Connecticut residents.

Register before April 27, 2012, to be eligible to receive complimentary promotional Open House Day banners and/or lawn signs. Participating properties listed on [www.CTvisit.com](http://www.CTvisit.com) will receive greater promotional value the earlier they register. COT is increasing the marketing support for Open House Day with new social media efforts and public relations outreach from the state's new brand and advertising campaign, launched this spring.

Visit [www.cultureandtourism.org](http://www.cultureandtourism.org) for details on how to participate, along with valuable resources to make your Open House Day a success. For additional information, contact Rosemary Bove, [Rosemary.Bove@ct.gov](mailto:Rosemary.Bove@ct.gov) or Jean Hebert, [Jean.Hebert@ct.gov](mailto:Jean.Hebert@ct.gov).

### PENN STATE UPDATES BIODEGRADABLE MULCH INFO

Penn State University Extension educators have published results and a fact sheet from their work with biodegradable mulches made from plant starches, which can be used as alternatives to black plastic mulch. The biodegradable mulches are tilled under at the end of the season and left to decompose rather than being pulled up.

To learn more, visit Penn State Extension's Biodegradable Mulch Demonstration Update page at <http://extension.psu.edu/vegetable-fruit/blog/2012/biodegradable-mulch-demonstration-update>

**BEECH BARK DISEASE LECTURE MAY 23**

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station will host a lecture on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, by Dr. David R. Houston, *Beech Bark Disease: Biology, Ecology, and Forest Responses, A Five-Decade Quest for Understanding*.

Dr. Houston, a retired principal plant pathologist with the USDA Forest Service's Forest Insect and Disease Laboratory in Hamden, Connecticut, is internationally recognized as the world's authority on the scale-fungus disease complex known as Beech Bark Disease.

The lecture begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Jones Auditorium at 123 Huntington Street in New Haven, and will be preceded by tea at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please call the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station at 203-974-8500.

**SBDC ENTREPRENEUR EDUCATION WORKSHOPS**

The Connecticut Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is hosting a three-part entrepreneur education workshop series at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich.

*Entrepreneur Self Assessment: Do You Have What It Takes?* will run Monday, April 23, 2012, followed by *Starting Your Connecticut Business: A Step-By-Step Guide*, on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. *Writing A Business Plan: Your Company's Roadmap*, will wrap up the series and will be offered on both Monday, April 30, and Monday, May 2, 2012. All workshops run from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and will be facilitated by Marcie Boyer.

For more information or to register, visit SBDC's website at <http://ctsbdc.org> and click "Events and Workshops" or call 855-702-3279. SBDC is funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

**HUMANE/SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK WORKSHOP MAY 21**

A humane and sustainable livestock farming workshop co-sponsored by CT NOFA, UConn, and RMA will be held May 21, 2012, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Footsteps Farm in Stonington.

The workshop is for farmers, homesteaders, or anyone interested in livestock production with a focus on heritage breed turkeys, Scottish Highlander cattle, Footsteps Farm's own breed of pig, the Large Shireworth, laying hens and broiler chickens (these will not be on the farm at the time of the workshop).

Dinner and gathering for those who have farmed for no more than 10 years will follow. For more info call 203-888-5146.

**AGRITOURISM BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM**

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Agritourism Brochure Distribution Program enables farms with an agritourism component to have their brochures placed in a dedicated, freestanding rack in Connecticut's six major welcome centers (Danbury, Fairfield, Westbrook, North Stonington, West Willington, and Hartford).

Thousands of tourists visit the centers each month and provide a great opportunity to increase on-farm traffic. The monthly participation fee varies based on selected months and locations. Space is limited to 24 brochures per center per month.

The guidelines and enrollment form are available at [www.CTgrown.gov](http://www.CTgrown.gov). (Go to "Programs and Services" then "Agritourism Brochure Distribution Program.") Applications for the 2012-2013 season will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be received by May 11, 2012. The first delivery will occur the weekend before Memorial Day. Contact Jaime L. Smith, at [jaimesmith@ct.gov](mailto:jaimesmith@ct.gov) or 860-713-2559 with any questions.



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