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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM LEVERAGES LOCAL AND FEDERAL FUNDING

By Joseph Dippel, Director, Farmland Preservation Program

Farmland preservation in Connecticut continues at a rapid pace, and thanks to local and federal partnerships, the expense is shared. Many towns have realized the value of maintaining active agricultural lands in their borders in terms of economic activity, jobs, local food security, natural resource conservation, community support, and rural character. Likewise, the federal government increased funding available to Connecticut through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

The state preserved seven farms comprising 785 acres since the start of calendar year 2011, five of which were joint state-town projects. Three towns participated to jointly acquire development rights to qualified farms; these are the towns of Ashford, Suffield, and New Milford. State funding of \$3,581,802 (80%) for seven farms leveraged town funds of \$906,222 (20%) towards the cost of the development rights on five. Deeds conveying the development rights to the state for four additional farms on 709 acres, one of which is a joint state-town project, are in hand, ready for recording. The state has applied to the USDA-NRCS Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program to leverage federal funding for potentially up to 50% of the cost of the development rights.

Located in three counties, the farms preserved through joint state-town projects this year include some of the following cropland types: an active dairy and dairy support, pasture for beef cattle, hay, sweet corn, pumpkins, potatoes and other vegetables, and fruit trees.

Towns are eligible to participate in joint state-town projects to preserve qualified farmland provided they meet basic requirements, including a town policy in support of farmland preservation. For instance, towns may have a plan that identifies and prioritizes farmland parcels in town. The town may designate a farmland preservation committee—which may be its existing conservation commission or open space committee—to assist with this process. The town needs funding, or a mechanism to obtain funding through local bonding or town referendum, ideally establishing a farmland preservation fund, or an existing open space fund that may be used for

farmland preservation. Farmers participate on a voluntary basis only by offering to sell development rights. Farm applications are evaluated against scoring criteria of the Farmland Preservation Program and, if qualified, the state and town collaborate on obtaining appraisals and negotiating the purchase of development rights. Then surveys and title work are conducted for closing and recording of a deed conveying the development rights in perpetuity to the state and town.

Since inception of the Farmland Preservation Program, development rights have been acquired, or approved for acquisition, on 287 farms totaling 37,862 acres. Acre by acre, the program works toward the goal of protecting 85,000 acres of cropland on 130,000 acres of farmland in Connecticut.

If you have been thinking of preserving your farm or farmland, we welcome your application. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis. Preserved farms have met minimum eligibility requirements and successfully competed with other priority farms for the limited dollars available for farmland preservation. Farms that are not eligible may be referred to other state or federal programs, or to the Connecticut Farmland Trust. For an application or more information on about the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program, please call 860-713-2511 or visit www.ct.gov/doag.



Above: Strawberry field at Hutton-Barrett farm, Somers

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

BLUEBERRIES, 12/6oz, GA	25.75	25.75
BOK CHOY, 35lb, FL	53.00	53.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct, CA	44.50	44.50
CANTALOUPE, 8ct, CA	20.75	20.75
CUCUMBERS, 1/2bu, GA	41.25	41.25
GINGER ROOT, 20lb	42.00	42.25
LEEKS, 12s, CA	44.00	44.50
LEMON, 140 ct, CA	57.50	57.50
LETTUCE, greenlf, 24ct, CA	22.25	22.25
MANGO, 10ct, MX	11.00	11.00
MUSHRM, wht, 10lb, lg, PA	25.50	25.50
NECTARINES, 1/2bu, NC	55.00	55.50
ONION, 50lb, yellow, WA	31.50	31.50
PEACHES, 60ct, NC	20.00	20.00
PEPPER, green bell, xl, GA	55.75	55.75
RASPBERRIES, 12/6oz, CA	31.00	31.00
SQUASH, yellow, 20lb, GA	40.75	40.75
TOMATOES, 10lb, GA	31.25	31.25

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

July 4, 2011

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

49-54	220-270 lbs	73.50-76.00
	270-300lbs	72.00-73.50
	300-400lbs	71.50-74.00
45-49	270-300 lbs	N/A
Sows: US 1	300-500 lbs	45.00-49.00
	500-700 lbs	50.50-53.50
Boars:	300-800 lbs	32.50-35.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., July 4, 2011

Live animals brought the following average prices / cwt.

