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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

### FARMLAND RESTORATION PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2013

*By Joseph Dippel, Acting Director, Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation*

Governor Dannel P. Malloy and Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky recently visited eastern Connecticut for a first-hand look at farms participating in Governor Malloy's new Farmland Restoration Program (FLRP).

Authorized under Governor Malloy's 2011 jobs bill, the program encourages the reclamation of fallow farmland into productive cropland. Funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 was approved by the Bond Commission for the new program in January.

During the tour, Commissioner Reviczky pointed out, "Not only does the program promote agriculture in the state, but it supports jobs and a growing demand for local food."

The benefits of the FLRP are many. As agriculture in Connecticut continues to grow, there is a need to push back the brush and forests that have taken over fields and pasture that were once productive farmlands.

This program is designed to assist farmers and landowners in reclaiming their agricultural lands.

Municipal and land trust lands with agricultural leases of five years or more on farmland brought back into sustainable agricultural production are also eligible to apply.

The following is a list of eligible practices:

- Reclamation of grown-over pastures, meadows, and cropland, including the removal of invasive plants and hedge row management;
- Clearing and removal of trees, stumps, stones, invasives, and brush to create or restore agricultural use;
- Installation of fencing to keep livestock in reclaimed pasture areas and/or out of riparian areas;
- Restoration of water runoff and drainage of crop fields to improve cropland areas and restore water runoff patterns and water conservation;

- Installation of wildlife management fencing to protect crop fields on FLRP area(s);
- Renovation of farm ponds, including farm pond management/irrigation and irrigation wells incidental to the restored cropland areas;
- Restoration of shellfish beds or aquaculture ponds.

Under FLRP, farmers are eligible for matching grants of up to \$20,000 per project, on a 50% cost-sharing basis, to implement a number of different restoration and conservation practices.

A conservation plan or farmland restoration plan developed in consultation with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service and Connecticut Conservation District specialists is required. The plan will identify restoration project areas to be restored and the costs associated with the farmland restoration.

Priority of program applications is as follows:

1. Human food production, including fruit production, will be given the highest priority.
2. Livestock, livestock feed, and livestock support production will be considered second.
3. Other agricultural uses may be considered based on land use, food production, and acreage to be restored.

Examples of projects approved include the Killingworth Cranberries Farm bog, located in Killingworth, shown at the bottom left of Page 3. The project restores 4.5 acres of a cranberry bog, originally established in 1911. The berries will be harvested for fresh sales.

The project required extensive grading, irrigation, drainage, and replanting to restore to modern standards, and leverages over \$100,000 in farmer funds.

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**WHOLESALE BERRIES  
U.S./INTERNATIONAL**

	Low	High
BLACKBERRY, 12/6oz, MX	10.00	12.00
BLUEBERRY, 12/6oz, CL	26.00	28.00
BLUEBERRY, 12/6oz, org, CL	35.00	35.00
CHERRIES, 5kg, jbo, CH	50.00	52.00
RASPBERRY, 12/6oz, MX	32.00	38.00
STRAWBERRY, 8/1lb, FL	25.00	30.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

December 10, 2012

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

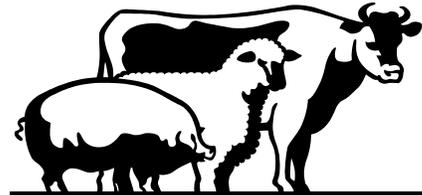
49-54	220-300 lbs	59.00-62.00
	300-400 lbs	59.50-60.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	55.00-58.00
	270-300 lbs	n/a
	300-400 lbs	51.00-54.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	47.00-49.50
	500-700 lbs	50.00-54.00
Boars:	300-700lbs	17.00-20.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, December 17, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	30.00	42.00
61-75 lbs.	54.00	60.00
76-90 lbs.	65.50	75.00
91-105 lbs.	80.00	82.50
106 lbs. & up	84.00	87.50
Farm Calves	90.00	95.00
Starter Calves	35.00	45.00
Veal Calves	80.00	157.00
Open Heifers	80.00	125.00
Beef Steers	81.00	119.00
Beef Heifers	78.00	83.50
Feeder Steers	95.00	135.00
Stock Bulls	105.00	135.00
Beef Bulls	90.00	106.00
Boars	5.00	50.00
Sows	35.00	41.00
Butcher Hogs	95.00	102.50
Goats each	110.00	260.00
Kid Goats	70.00	115.00
Canners	Up to	71.50
Cutters	72.50	74.00
Utility Grade Cows	75.00	77.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	40.00
Chickens each	4.00	22.00
Ducks each	5.00	21.00
Feeder Pigs	60.00	100.00
Lambs	105.00	235.00
Sheep	80.00	185.00



