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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

NATIONAL FARMERS' MARKET WEEK AUG 7-13

By Rick Macsuga, Marketing Representative

United States Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has proclaimed August 7-13, 2011, as National Farmers' Market Week. This year marks the 12th annual National Farmers' Market Week. There are 6,132 operational farmers' markets nationwide and a 16 percent growth over last year.

"Seeing such continued strong growth in the number of US farmers markets indicates that regional food systems can provide great economic, social, and health benefits to communities across the country," said Vilsack. "Farmers' markets provide fresh local products to communities across the country, while offering economic opportunities for producers of all sizes."

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is pleased to be part of this celebration. But our history (celebration) of farmers markets goes back longer. There is written documentation of an established farmers' market going back to 1643. In 1643 the General Court of Connecticut required that Hartford establish a public market. "The Great Country Store" was open all day on Wednesday at the southeast corner of meeting house yard (the site of the Old State House). The market was "for all manner of commodities that shall be bought in, and for cottell, or any merchandise whatsoever."



Connecticut Grown produce for sale at a farmers' market

From these humble beginnings Connecticut farmers have continued to grow and in 2011 we have 125 certified farmers' markets and 468 farmers participating in these markets. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture estimates that about \$3 million passed through Connecticut farmers' markets last year (\$774,237 in WIC/Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers and \$2.3 million in cash). Connecticut farmers' markets bolster local economies, improve community health, and bring diverse groups of people together through a shared social space.

During National Farmers' Market Week, we invite everyone to celebrate at a [Connecticut farmers' market](#) and remember: buy local today—we'll grow more tomorrow.

ORGANIC COST-SHARE PROGRAM

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has again entered into a cooperative agreement with the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) for the Organic Cost Share Program. Producers and handlers who have received certification from a USDA accredited certifying agent are eligible to participate.

For many farmers, the cost of organic certification can be prohibitive. But by offering reimbursement for certification-related expenses, the NOP recognizes the cost of regulation and makes certification more affordable to farmers.

Connecticut organic producers and handlers can be reimbursed for a portion of their certification fee. Reimbursement will be 75% (up to \$750) of the certification cost. This year's approved cooperative agreement allows a maximum total of \$37,000 for producers and \$5,000 for handlers. This program is administered on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.

To apply, producers/handlers must provide the Connecticut Department of Agriculture with a copy of their 2011 certification certificate from an accredited certifier and a certification financial form (bill of cost for certification). For more information, contact Rick Macsuga, 860-713-2544 or Richard.macsuga@ct.gov.



ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

APPLE, Pink Lady, 100CT CL	56.25	56.25
BEANS, Green, 25lb, GA	47.00	48.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/6oz	31.75	31.75
BROCCOLI, 14ct, CA	34.00	34.00
CABBAGE, Green, 45lb, NC	29.00	29.00
CORN, 4-1/2dz, GA	38.75	38.75
CUCUMBERS, 1/2bu, GA	32.75	32.75
GARLIC, 10lb, jbo, ARG	73.75	73.75
GRAPE, Flame, 19LB, CA	51.25	51.25
LEMON, 140ct, CA	60.25	60.25
LETTUCE, Greenleaf, 12ct, CA	35.00	35.00
MANGOES, 9ct, MX	9.50	9.50
PEACHES, 60ct, SC	41.50	41.50
PEPPER, Bell, green 1-1/9	51.25	51.25
PLUMS, 28lb, CA	39.00	39.00
SQUASH, Green, 20lb	36.00	36.00
SWISS CHARD, Red, 24s, CA	20.50	20.50
TOMATOES, 25lb, Roma	37.25	37.25

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

August 1, 2011

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

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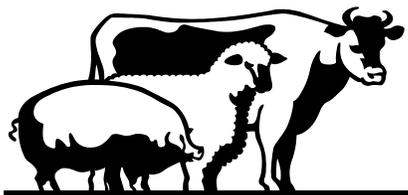
49-54	220-270 lbs	75.00-79.00
	270-300lbs	76.00-78.00
	300-400lbs	71.00-74.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	70.50-74.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	64.50-65.00
	500-700 lbs	64.50-67.00
Boars:	300-800 lbs	32.00-33.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., August 1, 2011

(Most cattle sold by dollar, lightning hit scale.)