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	25.00	32.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	42.50
76-90 lbs.	45.00	47.50
91-105 lbs.	50.00	52.50
106 lbs. & up	55.00	60.00
Farm Calves	65.00	75.00
Started Calves	45.00	55.00
Veal Calves	65.00	115.00
Open Heifers	55.00	80.00
Beef Heifers	88.00	108.00
Butchered hogs	45.00	47.50
Beef Steers	74.00	79.00
Stock Bulls	85.00	111.75
Beef Bulls	78.00	90.00
Feeder pigs	25.00	62.50
Lambs each	40.00	130.00
Goats each	50.00	180.00
Kid Goats each	25.00	45.00
Canners	Up to	69.75
Cutters	70.00	73.00
Utility Grade Cows	74.50	82.00
Rabbits each	4.00	15.00
Chickens each	5.00	17.00
Ducks each	11.00	23.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

BEAN, green, bu	48.00	50.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb, film	4.50	5.00
BLUEBERRY, 12/1pt, pulp	25.00	27.00
CABBAGE, green, 50lb box	12.00	14.00
CHARD, 12s	15.00	15.00
COLLARD, crtn, bnchd	11.00	12.00
CORN, 5dz	18.00	20.00
CUCUMBERS, bu	20.00	25.00
CUCUMBERS, pickling, 1/2 bu	14.00	16.00
KALE, crtn, bnchd	11.00	12.00
PEAS, English, bu	30.00	40.00
PEAS, sugar snap, 10lbs	20.00	25.00
PEAS, snow, 10lb	20.00	22.00
RADISHES, 24ct	14.00	14.00
RHUBARB, 20lb	32.00	36.00
ROMAINE, 24ct	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, green, 1/2bu	10.00	14.00
SQUASH, yellow, 1/2bu	10.00	13.00
TOMATOES, GH, 25loose	34.00	34.00

SHIPPED IN

ARUGULA, bu, NJ	14.00	15.00
BEANS, wax, bu, NC	58.00	58.00
BEEETS, 12s, NJ	12.00	15.00
CANTALOUPE, 9ct, CA	15.00	15.00
CHERRIES, 18lb, 10rows, WA	80.00	85.00
CILANTRO, 24, NJ	15.00	19.00
GRAPES, flame, 18lb, CA	38.00	40.00
KOHLRABI, 1-3/5bu, NJ	16.00	18.00
LEEKS, 12s, CA	23.00	24.00
LEMONS, 140ct, CA	27.00	28.00
MUSHROOM, 10lb, wht, lg, PA	16.50	17.00
PEACHES, 1/2bu, 2-1/2up, SC	20.00	20.00
PEPPER, green, bell, 1-1/9bu, NJ	17.00	20.00
POTATOES, Russian banana, 50 lb	70.00	70.00
WATERMELON, 15-19lb, ea, AL	5.00	5.50

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, July 4, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers 75-80% lean	75.50-79.50	80.00-84.50	N/A
Boners 80-85% lean	73.00-75.00	N/A	66.00-70.00
Lean 85-90% lean	67.00-70.50	72.50-77.50	60.00-66.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1
1200-1520 lbs 95.00-97.00

CALVES: All prices per cwt.
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1
95-115 lbs 112.00-126.00
80-90 lbs -70.00-100.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1
85-105 lbs 200.00-280.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3
40-60 lbs 217.00-235.00
60-80 lbs 209.00-233.00
80-90 lbs 207.00-222.00
90-110 lbs 204.00-209.00
110-130 lbs 200.00-215.00
130-150 lbs N/A

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	154-162
LARGE	142-153
MEDIUM	111-12

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

July 1, 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	96-117
LARGE	90-104
MEDIUM	70-83



VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

July 4, 2011

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

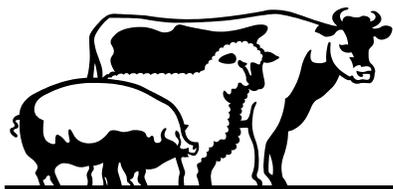
Alfalfa Good	small square 45-50lbs	3.75 per bale
Mixed Grass Good	small square 35-45lbs	5.00 per bale
Orchard Grass Good	small square 35-45lbs	3.40 per bale

