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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

BOB PELLEGRINO RETIRES DOAG CAREER SPANNED 35 YEARS

By Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner

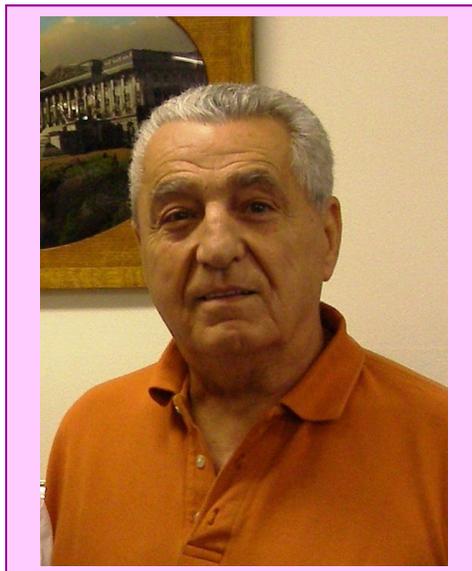
May 31, 2012, marked the culmination of Robert Pellegrino's decades-long career with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, where he served as the director of the Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation for more than 20 years.

Bob started his state career as a part-time seasonal farm products inspector in the fall of 1977. He quickly rose through the ranks as an inspector, becoming a senior marketing specialist in 1983. He was promoted to assistant division director in 1987 and was appointed bureau director for technology and marketing in September 1989.

Mr. Pellegrino's fingerprints can be found on countless marketing initiatives over time. Bob played a key role in the development of the Connecticut Grown marketing campaign and is credited for his tireless efforts in promoting Connecticut agriculture and farm products.

Counted among Bob's accomplishments are his work that led to the creation of the Connecticut Apple Marketing Board, recognized with an outstanding service award from the Connecticut Pomological Society in 1994, and his work with many associations, including beekeepers, Christmas tree growers, maple producers, and greenhouse and nursery growers.

One of Bob Pellegrino's loves was his work at the Connecticut Building at the Eastern States Exposition, making sure that agriculture and producers remained front and center. Under his direction, the bureau took on varying assignments such as the successful Connecticut Agricultural Expo, which annually highlighted Connecticut Grown and Connecticut produced agricultural products, and the



Connecticut Creative Store, which showcased specialty foods at the agency's Asylum Avenue location in Hartford.

With the adoption of the Community Investment Act in 2005, the bureau's role and resources expanded greatly to include the Agricultural Viability and Farm Transition grant programs, FarmLink, and the Farm-to-Chef Program.

For nearly a decade, Bob Pellegrino also served as the executive director of the Connecticut Marketing Authority, managing the operations of the Hartford Regional Market, the largest food terminal between New York and Boston.

On regional and national levels, Bob served in many roles, including his service as president of the North American Association of Marketing Officials in 2000 and 2001. He has been a member of the Produce Marketing Association since 1999, and helped found Harvest New England, a promotional campaign for New England farmers and agriculture. He was fond of bringing the Connecticut Grown brand to the New England stage.

Bob remains proud of his significant contributions in helping Connecticut host meetings of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture and its Northeast counterpart. Bob supported the

agency's ongoing relationship with Food Export-Northeast and had the opportunity to represent Connecticut at domestic and international agricultural shows.

Thirty-five years. It seems like just yesterday.

Bob, your family at the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and the agricultural community wish you all the best in your retirement. May you enjoy the fruits of your labor and many more happy years with your wife, Joyce, and your sons, daughter, and grandchildren. Thank you for your years of service.



WHOLESALE ONIONS SHIPPED IN

	Low	High
PEARL,Red,12/10oz,ID	18.00	19.00
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 4, 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 4, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	50.00	65.00
61-75 lbs.	130.00	145.00
76-90 lbs.	160.00	170.00
91-105 lbs.	175.00	185.00
106 lbs. & up	190.00	195.00
Farm Calves	200.00	215.00
Starter Calves	70.00	85.00
Veal Calves	115.00	160.00
Open Heifers	n/a	n/a
Beef Heifers	n/a	n/a
Beef Steers	95.00	105.00
Feeder Steers	100.00	105.00
Stock Bulls	142.50	152.50
Beef Bulls	92.50	112.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	95.00	150.00
Kid Goats	35.00	125.00
Canners	Up to	80.50
Cutters	81.00	84.00
Utility Grade Cows	85.00	87.25
Rabbits each	6.00	22.00
Chickens each	5.00	30.00
Ducks each	10.00	22.00
Feeder Pigs	75.00	100.00
Lambs	130.00	170.00
Sheep	75.00	125.00