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	18.00	22.00
61-75 lbs.	24.00	30.00
76-90 lbs.	35.00	40.00
91-105 lbs.	42.50	45.00
106 lbs. & up	50.00	55.00
Farm Calves	60.00	70.00
Veal Calves	50.00	225.00
Open Heifers	510.00	770.00
Beef Heifers	610.00	780.00
Feeder Steers	450.00	550.00
Starter Calves	35.00	45.00
Beef Bulls	68.00	79.50
Stock Bulls	480.00	580.00
Replacement Heifers	one at	880.00
Lambs each	47.00	182.50
Goats each	85.00	185.00
Kid Goats each	30.00	130.00
Canners	up to	64.50
Cutters	65.00	69.00
Utility Grade Cows	70.00	75.00
Rabbits each	4.00	25.00
Chickens each	5.00	47.00
Ducks each	5.00	25.00
Sheep	97.00	105.00



FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE, Jesery Mac, bu	24.00	24.00
BEANS, Green, bu	16.00	18.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb, film	4.50	5.00
BEEETS, 12s	14.00	14.00
BLUEBERRIES 12/1pt, Net top	27.00	30.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1pt, Clam shell	26.00	29.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct	12.00	13.00
CABBAGE, Green, 50lb box	10.00	12.00
CABBAGE, Red, 50lb, box	14.00	16.00
CABBAGE, Savoy, 1 1/9bu	14.00	16.00
CORN, 5dz	10.00	12.00
CUCUMBERS, bu	18.00	20.00
CUCUMBERS, PckIng, 1/2bu	15.00	15.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu	14.00	16.00
KALE, crtn, bnchd	12.00	12.00
NECTARINES 22-24lb	26.00	26.00
PEACHES, 25lb, 2-1/2 min	20.00	22.00
PEACHES, 25lb, White	24.00	26.00
PEPPER, Bell, 1-1/9bu, med	11.00	11.00
PEPPER, Bell, 1 1/9bu, xl	12.00	14.00
SQUASH, Green, 1/2bu, sm/med	16.00	20.00
SQUASH, Yellow, 1/2bu	12.00	14.00
TOMATOES, GH, 20lb	28.00	30.00
TOMATOES, Cherry, 12/1pt	12.00	12.00

SHIPPED IN

BASIL, 2lb, NJ	10.00	10.00
CANTALOUPE, 8ct, DE	15.00	15.00
CHERRIES, Bing, 18lb, 10rows, WA	46.00	47.00
ESCAROLE, 1.3bu, 18s, NJ	13.00	15.00
KOHLRABI, 1-3/5bu, NJ	16.00	18.00
LEEKs, 12s, MJ	18.00	20.00
MUSHROOM, 10lb, wht, lg, PA	16.50	17.00
PEPPER, Cubanelle, med, NJ	18.00	20.00
PEPPER, Jalapeno, 10lb, NJ	14.00	16.00
PEPPER, Long hot, NJ	15.00	18.00
POTATOES, 50lb, Rnd wh, szA, DE	20.00	20.00
WATERMELON, 15-19lb, ea, AL	5.00	5.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, August 1, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

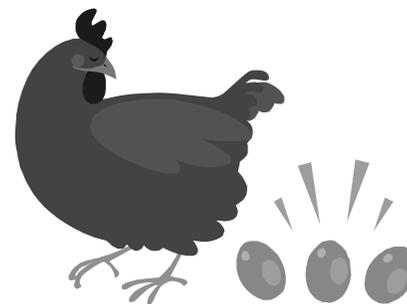
SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers 75-80% lean	70.00-74.00	N/A	64.00-69.00
Boners 80-85% lean	66.00-69.50	71.50-73.50	61.00-63.00
Lean 85-90% lean	62.00-66.00	67.00-70.00	55.00-60.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1
1425-1795 lbs 91.00-94.50

CALVES: All prices per cwt.
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1
95-115 lbs 95.00-115.00
80-90 lbs -85.00-100.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1
85-105 lbs 240.00-280.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3
40-60 lbs N/A
60-80 lbs 212.00-226.00
80-90 lbs 206.00-215.00
90-110 lbs 198.00-213.00
110-130 lbs 192.00-207.00
130-150 lbs 196.00-196.00



WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	165-176
LARGE	153-164
MEDIUM	107-115

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

August 2, 2011

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

EXTRA LARGE	97-127
LARGE	91-105
MEDIUM	64-77

VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

July 28, 2011

Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

Alfalfa	sm. square, 45-55lbs
Premium	4.50 per bale
Good	3.70-per bale
Mixed Grass	sm. round, under 1,000lbs
Good	20.00-24.00 per bale
Straw	large square
	24.00 per bale

Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3

40-60 lbs	174.00-193.00
60-80 lbs	183.00-210.00
80-90 lbs	179.00-194.00
90-110lbs	169.00-184.00
110-130lbs	165.00-170.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh
120-160 lbs 107.00-118.00
160-200 lbs 102.00-116.00
200-300lbs 98.00-112.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh
120-160 lbs 65.00-86.00
160-200 lbs 88.00-96.00

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.
Kids: 30-40 lbs N/A
40-60lbs 110.00-138.00
60-80lbs 124.00-156.00
80-90lbs 146.00-168.00
90-100lbs 166.00-176.00
100-110lbs N/A
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 110.00-122.00
130-180 lbs 102.00-116.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs 163.00-177.00
150-250 lbs 204.00-217.00

ADVERTISEMENTS

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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.

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4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. 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.

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

130-R. Battery powered price computing scales \$328.00. Cash registers \$280.00. Repair, calibration and rental scales of all types available. 800-403-5919.

143-R. Toro Z-Master, 62" gas zeroturn commercial grade grass mower, 115 hours. \$5,000.00. Call Ed 860-889-0598.

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

148-R. 7 Foot 3 point hitch heavy duty cultivator. 860-485-1753.

150-R. 1989 John Deere 450. Crawler 4 in 1 bucket. Asking \$15,000.00. 203-288-9676.

152. Furnace - HS TRAM Model 75-coal, wood or oil \$550.00. Wood rain barrel \$85.00. Half rain barrel \$85.00. Wheel Horse tractor 1257 with mower \$475.00. Ford 800 tractor with bucket loader \$3,500.00. Trailer 5'X10' \$650.00. 10" Craftsman table saw \$75.00. Craftsman 10" radial arm \$100.00. Miscellaneous truck tires-14, 15, 16, and 17 inch, light truck. 860-918-8515.

153-R. 1998 Chevy pick-up 3500 series 8'-0" 2WD a/c, automatic, with 8-foot aluminum cap, 169K. Asking \$3050.00. 860-228-3607. or 860-573-0851 cell.

154. New Holland motor, 2 cylinder Wisconsin air cool Model T.F.D. Serial #27645.32, size 3/4X3/4 Spec 118261 \$200.00 or B/O. Massey Ferguson 3'-0" rototiller w/3 point hitch, ser. 2628-ser. 001026 \$350.00. 14'-0" HD trailer, dual wheels, electric brakes \$1,550.00. H-860-228-3607 or cell- 860-573-0851.

155. Troybilt 6.5 hp HV "Horse" rototiller. Works well. Call 860-872-3090. Leave message.

WANTED

129-R. Need engine parts for older Onan diesel engine, pistons/rings. 860-673-6100.

151-R. Beardsley's Cider Mill & Orchard, Shelton, CT. P/T seasonal Retail Supervisor needed for a busy farm store on weekends and possibly some weekdays starting September 10. Responsibilities include: cashier, oversee bakery employees and retail shop. Ideal candidate will be mature, reliable, responsible and friendly, trustworthy, able to multi-task and enjoy working with the public. Must work every week-end until Thanksgiving (16-30 hrs/week). References required. Call 203-925-9746 to leave your name and best time to reach you.

MISCELLANEOUS

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FOOD SPENDING AS PERCENTAGE OF DISPOSABLE INCOME AT ALL-TIME LOW

According to USDA, US families spent a total of 9.4 percent of their disposable personal income on food in 2010. Five and a half percent of disposable personal income went to food eaten at home, while just below four percent went to away-from-home eating.

While these percentages are unchanged from 2009, the totals show a significant decline over the past eight decades. For example, in 1930, families used 24.2 percent of disposable personal income on food (15.8 percent at home and only 3.1 away from home).