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3

40-60 lbs	185.00-211.00
60-80 lbs	186.00-204.00
80-90 lbs	176.00-191.00
90-110lbs	188.00-203.00
110-130lbs	178.00-192.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh
120-160 lbs 81.00-94.00
160-200 lbs 74.00-89.00
200-300lbs 73.00-88.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh
120-160 lbs 55.00-70.00
160-200 lbs 59.00-74.00

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.
Kids: 30-40 lbs N/A
40-60lbs 120.00-134.00
60-80lbs 144.00-160.00
80-90lbs 167.00-173.00
90-100lbs 168.00-183.00
100-110lbs N/A
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 138.00-150.00
130-180 lbs 145.00-150.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs 199.00-214.00
150 250 lbs 228.00-243.00



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6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

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136-R. 24 Ft. outside hay elevator (trailer type) \$350.00. B-42 Mack gas dump truck. 860-267-4341.

137-R. White China Geese hatched 5/20. Healthy, friendly, swan-like and elegant. \$25.00 each. Bob Brooks 860-442-4237. oldhorse-trainer@ct.metrocast.net

138-R. Registered yearling Hereford heifers for sale. Old Beech Farm 860-693-2052.

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

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"ON THE FARM W/ AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER REVICZKY" KICKS OFF JULY 11 IN EAST CANAAN Free lunchtime farm tour and listening session

State Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky will kick off a new series of lunchtime listening sessions entitled "On the Farm with Commissioner Reviczky" Monday, July 11, 2011, at Laurelbrook Farm, 390 Norfolk Road (Route 44), East Canaan.

These free events are open to agricultural producers and members of the public who are interested in farming, food, and agriculture. According to Commissioner Reviczky, the meetings are designed to showcase some of the state's diverse farms while providing him an opportunity to hear directly from people about what is on their minds.

"I'm so looking forward to getting out to different parts of the state to meet with people, hear their interests and concerns, and answer any questions they have," Commissioner Reviczky said. "These sessions also will allow residents to learn more about the working landscapes in their communities and the food and products these farms grow and raise."

Laurelbrook Farm, site of the July 11 event, comprises 275 acres dedicated to dairy cattle and the crops grown to feed them. Started by the Jacquier family in 1948, this third-generation farm is home to approximately 1,100 animals, 875 of which are milked three times each day.

The Jacquiers use an environmentally friendly manure separator to compost the animal waste in an extremely efficient manner that minimizes methane formation and reduces greenhouse gases and nutrient run-off. The process creates nutrient-rich compost that can be used on the farm and by local gardeners.

"Laurelbrook Farm exemplifies the marriage of traditional farming and the latest science, something that has become increasingly common—and necessary—in today's agriculture," Commissioner Reviczky explained. "Integration of new technology into tried-and-true practices enhances efficiency and sustainability, and helps farms be good neighbors and environmental stewards. It truly is an exciting, fascinating time to be involved in agriculture. I encourage residents to come learn more about the industry, which contributes 3.5 billion dollars to Connecticut's economy each year."

The July 11 event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will begin with a short tour of the farm, hosted by Robert Jacquier. At noon, Commissioner Reviczky will provide a brief update on the Department of Agriculture, followed by Q+A with the audience. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lunch to enjoy during the session (no food will be available for purchase). The event is free and open to all.

For more information about "On the Farm with Commissioner Reviczky," please call the Connecticut Department of Agriculture at 860-713-2503.

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.

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If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation. This means you may be eligible if: (1) You sought a farm loan or farm-loan servicing during that period; (2) The loan was denied, provided late, approved for a lesser amount than requested, approved with restrictive conditions, or USDA failed to provide an appropriate loan service; (3) You believe these actions were based on your being Hispanic or your being female.

In 2011, a claims administrator will begin mailing claims packages to those who have requested one through the call center website. The claims package will have detailed information about the eligibility and claims process.

If you want to register your name to receive a claims package, access the Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Call Center, 1-888-508-4429, or website, www.farmerclaims.gov.

For guidance, you may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider in your community. USDA cannot provide legal advice to you. If you are currently represented by counsel regarding allegations of discrimination or in a lawsuit claiming discrimination, you should contact your counsel regarding this claims process.