WHOLESALE VEGETABLES NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	Low	High
APPLE,Mac,fcy,80ct	18.00	20.00
CHIVES,12s	8.00	8.00
CIDER,9-1/2gal	18.00	18.00
FIDDLEHEAD,10lb	20.00	20.00
LETTUCE,Bstn,12/4oz	14.00	16.00
LETTUCE,Grn lf,24ct	10.00	13.00
LETTUCE,Rmn,24ct	10.00	13.00
PEAS,Snp,10lb	15.00	18.00
PEAS,Snw,10lb	12.00	12.00
RHUBARB 20lb	24.00	28.00
SPINACH 24ct	18.00	18.00
SQUASH,Grn,1/2bu	14.00	16.00
SQUASH,Yllw,1/2bu	26.00	28.00
STRAWBERRIES,8/1qt	12.00	15.00
TOMATO,Grnhs,lg,25lb	12.00	15.00

SHIPPED IN

	Low	High
ARUGULA,4/5bu,NJ	12.00	14.00
ASPARAGUS,28lb,lg,NJ	50.00	50.00
BEANS,Grn,bu,GA	17.00	18.00
BEETS,12s,NJ	14.00	15.00
BLUEBERRY12/1pt, GA	26.00	28.00
CABBAGE,50lb,NJ	13.00	14.00
CANTALOUPE,12ct,GA	21.00	23.00
CHERRIES,10rw,CA	65.00	70.00
COLLARDS,12-16s,NJ	12.00	12.00
DANDELION GRN,bu,NJ	14.00	15.00
ESCAROLE,1-1/9bu,NJ	16.00	18.00
GRAPES, Flme,18lb,CA	29.00	35.00
KALE,24s,SC	12.00	12.00
LEEKs,12s,NJ	14.00	17.00
NECTARINES 2lyr,CA	34.00	38.00
ONION,Vdl,40lb,GA	19.00	20.00
PEACHES,1/2bu,2-1/2,GA	25.00	26.00
PEAS,Eng,bu,GA	50.00	50.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

June 4, 2012

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers 75-80%lean	87.00-90.00	94.00-99.00	83.50-86.50
Boners 80-85% lean	83.00-87.00.00	87.50-91.00	80.00-82.00
Lean 88-90% lean	78.00-82.00	83.00-88.00	69.00-74.00

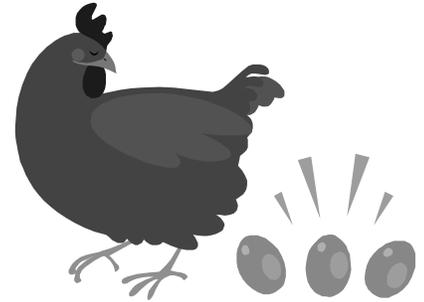
CALVES: All prices per cwt.

Graded Bull Calves: Number 1	95-120lbs	170.00-200.00
	75-90lbs	190.00-210.00
Number 2	90-130lbs	150.00-180.00
Number 3	85-125lbs	100.00-140.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1	85-100 lbs	170.00-240.00

Slaughter Bulls-800-1890lbs-102.00-107.50

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:

Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	30-60lbs	160.00-180.00
	60-80lbs	162.00-183.00
	80-90lbs	154.00-170.00
	90-110lbs	152.00-168.00



WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	138-146
LARGE	128-139
MEDIUM	98-108

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

June 4, 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

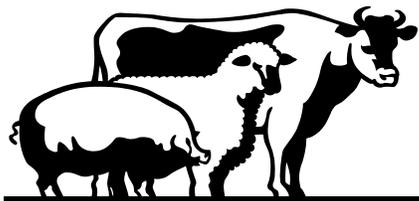
PENNSYLVANIA HAY REPORT

June 4, 2012

Eastern Pennsylvania, prices per ton.

Alfalfa, Premium	235-240
Alfalfa, Good	150-200
Mixed Hay, Premium	235-240
Mixed Hay, Good	150-200
Timothy, Premium	200-210
Timothy, Good	150-180

110-130lbs	n/a
150-200lbs	122.00-134.00
Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3	40-60lbs 156.00-182.00
	60-80lbs 146.00-161.00
	80-90lbs 151.00-169.00
	90-110lbs 146.00-170.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	100-150lbs 64.00-80.00
	150-200lbs 61.00-72.00
	200-300lbs 65.00-68.00.
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	100-150lbs 42.00-60.00
	150-200lbs 56.00-56.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	20-40lbs 85.00-101.00
	40-60lbs 119.00-154.00
	60-80lbs 158.00-175.00
	80-90lbs 192.00-200.00
	100-120lbs n/a
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	140.00-156.00
	130-180lbs 167.00-184.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	220.00-245.00
	150-250lbs 265.00-290.00



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DOAG 2012 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By George Krivda, Legislative Program Manager

s.H.B. 5409, AN ACT CONCERNING PET SHOPS AND CONSUMER REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN VETERINARY EXPENSES, effective October 1, 2012

This bill makes changes in the pet lemon law. It specifies that pet shop customers may either seek reimbursement for certain veterinarian expenses for a dog or cat that suffers from an illness or congenital defect shortly after the sale, or request a replacement or refund for the animal. The bill prohibits pet shops from requiring the consumer to return the animal in order to receive a reimbursement.