In 1940, the total was down to 20.7 percent, declining slightly to 20.6 percent in 1950, and to 17.5 percent in 1960. By 1970, the total dropped to 13.9 percent, and to 13.2 percent in 1980. Families spent only 11.4 percent in 1990, and by the time 2000 rolled around, the total was down to 9.9 percent.

Interestingly enough, the percentage spent on away-from-home eating changed little during that same time, ranging from a low of 3.0 percent (1935-37 and 1942) to a high of 4.3 percent (1947, 1979, and 1981-82). The percentage spent on food at home, however, ranged from a low of 5.5 percent (2009-10) to a high of 21.9 percent (1933).

The entire table, which tracks spending from 1929 to 2010, can be found on USDA's website at http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/CPIFoodAndExpenditures/Data/Expenditures_tables/table7.htm

POLL SHOWS CONSUMERS PREFER ORGANIC AND WANT TO SUPPORT LOCAL FARMS

A May 2011 Thomson Reuters-NPR Health Poll showed that in general, consumers prefer organic products. The survey asked respondents about their attitudes towards organic foods. More than half (58%) said that given a choice, they prefer to eat organic food.

Highlights of the findings include the following:

- Among respondents who prefer organic food, 36% said their primary impetus is an eagerness to support local farms and 34% cited a desire to avoid toxins in their food. 17% said they prefer organic food because it's better for the environment and 13% said it tastes better.
- Of those who preferred non-organic food, 54% said price is the primary driver of that preference, while 21% said they prefer non-organic food because it is more widely available, 13% said non-organic food tastes better, and 11% believe non-organic foods are safer.
- When asked where they prefer to obtain produce, 43% said a farmers' market, 32% said supermarket, 20% said their own garden, and 5% said a farm co-op.
- While 58% of respondents said they prefer organic food, only 34% say its presence on a menu would influence their ordering decision.

The complete survey report is available online at http://www.factsforhealthcare.com/pressroom/NPR_report_OrganicFoods.pdf.

News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows. Submit concise summaries (150 words maximum) to linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

CT DEPT OF AG LEGISLATIVE REPORT: 2011 SESSION

H.B. 6651 – AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT PA 11-48, Sections 133-135, signed 6/13/11, effective July 1, 2011

Pertaining to the Community Investment Account, this law does the following:

- Makes permanent a \$10 increase (from \$30 to \$40) in the land use document recording fee scheduled to expire July 1, 2011.
- Makes the \$40 fee permanent and rearranges the distribution formula. In making the fee permanent, the bill requires municipalities to remit \$36 of each \$40 fee to the state and retain \$4, as current law requires.
- Credits \$10 of each fee for milk grants beginning July 1, 2011.
- Imposes a formula for grants to milk producers based on federally set milk price and the amount needed to sustain dairy operations, as the USDA secretary determines. However, if that baseline is unavailable (which it currently is), the bill requires the state agriculture commissioner to set the baseline based on data and variables the USDA secretary publishes.
- Credits \$10 of each fee to the agricultural sustainability account established by PA 09-229.
- Re-establishes the distribution formula for the remaining recording fees that applied before July 1, 2009, equally apportioning revenue to the following agencies:
 1. Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism
 2. Connecticut Housing Finance Authority

3. Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
 4. Connecticut Department of Agriculture
- Requires Department of Agriculture, under current law, to annually allocate its share as follows:
 1. Agricultural Sustainability Program: \$500,000
 2. Farm Transition Program: \$500,000
 3. Connecticut Grown: \$100,000
 4. Connecticut Farm Link: \$75,000
 - Expands above list to include the following three entities currently receiving a temporary annual allocation under PA 09-229:
 1. Seafood Advisory Council: \$47,500
 2. Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council, \$47,500
 3. Connecticut Food Policy Council, \$25,000
 - Requires agriculture commissioner, under current law, to allocate any remaining balance to farmland preservation programs.

S.B. 1127 – AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS OTHER THAN THE GENERAL FUND PA 11-233, signed 7/13/11, effective upon passage

Section 4: Establishing a date for the submission of personal property declarations and property tax exemptions by farmers.

This bill changes the date on which farmers must annually submit personal property tax declarations and claims for exemption to the town assessor from 30 days after the assessment date to on or by November 1.



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