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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### RECENT CT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF REGULATION AND INSPECTION NEWS

#### Online Licensing

In September the Connecticut Department of Agriculture licensing went online - <https://www.elicense.ct.gov>. During the next few months, the Department will transition the majority of its licensing to the State's E-License system. This has been a collaborative effort among the Department of Agriculture, Department of Consumer Protection and the Department of Public Health.

In addition to being able to verify licenses issued by our agency, anyone can look up online the license status of individuals and companies in more than 100 job and business categories such as electricians, plumbers, home improvement contractors, veterinarians, livestock dealers, etc.

The goal is to reduce reliance on manually entering data each licensing renewal cycle. License renewals will be processed electronically and soon renewals will be able to be completed over the internet.

The effort involved a months-long, intensive collaboration among leadership and staff at all three agencies. Additional state agencies are scheduled to join the license renewal and data-reporting system soon.

The online service provides a valuable resource for Connecticut residents and will reduce the amount of staff time, paper and postage spent hand processing thousands of license applications and renewals each year.

#### Public Act 10-103

Legislation was passed to provide poultry producers with a means to have poultry slaughter operations (mobile or fixed) inspected and approved by the Department's Bureau of Regulation and Inspection to sell poultry products to restaurants, hotels, boarding houses and household consumers. The legislation requires these small poultry slaughter facilities to comply with USDA's exempt poultry slaughter requirements. Bureau staff has been working on a "Compliance Guide" based on USDA rules but in language we hope is easier to understand and follow. The "compliance guide" will help those interested in determining if they wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

This program is primarily aimed at producers who wish to sell slaughtered and packaged poultry to restaurants, hotels, boarding houses and household consumers. This program does not require those producers who have a direct relationship with the consumer who purchases a live bird from the producer from changing their business practices.

#### Shell Egg Inspections

Along the same lines as the small producer Poultry Slaughter program there is considerable interest from producers wishing to have their shell eggs inspected. USDA exempts flocks of less than 3,000 birds from their shell egg surveillance program. Connecticut Department of Public Health rules leave the decision to allow the sale of uninspected sources of eggs up to

local Director of Health making it difficult for these producers to market their eggs to food service establishments and retailers.

Due to limits in staffing and other resources we are limiting the Connecticut Shell Egg Surveillance program to producers or a group of producers with between 500 and 3,000 birds. The sale of shell eggs directly to household users is exempt from regulation except for labeling requirements.

### NEW AGRICULTURAL PEST ARRIVES IN CONNECTICUT

Entomologists at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) have confirmed that the brown marmorated stink bug, an important agricultural pest, is present in Connecticut. Single specimens of the insect, collected by state residents in Cheshire, Darien, Hamden, New London, North Haven, Norwalk, West Haven, and Windham, were submitted to the CAES for identification or verified by an Experiment Station scientist.

Of Asian origin, the adult insect is less than three-quarters of an inch, a reported pest of a wide range of fruits and vegetables, such as corn, tomato, pepper, peach, nectarine, apple, pear, soybean, and red raspberry. The insect is widely distributed in eastern United States, particularly the mid-Atlantic region. The white bands on the antennae distinguish this pest from other northeastern stink bugs that are not as economically important. The bugs, which are not beetles, will seek shelter in homes and other buildings during the fall and can be a nuisance, but they do not bite or sting people. However, if disturbed, they will release a liquid which creates a pungent odor.

Populations of this insect are currently very low but are expected to rise in the state over the next few years. "We will need to determine if our crops are being affected" said Louis A. Magnarelli, Director of the CAES. The discovery of this new pest adds to our concerns. Two exotic mosquito species, also of Asian origin, are present in the state and could play an important role in the transmission of encephalitis viruses. Two destructive forest-defoliating insects, the Asian longhorned beetle and Emerald ash borer, are within 25 miles of northeastern and northwestern Connecticut, respectively. All of these insects will require careful monitoring and the development of different management strategies."