It requires certain pet shops to (1) post a statement informing customers of their rights under the pet lemon law and (2) give customers a copy of the statement when they buy a dog or cat.

By law, the agriculture commissioner may inspect licensed commercial kennels, pet shops, grooming facilities, or training facilities under certain circumstances. If he finds certain violations or unsanitary conditions, the bill authorizes him to impose a fine of up to \$500 for each animal subject to the violation.

The law bans potentially dangerous animals, including species of the Hominidae family (e.g., gorilla, chimpanzee, and orangutan), but exempts primates weighing less than 35 pounds at maturity and imported into the state or owned before October 1, 2003. The bill extends the exemption for such primates to those imported or possessed before October 1, 2010. The bill exempts ferrets, hedgehogs, sugar gliders, and degu from the law and regulations requiring permits for importing, introducing, possessing, or liberating any live fish, wild bird, wild mammal, reptile, amphibian, or invertebrate into the state. The law requires the energy and environmental protection commissioner to adopt regulations specifying the species that must meet permit requirements.

PET LEMON LAW

By law, licensed pet shops must, at a dog or cat owner's option, replace or refund the purchase price of a dog or cat that (1) within 20 days after the sale, becomes ill or dies of an illness that existed at the time of sale; or (2) within six months after the sale, is diagnosed with a congenital defect that adversely affects, or will adversely affect, its health.

In the case of illness or congenital defect, the consumer must present a licensed veterinarian's certificate stating that the animal is ill from a condition that existed at the time of sale or suffers from a congenital defect.

If the animal has died, the consumer must present a licensed veterinarian's certificate stating that an illness that existed at the time of sale caused the death.

Under current law, the pet shop has to reimburse the consumer for any costs, up to \$500, associated with veterinarian services related to the animal's illness or congenital defect, upon presentation of the veterinarian's certificate. The bill specifies that a consumer has the option of either seeking reimbursement or requesting a replacement or refund. Thus, the consumer cannot do both. The bill also prohibits the pet shop from requiring the consumer to return the animal to the store in order to receive a reimbursement. Current law is silent on whether the animal must be returned.

Consumer Rights Statement

The bill requires each licensed pet shop that sells dogs or cats to post a statement of consumer rights under the pet lemon law in a location readily visible to the public. It must be printed in black lettering of at least 20-point type size on a white background. The pet shop must also provide a copy of the statement to a customer when he or she buys a dog or cat. The agriculture commissioner must prescribe the content of the statement.

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DOAG 2012 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE*(continued from Page 3)***PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS**

If upon inspection of a licensed commercial kennel, pet shop, or grooming or training facility, the commissioner determines that any of the following exists, the bill allows him to impose a fine of up to \$500 for each animal subject to the violation:

- (1) the premises are not being maintained in a sanitary and humane manner or in a way that protects public safety;
- (2) contagious, infectious, or communicable disease or other unsatisfactory conditions exist; or
- (3) in the case of a pet shop, the shop violates the invasive plant laws.

By law, he may quarantine the premises and animals and issue orders he deems necessary to correct the conditions.

GROWER INPUT SOUGHT FOR CT NOFA CSA SURVEY

The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut is pleased to announce a new program, *CSAs, Community Farms, and Specialty Crops*. Its goal is to increase the number of Community Supported Agriculture farms, CSA membership, member retention, and access to fresh vegetables for those in need through research support, publicity, CSA fairs, and CSA grower round tables. Funding has been provided by the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, awarded and administered by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

Please help the project by completing this survey:

<http://ctnofa.wufoo.com/forms/csa-survey-for-connecticut-farmers/>

CT NOFA needs information on Connecticut CSA farm locations, member retention, and advice on when to have CSA fairs and a roundtable where experienced CSA managers can share their insight. All farms are welcome to fill out the survey and participate in the program.

PRESENTATION PROPOSALS SOUGHT FOR 2013 HARVEST NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

[Harvest New England](#), a cooperative marketing project of the six state departments of agriculture, seeks presentation proposals for its 2013 Ag Marketing Conference and Trade Show, to be held February 26-28, 2013, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, Mass. The conference provides practical, applicable agricultural marketing education and information to farmers in New England.

Proposed presentations should focus on one or more of the following agricultural marketing topics:

- Agritourism
- Commodity-Specific Marketing Strategies
- Direct-Marketing Techniques
- Funding/Financing
- Niche Marketing
- Social/Online Marketing
- Understanding Consumers
- Other Agricultural Marketing

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