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HOPS PRODUCTION WORKSHOP JULY 16

Atlantic Hops will host a workshop for all interested in sustainable Northeastern hops production at the Doubletree Hotel (455 South Broadway) in Tarrytown, NY, on July 16, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The focus of this workshop is the education of

current and potential hop farmers in the basics of low impact hops horticulture, harvesting, and processing.

U.S. cultivation of hops for the past several decades has been dominated by large plantations in a few select areas of the Pacific Northwest. Times are changing as a revival of hop farming is sweeping the across the nation, including many parts of the Northeast. This revival is being fueled by consumer's demand for locally brewed craft beers. Register at www.atlantichops.com. For more info, contact info@atlantichops.com or 914-834-5130.

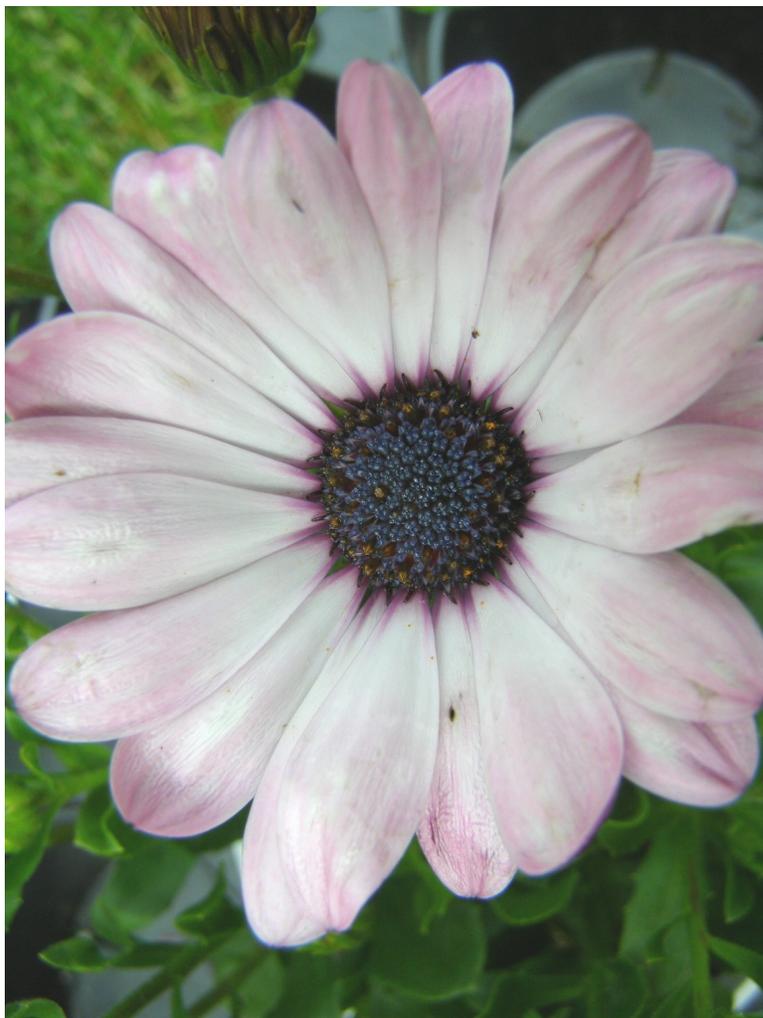
TWILIGHT MEETING AT DZEN BROS FARM JULY 14

UConn Cooperative Extension's IPM Program and the Connecticut Pomological Society will host a twilight meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2011, at Dzen Brothers Farm, 244 Barber Hill Road, South Windsor. The farm produces Christmas trees, bedding plants, pumpkins, blueberries, and strawberries, and markets through both wholesale and retail channels.

Don and Joe Dzen will talk about production of their crops and ebb and flow benches in their greenhouses, and will show how they prune hundreds of acres of Christmas trees. Lorraine Los and Jude Boucher from UConn will discuss IPM programs for small fruits and pumpkins. Don and Jude will discuss their first year using deep zone tillage on pumpkins.

Pizza and beverages will be provided. Contact Jude Boucher (860-875-3331/jude.boucher@uconn.edu) or Rick Macsuga (860-713-2544/Richard.macsuga@ct.gov).

Directions: I-84 to Exit 62; north on Buckland Rd.; straight on Route 194; right on Route 74 east; second stop sign, left on Miller; second stop sign, right on Barber Hill Rd. Farm is 0.5 miles up on the right.



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