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CT ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM 2011 YEAR IN REVIEW

By Frank L. Ribaldo, Marketing and Inspection Supervisor

The goals of the Animal Population Control Program (APCP) in the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Regulation & Inspection are as follows:

1. To reduce the overpopulation of surplus dogs and cats in Connecticut at the municipal level;
2. To provide benefits to non-profits for feral cats; and
3. To help Connecticut low-income residents vaccinate and sterilize their pets.

Pet overpopulation is a significant burden on the limited resources of local municipalities. The APCP significantly impacts local public health and safety. Reducing surplus animals in Connecticut's communities decreases the risk of spreading rabies and other infectious diseases. It also allows municipalities to shift their resources to activities focused on law enforcement, animal control, and education and public awareness regarding responsible pet ownership.

The APCP was created by Public Act No. 92-187 in July 1992 (implemented in May 1995) to provide vaccination/sterilization benefits for any unsterilized dog or cat adopted from a municipal impound facility.

In 2007, the program expanded to help non-profit organizations sterilize feral cats. In 2008, it expanded again to help low-income residents sterilize and vaccinate their own pets.

Connecticut is one of only a few states in the country to offer a companion pet sterilization program through a state agency, and is believed to be the only one in the country offering benefits to municipal pound animals, feral cats, and low-income families.

During FY 2011, the APCP processed 4,595 animals, including 2991 dogs and 1604 cats. Benefits were provided for 3,158 pets, including 2,123 dogs (71 percent) and 1,035 cats (65 percent), resulting in an overall sterilization compliance rate of 69 percent. From that total, 41 animals (36 dogs and 5 cats) were found to be previously sterilized. In addition, 6,316 pre-surgical vaccinations were issued, half of which were for rabies.

The APCP has its own dedicated account and receives no money from the state's general fund. Revenue is generated from the following sources:

- an annual surcharge on Connecticut dog licenses (\$2.00 for sterilized and \$6.00 for unsterilized animals);
- the \$45 mandatory voucher fee; and
- proceeds from the sale of the Caring for Pets commemorative license plate and donations.

Dog license surcharge fees and voucher fees are collected by municipalities and then forwarded to the Department of Agriculture for deposit into the account. Revenue from the pet plate sales is deposited into the account by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

For 2011, \$515,403 was received from surcharge revenue, \$205,650 from voucher fees, and \$44,110 from the Caring for Pets plates, for a total of \$765,163.

During that same period, the program provided benefits to the 3,158 pets noted above, resulting in payments totaling \$477,440, which were made to 228 participating veterinary practices. The monthly average payment to veterinary practices was \$39,787. The average benefit for cats was \$80 and for dogs was \$130. In addition, \$1,845 was paid out as \$45 adopter refunds for 41 pets that were previously sterilized. Administrative costs totaled \$201,259, for an overall program expense of \$680,544.

Public Act 07-105, passed in 2007, allows the APCP to set aside up to 10 percent of program income to be used to vaccinate and sterilize the pets of Connecticut low-income residents. Recipients must be a Connecticut resident and on one of six public assistance programs outlined in Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 22-380e (12) (A – G), and then verified by the Department of Social Services (DSS) in order to be eligible. Once approved, the APCP issues vouchers to the low-income recipient for up to two pets per household. Vouchers are good for 60 days.

Last year, the program set aside \$77,000 and issued 761 vouchers for low-income residents. Of those vouchers, 404 (53 percent) were used.



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WHOLESALE ONIONS SHIPPED IN

	Low	High
GREEN,48s,CA	14.00	15.00
LEEKS 12s,NJ	14.00	17.00
PEARL,Wh,12/10oz,ID	18.00	19.00
RED,Jmb,25lb,CA	21.00	24.00
RED,Md,10lb,CA	5.00	6.00
VIDALIA,40lb,GA	18.00	23.00
VIDALIA,12/3lb,GA	19.00	19.00
WHITE,Blrs,25lb,NM	18.00	18.00
WHITE,Jmb,25lb,CA	15.00	16.00
YELLOW,50lb,AZ	14.00	17.00
YELLOW,10lb,CN	2.50	13.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

June 11, 2012

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

49-54	220-350 lbs	64.00-66.50
	220-300 lbs	n/a
	300-400lbs	n/a
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	43.00-46.00
	500-700 lbs	49.50-53.50
45-49	500-700lbs	n/a
Boars:	300-700 lbs	26.00-26.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, June 11, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	52.00	60.00
61-75 lbs.	115.00	135.00
76-90 lbs.	155.00	172.00
91-105 lbs.	175.00	180.00
106 lbs. & up	185.00	190.00
Farm Calves	195.00	207.50
Starter Calves	56.00	70.00
Veal Calves	160.00	190.00
Open Heifers	77.50	125.00
Beef Heifers	75.00	111.00
Beef Steers	84.00	137.00
Feeder Steers	95.00	123.00
Stock Bulls	85.00	137.50
Beef Bulls	91.50	159.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	100.00	160.00
Kid Goats	60.00	85.00
Canners	Up to	76.50
Cutters	77.00	80.00
Utility Grade Cows	81.00	88.50
Rabbits each	5.00	17.00
Chickens each	6.00	32.00
Ducks each	7.00	27.00
Feeder Pigs	All at	75.00
Lambs	130.00	190.00
Sheep	110.00	137.50



