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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

“ON THE FARM” WITH COMMISSIONER REVICZKY

On July 11, 2011, Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky conducted his first official listening session in Litchfield County. Commissioner started his day in East Canaan at Freund’s Farm where he visited the greenhouse, hoop house, farm market, and the CowPot production facility, where the challenges and requirements of exporting to the European Union were reviewed in detail. He then went to the nearby Elm Knoll Farm where he toured the facilities and discussed the operation with David Jacquier.

Next, Commissioner Reviczky stopped at Laurelbrook Farm, also in East Canaan, for a tour and public listening session. Despite blistering heat and high humidity, about two dozen agricultural producers and others turned out to ask questions and share their thoughts about agriculture and farming and Connecticut. Attendees included people from as close as the farm next door to those who had traveled all the way from New London County to participate.

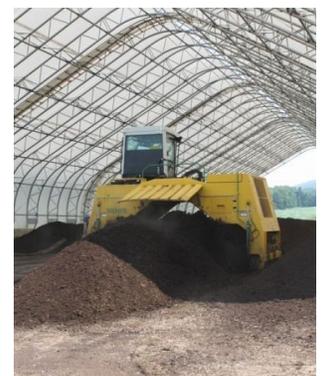
The event started with Bob Jacquier, Jr., one of two Jacquier brothers who, along with their father, manage Laurelbrook’s day-to-day operations, taking the group on a guided tour of the state’s second-largest dairy farm, via the “tram,” a wagon equipped with padded seats and pulled by one of the farm’s trucks.



Bob explained that Laurelbrook Farm is home to 1,100 animals, 875 of which are milked three times a day. The milking parlor has the ability to milk as many as 1,000 animals, but expanding to that capacity will require additional barn space for the added cows. The family is exploring funding options for construction.

During the tour, Bob took the group through some of the freestall barns, and over to the composting operation that manages the farm’s manure by creating ready-to-use, nutrient-rich mulch and topdressing that can be spread on crop fields and home gardens.

Manure management is an important part of any dairy operation. Laurelbrook Farm has 275 acres and crops another 2,800 in the surrounding area, but as Bob pointed out, there are significant challenges in transporting and spreading the animals’ manure on this acreage. As a result, they have had to come up with a safe, efficient, and environmentally friendly way to manage that waste. They have developed a system in which the raw manure is separated into liquid and solid components. The liquid is used on their fields, while the solids are composted in large structures that protect the materials from the elements, prevent reabsorption of moisture, and limit run-off. During the composting process, the material is turned by a large machine specifically built for this purpose. Temperature and moisture levels are carefully monitored. As the compost ages, it is moved from one building to the next, until it is finished and can be provided to the end user. The state-of-the-art composting operation, including structures and equipment, was funded through a state grant targeted at reducing levels of nutrients in the watershed.



After the tour, attendees congregated under the shade of a pavilion in the scenic picnic area where the Jacquier family spends holidays (between milkings, of course). The group enjoyed ice water and chocolate milkshakes provided by the farm as people allowed their body temperatures to subside.

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ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

APRICOTS,60ct,WA	35.00	35.00
BEANS,green,25lb,GA	47.00	48.00
BLACKBERRIES,12/6oz,CA	34.00	34.00
BROCCOLI,14ct,CA	21.25	21.25
CABBAGE,green,45lb,NC	30.50	30.50
CORN,4-1/2dz,GA	44.00	44.00
CUCUMBERS,1/2bu,GA	39.00	39.00
LEMON,140ct,CA	55.75	55.75
LETTUCE,greenleaf,12ct,CA	24.00	24.00
MESCLUN,3lb	8.00	8.00
MUSHRM,wht,10lb,lg,PA	25.50	25.50
NECTARINES,25lb,CA	55.50	55.50
PEACHES,60ct,SC	39.25	39.25
PEPPER,bell,green 1-1/9	51.25	51.25
PLUMS,28lb,CA	33.00	33.00
TOMATOES,25 lb,Roma	37.25	37.25
SQUASH,green,20lb	36.00	36.00
SWISS CHARD,red,24s,CA	20.50	20.50

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

July 25, 2011

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

49-54	220-270 lbs	69.00-73.00
	270-300lbs	n/a
	300-400lbs	67.50-70.50
45-49	220-270 lbs	N/A
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	47.50-51.50
	500-700 lbs	53.50-58.50
Boars:	300-800 lbs	32.00-33.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., July 25, 2011
Live animals brought the following average prices / cwt.