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE, Fuji 88ct, fcy	26.00	26.00
APPLE, Gala, 100ct, fcy	26.00	26.00
APPLE, Gala, 12-3lb, fcy, 2-1/2"	24.00	24.00
APPLE, Gld del, 100ct, fcy	26.00	26.00
APPLE, Mac, 80ct, fcy	27.00	27.00
APPLE, Mac, 96ct, fcy	26.00	26.00
APPLE, Mac, 12-3lb, fcy, 2-1/2"	21.00	21.00
APPLE, Rd del, 100ct, fcy	25.00	25.00
BEAN SPRT, 10lb	4.50	5.00
CIDER, 4/1gal	23.00	23.00
CIDER, 9 1/2gal	27.00	27.00
LETTUCE, Bstn, 12/4oz	14.00	16.00
PARSNIPS, 25lb	21.00	21.00
POTATOES, 10lb, szA	2.00	2.00
POTATOES, Rd, 10/5lb	14.00	14.00
POTATOES, Rsst, 90ct	11.00	11.00
RUTABAGA, 50lb	13.00	14.00
SQUASH, Bttrnt, 1-1/9	10.00	13.00
SQUASH, Dlcata, 1 1/9bu	20.00	20.00
TOMATOES, Vn ripe, 25lb, gh, loose	14.00	16.00
TOMATOES, Vn ripe, 12lb, gh	26.00	27.00
SQUASH, Acrn, 1-1/9bu	10.00	13.00
TURNIPS, 25lb, Prpl top	10.00	10.00

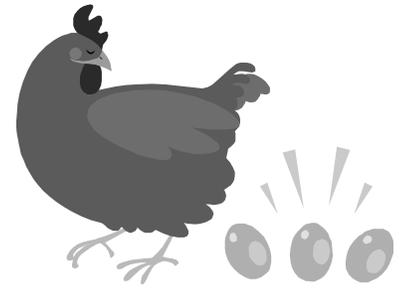


(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

December 17, 2012

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>			
Breakers 75-80% lean			
	72.00-75.00	76.00-78.00	66.00-71.00
Boners 80-85% lean			
	70.00-73.50	74.50-77.50	63.00-68.00
Lean 85-90% lean			
	66.00-71.00	72.00-73.00	60.00-65.00
<b>CALVES: All prices per cwt.</b>			
Graded Bull Calves			
No.1 95-120lbs			110.00-122.00
No.2 95-130lbs			95.00-110.00
No.3- 95-135lbs			65.00-80.00
Slaughter bulls 935--1840lb			84.00-88.00
Holstein Heifers No.1 90-105lb			90.00-140.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:</b>			
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
50-60lbs			167.00-190.00
60-70lbs			160.00-168.00
70-80lbs			n/a
80-90lbs			n/a
90-105lbs			n/a



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND  
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown eggs in cartons, delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.76-1.87
LARGE	1.65-1.76
MEDIUM	1.22-1.32

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

December 17, 2012

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

EXTRA LARGE	1.33-1.37
LARGE	1.31-1.35
MEDIUM	1.11-1.15

**PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN SUMMARY**

December 17, 2012

Eastern/Central Pennsylvania

Corn No 2 (per bu)	6.70-7.78
Wheat No 2 (per bu)	7.20-9.00
Oats No 2 (per bu)	3.25-4.90
Soybeans No 2 (per bu)	13.35-14.75
Ear Corn (per ton)	185.00-215.00



Wooled & Shorn Good & Choice 1-3

50-60lbs	137.00-150.00
60-100lbs	124.00-148.00
110-130lbs	118.00-130.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh

90-110lbs	76.00-100.00
110-150lbs	76.00-90.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
125-160lbs	56.00-70.00
160-200lbs	54.00-62.00

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.

40-45lbs	76.00-82.00
50-80lbs	112.00-128.00
80-100lbs	126.00-140.00
Nannies/Does: 100-125lbs	126.00-155.00
130-140lbs	132.00-150.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-145lbs	188.00-252.00
150-180lbs	190.00-292.00
Selection 2	
110-145lbs	120.00-200.00

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### FARMLAND RESTORATION PROGRAM (continued from Page 1)



*Killingworth Cranberries Farm bog project*

The Beltane Dairy in Lebanon, shown below, is one of the first farms to be approved in the new Community Farms Program. The FLRP activities will clear, stump, and remove stones to create additional needed hay and pasture land. The land supports a dairy goat herd and cheese-making operation, and the project restores about 10 acres of prime farmland soils.