WHOLESALE VEGETABLES NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	Low	High
CHIVES,12s	8.00	8.00
CIDER,9-1/2gal	18.00	18.00
CILANTRO,24s	10.00	13.00
FIDDLEHEAD,10lb	50.00	50.00
LETTUCE,Bstn,12/4oz	14.00	16.00
LETTUCE,Grn lf,24ct	10.00	13.00
LETTUCE,Rmn,24ct	10.00	13.00
PEAS,Englsh,bu	25.00	25.00
PEAS,Snp,10lb	15.00	18.00
PEAS,Snw,10lb	14.00	15.00
RADISHES,24s	12.00	14.00
RHUBARB,20lb	24.00	30.00
SPINACH,24ct	18.00	18.00
SQUASH,Grn,1/2bu	14.00	18.00
SQUASH,Yllw,1/2bu	14.00	18.00
STRAWBERRIES,8/1qt	26.00	32.00
TOMATO,Grnhs,lg,25lb	12.00	15.00

SHIPPED IN

	Low	High
APRICOT,72ct,CA	32.00	34.00
ARUGULA,4/5bu,CN	12.00	14.00
BEANS,Grn,bu,GA	17.00	20.00
BEETS,12s,NJ	14.00	15.00
BLUEBERRY12/1pt,NJ	18.00	22.00
CABBAGE,50lb,NJ	13.00	14.00
CANTALOUPE,12ct,GA	22.00	24.00
CHERRIES,10rw,CA	48.00	56.00
COLLARDS,12-16s,NJ	12.00	12.00
CORN,4-1/2dz,GA	15.00	17.00
CUKES,1-1/9bu,md,NJ	18.00	20.00
ESCAROLE,1-1/9bu,NJ	11.00	14.00
GRAPES,Flme,18lb,CA	24.00	28.00
KALE,24s,SC	12.00	12.00
NECTARINES 2lyr,CA	32.00	36.00
PEACHES,1/2bu,2-1/2,GA	26.00	28.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

June 11, 2012

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers 75-80%lean	83.00-87.50	86.00-89.00	80.00-81.00
Boners 80-85% lean	81.00-84.00.00	85.50-88.00	n/a
Lean 88-90% lean	77.00-81.50	81.50-83.50	74.00-76.50

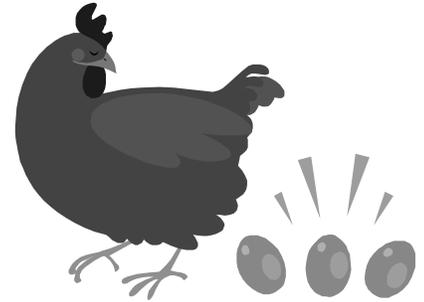
CALVES: All prices per cwt.

Graded Bull Calves: Number 1	95-120lbs 190.00-220.00
	80-90lbs 210.00-230.00
Number 2	95-125lbs 180.00-195.00
Number 3	95-115lbs 140.00-170.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1	80-120 lbs 170.00-210.00

Slaughter Bulls-830-1760lbs-101.00-106.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:

Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	50-60lbs 166.00-180.00
	60-80lbs 146.00-168.00
	80-90lbs 148.00-161.00
	90-110lbs 144.00-161.00



WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	139-149
LARGE	128-139
MEDIUM	98-108

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

June 11, 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	105-109
LARGE	103-107
MEDIUM	75-79

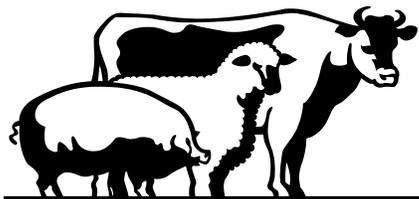
PENNSYLVANIA HAY REPORT

June 11, 2012

Eastern Pennsylvania, prices per ton.

Alfalfa, Premium	250-325
Alfalfa, Good	150-200
Mixed Hay, Premium	240-325
Mixed Hay, Good	150-200
Timothy, Premium	200-220
Timothy, Good	150-185

110-130lbs	154.00-156.00
150-200lbs	142.00-157.00
Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3	40-60lbs 140.00-158.00
	60-80lbs 135.00-150.00
	80-90lbs 137.00-152.00
	90-110lbs 126.00-150.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	100-150lbs 62.00-81.00
	150-200lbs 62.00-80.00
	200-300lbs 49.00-65.00.
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	120-160lbs 48.00-65.00
	150-200lb n/a
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	30-40lbs 77.00-90.00
	40-60lbs 100.00-142.00
	60-80lbs 140.00-167.00
	90-100lbs 170.00-190.00
	100-120lbs 164.00-184.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	139.00-168.00
130-180lbs	154.00-169.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	195.00-215.00
150-250lbs	230.00-259.00



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CT ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM 2011 YEAR IN REVIEW (continued from Page 1)

Vouchers were issued for 434 cats and 327 dogs (57 and 43 percent, respectively). Of the 327 dogs, 109 were male, with 50 (46 percent) sterilized, and 218 were female, with 96 (44 percent) sterilized. Of the 434 cats, 157 were male, with 109 (69 percent) sterilized, and 277 were female, with 154 (56 percent) sterilized.