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	24.00	28.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	35.00
76-90 lbs.	40.00	50.00
91-105 lbs.	55.00	60.00
106 lbs. & up	65.00	72.00
Farm Calves	75.00	87.00
Veal Calves	70.00	147.50
Open Heifers	50.00	105.00
Beef Heifers	77.00	97.50
Feeder Steers	65.00	82.50
Beef Steers	65.00	98.00
Beef Bulls	80.00	96.00
Stock Bulls	79.00	95.00
Replacement Cows	one at	636.00
Lambs each	85.00	165.00
Goats each	30.00	165.00
Kid Goats each	50.00	85.00
Canners	up to	65.75
Cutters	66.00	71.00
Utility Grade Cows	72.00	77.50
Rabbits each	4.00	10.00
Chickens each	4.00	16.00
Ducks each	5.00	18.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

BEAN,green,bu	16.00	16.00
BEAN SPROUTS,10lb,film	4.50	5.00
BEETS,12s	14.00	14.00
BLUEBERRIES 12/1pt,net top	25.00	27.00
BLUEBERRIES,12/1pt,clam shell	24.00	26.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	14.00	14.00
CABBAGE,green,50lb box	10.00	12.00
CABBAGE,red,50lb,box	16.00	18.00
COLLARDS,12-16s	10.00	12.00
CORN,5dz	14.00	16.00
CUCUMBERS,bu	20.00	22.00
CUCUMBERS,pcklng,1/2bu	15.00	15.00
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
PLUM,Methley,20lb	26.00	28.00
SQUASH,green,1/2bu	10.00	12.00
SQUASH,yellow,1/2bu	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES,field,20lb	28.00	30.00

SHIPPED IN

APRICOTS,56ct,WA	37.00	37.00
BASIL,2lb,NJ	10.00	10.00
CANTALOUPE, 24,bin,DE	180.00	200.00
CHERRIES,Bing,18lb,10rows,WA	45.00	46.00
CILANTRO,24,NJ	13.00	13.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9 bu,med,NJ	11.00	14.00
ESCAROLE,1.3bu,18s,NJ	13.00	15.00
KOHLRABI,1-3/5bu,NJ	16.00	18.00
LEEKS,12s,NJ	18.00	20.00
LEMONS,140ct,CA	31.00	32.00
MUSHROOM,10lb,wht,lg,PA	16.50	17.00
PEPPER,Cubanelle,med,NJ	18.00	20.00
POTATOES,50lb,md wh,szA,DE	25.00	26.00
SQUASH,acorn,1-1/9bu,NJ	15.00	17.00
WATERMELON,15-19lb,ea,AL	5.50	6.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	162-172
LARGE	150-160
MEDIUM	108-118

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

July 25, 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	95-119
LARGE	89-103
MEDIUM	65-78



VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

July 21, 2011

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

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

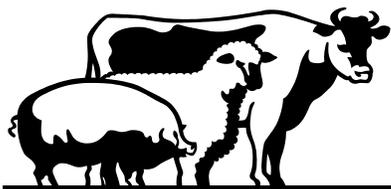
NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, July 25, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	
Breakers 75-80%lean	
72.00-76.00	77.00-79.00----66.50---69.50
Boners 80-85% lean	
69.00-73.50	74.50-76.50----63.50-66.00
Lean 85-90% lean	
61.00-66.00	67.50-70.00 55.00-60.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1	
1670-1905 lbs	84.00-89.00
CALVES: All prices per cwt.	
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1	
95-115 lbs	105.00-122.00
80-90 lbs	-80.00-100.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1	
85-105 lbs	280.00-350.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:	
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	
40-60 lbs	178.00-199.00
60-80 lbs	175.00-199.00
80-90 lbs	179.00-192.00
90-110 lbs	180.00-193.00
110-130 lbs	175.00-189.00
130-150 lbs	n/a

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60 lbs	151.00-171.00
60-80 lbs	159.00-176.00
80-90 lbs	153.00-175.00
90-110lbs	163.00-177.00
110-130lbs	160.00-174.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
120-160 lbs	87.00-101.00
160-200 lbs	88.00-102.00
200-300lbs	84.00-98.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
120-160 lbs	69.00-83.00
160-200 lbs	57.00-71.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
Kids: 30-40 lbs	85.00-99.00
40-60lbs	101.00-129.00
60-80lbs	109.00-133.00
80-90lbs	127.00-165.00
90-100lbs	n/a
100-110lbs	N/A
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	106.00-118.00
130-180 lbs	118.00-130.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	161.00-175.00
150-250 lbs	177.00-191.00