*Beltane Dairy project*

The Jones Family Farms FLRP project in Shelton, below, restores approximately 12 acres. It consists of land clearing, stump and stone removal, irrigation, and drainage improvements, and leverages an additional \$25,000 of project costs.



*Jones Family Farms project*

### APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

More than 50 applications have been received to date, proposing to restore an average of 14 acres per farm. Interested farmers are encouraged to apply now for 2013 projects.

For more information about how to apply or to receive an application, visit the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's website, [www.ct.gov/doag](http://www.ct.gov/doag) or [www.CTGrown.gov](http://www.CTGrown.gov), and click on "Programs, Services, and Grants," then "Farmland Preservation Program."

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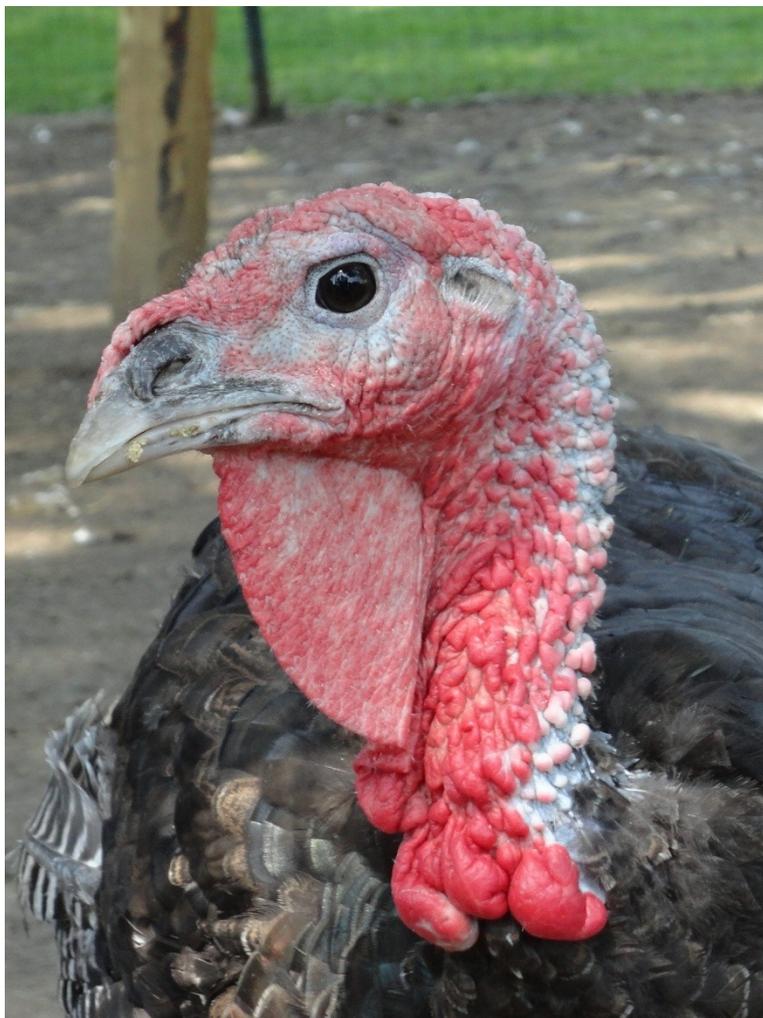
Governor Dannel P. Malloy joined Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky and Chef Jacques Pépin at Emmett O'Brien Technical High School in Ansonia on December 11, 2012, to help students enrolled in the school's culinary arts program prepare meals with Connecticut Grown ingredients for residents of Spooner House in Shelton, which serves those in need.

Ground beef, raised and supplied by Broad Brook Beef in Broad Brook, was made into meatloaf, burritos, and spaghetti and meatballs.

Side dishes included mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, and roasted butternut squash, which were generously donated by Gresczyk Farm in New Hartford, Baggott Family Farms in East Windsor, and Dondero Orchards in South Glastonbury, respectively.

Desserts were apple tarts made from Chef Pépin's mother's recipe with apples from Rogers Orchards in Southington, donated by the Connecticut Apple Marketing Board.

"This event touches on many topics that the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development has identified as priorities," said Commissioner Reviczky. "Farm-to-Institution channels, state contracting, consumer education and training, and food security are all important issues that the council and its working groups will be addressing in the coming year."



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