The top five dog breeds submitted from low-income applicants included:

- 126 mixed breed, with 54 (43 percent) sterilized;
- 50 Pit Bull, with 20 (40 percent) sterilized;
- 34 Chihuahua, with 15 (44 percent) sterilized;
- 11 Labrador Retriever, with 5 (45 percent) sterilized; and
- 10 Shih Tzu, with 7 (70 percent) sterilized.

Cats included:

- 364 domestic shorthair, with 224 (62 percent) sterilized;
- 27 domestic longhair, with 13 (48 percent) sterilized; and
- 18 domestic medium hair, with 13 (72 percent) sterilized.

Public Act 07-105 also allows the APCP to set aside up to 10 percent of program income for Connecticut non-profit organizations to provide vaccination and sterilization benefits for feral cats.

Last year the program issued 925 vouchers to 15 non-profit organizations in 75 cities and towns, representing every county in the state. Of those vouchers, 886 (96 percent) were used. Sterilized feral cat totals per county were as follows:

- 257 in New Haven County;
- 209 in Fairfield County;
- 193 in Hartford County;
- 129 in New London County;
- 55 in Windham County;
- 36 in Litchfield County;
- 6 in Middlesex County; and
- 1 in Tolland County.

Of the 4,595 total pets processed through the program in 2011, the mixed breed accounted for 1,329 dogs, of which 999 (75 percent) were sterilized. The Pit Bull/Pit Bull mix accounted for 693 dogs, of which 454 (66 percent) were sterilized. The top five pure breeds were as follows:

- Chihuahua, 135, with 101 (75%) sterilized,
- Beagle, 78, with 55 (71%) sterilized;
- Shih Tzu, 65, with 47 (72%) sterilized;
- Labrador Retriever, 64, with 49 (77%) sterilized;
- German Shepherd, 41, with 25 (61%) sterilized.

Cat adoptions totaled 1,604, with 1,035 sterilized (65%). The total included:

- 1288 domestic shorthair, with 819 (64%) sterilized;
- 154 domestic medium hair, with (71%) 109 sterilized;
- 143 domestic longhair, with 89 (62%) sterilized.

A few pedigree cats such as Himalayans, Manx, Persians, and Siamese were also included in the total.

The agency's Caring for Pets license plate is still very popular with motorists and pet lovers. More than \$500,000 has been deposited into the APCP account from sales of the plate since its unveiling in 1998. The Caring for Pets plate is second in sales only to the Long Island Sound plate.

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DOAG 2012 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By George Krivda, Legislative Program Manager

s.H.B. 5446, *AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT PROCEDURE FOR THE STERILIZATION AND VACCINATION OF CERTAIN DOGS AND CATS AND PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER TRAINING*, effective upon passage, except for the voucher provisions, which are effective October 1, 2012.

This bill requires new animal control officers (ACOs) starting on or after July 1, 2012, to complete at least 80 hours of initial ACO training. It also requires all ACOs to complete at least six hours of continuing education training annually. The agriculture commissioner must :

- (1) prescribe the initial ACO training curriculum, which must include specified topics;
- (2) reimburse costs for people participating in the initial ACO training; and
- (3) adopt regulations concerning the continuing education requirement.

The law establishes a voucher system for paying veterinarians who vaccinate and sterilize impounded, quarantined, or stray dogs and cats. By law, people acquiring an unspayed or unneutered dog or cat from a pound must pay the pound \$ 45 for a voucher to sterilize and vaccinate the animal. The bill allows a pound to complete and retain a voucher to have the animal sterilized and vaccinated before releasing it to the person adopting or buying it. It also allows a pound to complete and submit a voucher to a veterinarian to sterilize and vaccinate a dog or cat that has not been adopted or bought and has pyometra, an infection of the uterus.

LEARNING SHOWCASES FOR YEAR-ROUND GRASS-FED BEEF PRODUCTION

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- July 9, 2012, at [Quentin Antes Farm](#), 418 Roaring Brook Road, Conway, MA. Registration: Sonia Schloemann, 413-545-4347, sgs@umext.umass.edu
- July 11, 2012, at [Briar Ridge Farm](#), 215 Kinney Road, Amston, CT. Registration: Rich Meinert, 860-626-6240, richard.meinert@uconn.edu
- July 13, 2012, at [Watson Farm](#), 455 North Road, Jamestown, RI. Registration: Heather Faubert, 401-874-2967, hhf@uri.edu.

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