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When everyone was refreshed, Commissioner Reviczky provided an update on the status of the Department of Agriculture. He explained that the single-most urgent issue he has been dealing with recently is the 2011-2012 budget and the reductions required in the agency to help fill the \$1.6 million gap in the state budget as a result of the labor agreement not being approved by a sufficient number of state employees. Cuts to programming and staff are not something he takes lightly, he said. This is foremost in his thoughts as he goes to sleep each night and then again as he wakes the next morning. He said the potential of layoffs is on his mind throughout every day. He said that as the agency's head, he was given reduction targets by the state budget office but allowed to formulate recommendations as long as the total savings required are achieved. He spent countless hours trying to strike the best balance and to minimize the number of staff reductions while attempting to fulfill the Department of Agriculture's statutory responsibilities and providing needed services to the state's agricultural community.*

Once Commissioner Reviczky finished his update, he welcomed questions and comments from the audience. Several people asked about the Dairy Sustainability Grants. The grants were made available through changes in the Community Investment Act as a result of Public Act 09-229 that required quarterly payments to milk producers when the cost of production, as determined by the USDA, exceeded the pay price. Commissioner Reviczky explained that while it was due to expire on June 30, the General Assembly and Governor Malloy approved continuing the program at a somewhat reduced level and provide flexibility if the USDA does not provide monthly cost of production numbers.

One attendee asked about dates and locations for future listening sessions. Commissioner Reviczky said his office has drafted a tentative schedule of quarterly sessions and is working to confirm dates and locations. As more information becomes available, it will be included in this publication. Commissioner Reviczky stated that this first session was extremely valuable. Not only did it give him a chance to learn more about one of the state's largest dairy farms, it also provided an opportunity to meet people face-to-face and learn more about their interests and concerns regarding Connecticut agriculture. He looks forward to meeting more producers and agricultural stakeholders and to utilizing participants' feedback in carrying out the duties of commissioner and providing service to the agricultural community.

From Laurelbrook Farm, Commissioner Reviczky continued his visit to the northwest hills with Henry Talmage, Executive Director of the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association, touring the renowned White Flower Farm in Morris and ending the day with a tour and tasting at *Yankee Magazine's* award winning family winery, Sunset Meadow Vineyard in Goshen.

**UPDATE : Commissioner Reviczky submitted the agency's proposal to Governor Malloy's budget office July 8, 2011. It was approved the following week and incorporated into Governor Malloy's Budget Reduction Plan, released July 15, 2011 (available online at <http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/cwp/view.asp?A=4010&Q=483206>). Representatives of SEBAC, a coalition of state employee unions, have been meeting with the administration in an effort to clarify the concession package that was previously rejected by voting members. If ratified, the agreement may spare the Department of Agriculture and other state agencies from drastic cuts required to balance the state budget.*



Commissioner Reviczky gives an update on the agency during a public listening session at Laurelbrook Farm

CT DEPT OF AG LEGISLATIVE REPORT: 2011 SESSION

H.B. 6156 - AN ACT CONCERNING FARMERS' MARKETS

PA 11-191, Signed 7/13/11, effective upon passage

Under existing law, a farmer offering farm products for tasting at a certified farmers' market must be permitted/licensed as a foodservice establishment by the municipal health department or district overseeing that market.

The bill makes any foodservice establishment permit/license issued by a municipal health department/ district to a farmer to serve product at a certified farmers' market in that jurisdiction valid at any other certified farmers' market in the state. The foodservice establishment permit/license is valid for the calendar year in which it is issued.

The following conditions apply:

- The operation must be in accordance with the approved menu items and food preparation processes or use menu items or food preparation processes that are substantially similar to those approved.
- The farmer must provide at least 14 days notice to the health department/district in which the farmer plans to operate under the foodservice permit/license if it is not the department/district that issued the permit/license. Notice must include a copy of the foodservice permit/license and any approved foodservice plan.
- A local health director cannot require a farmer to apply for or purchase a permit or license to operate a food service establishment if the farmer already holds a valid one from another district and complies with the bill.

- A local health director may take regulatory action against a licensed/permitted farmer who operates a foodservice establishment within that director's jurisdiction to ensure that the farmer complies with the public health code.
- A farmer who operates a foodservice establishment at a certified farmers' market and whose menu items and food preparation processes were approved by a health department/district (or who uses menu items or food preparation processes that are substantially similar) is exempt from any local ordinance concerning the operation of a foodservice establishment.
- A local health department/district cannot require a farmer applying for a foodservice permit/license to operate at a certified farmers' market to submit information on his or her ability to comply with any such local ordinance.

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