**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.**  
December 6, 2010

Prices To Retailers, Sales To Volume Buyers,  
USDA Grade A and Grade A, White Eggs In  
Cartons, Warehouse, Cents Per Dozen

EXTRA LARGE	130-134
LARGE	129-133
MEDIUM	91-94

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, December 6, 2010 - Live animals  
brought the following average prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	24.00	26.00
61-75 lbs.	28.00	30.00
76-90 lbs.	32.00	34.00
91-105 lbs.	36.00	45.00
106 lbs. & up	60.00	70.00
Farm Calves	80.00	90.00
Started Calves	20.00	25.00
Veal Calves	80.00	115.00
Open Heifers	85.00	100.00
Beef Heifers	55.00	89.00
Feeder Steers	65.00	85.00
Beef Steers	66.50	77.50
Stock Bulls	77.00	90.00
Beef Bulls	56.00	65.00
Replacement Heifers	1 @	450.00
Feeder Pigs each	30.00	35.00
Sheep each	85.00	95.00
Lambs each	110.00	185.00
Goats each	50.00	170.00
Kid Goats each	22.50	102.00
Canners	Up to	51.50
Cutters	52.00	55.00
Utility Grade Cows	57.00	59.75
Rabbits each	4.00	13.00
Chickens each	3.00	15.00
Ducks each	5.00	16.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

**ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

APPLES, Fuji 88 ct WA	44.00	44.00
APPLES, Red Delicious 80ct xfcy WA	40.00	40.00
ASPARAGUS, 11 lbs lge ARG	53.00	53.00
BEANS, Green handpick bu GA	52.50	52.50
BEETS, Red 25lb bag ,ca	33.00	33.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/4.4oz med CHILE	42.00	42.00
BOK CHOY, 20lbs GA	44.00	44.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct CA	37.00	37.50
CARROTS, 25lb CA	16.00	19.00
CAULIFLOWER 12ct CA	45.00	45.00
CELERY, 24ct CA	29.00	34.00
CORN, 4-1/2 dz FLA	34.50	34.50
CUCUMBER, 1/2bu med GA	36.75	36.75
EGGPLANT, 24ct GA	36.75	36.75
GARLIC, 30lb jbo CHINA	119.75	119.75
LETTUCE, Boston Ghse 12/4oz GA	22.00	22.00
LETTUCE, Romain 24ct CA	42.50	42.50
ONIONS, Yellow 25lb CA	28.50	28.50
TOMATOES, 10lb xl vine ripe NC	25.50	25.50

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

MONDAY, December 6, 2010

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breakers	75-80% lean
55.00-58.00	58.50-61.00
51.00-54.00	

**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

APPLE CIDER, 4- one gallon	13.00	14.00
APPLE CIDER, 9 half-gallons	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Cortland 64ct xfcy	22.00	22.00
APPLES, Cortland 12/3lb fcy	14.00	14.00
APPLES, Delicious Red 12-3lb 2-1/2" xfcy	16.00	18.00
APPLES, Empire, bu no grade	17.00	18.00
APPLES, Macintosh 120ct US#1	12.00	13.00
APPLES, Macintosh 96ct ,exfcy	21.00	21.00
APPLES, Macintosh 12-3lb 2-1/2" fcy	14.00	15.00
APPLES, Pink Lady, 100ct xfcy	30.00	30.00
CURRENT, Black, frozen fruit per lb	1.60	2.20
CURRENT, Black, juice 6/64oz	13.00	14.25
KALE, crates	10.00	11.00
PARSNIPS, 25lb bag	21.00	21.00
PEAR, Bosc 4/5 bu US 1, 2-3/4"	25.00	25.00
POTATOES, 10lb bag	1.75	2.00
POTATOES, 50lb,sz a	10.00	11.00
POTATOES, White Chef 50lb	10.00	11.00
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu med	10.00	10.00
SQUASH, Blue Hubbard 50lb	13.00	14.00
SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9 bu	9.00	10.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu	9.00	10.00
SQUASH, Butternut, bin ,per pound	.18	.20
TOMATOES, Cherry 5lb flat ,on vine	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 25lb loose	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 15lb flat	28.00	28.00
TURNIP, White Cape 1-1/9bu	23.00	23.00

**SHIPPED IN**

ARTICHOKES, 24ct CA	22.00	22.00
BEAN, Green handpicked bu FLA	22.00	22.00
BLACKBERRIES, 12/6oz MX	16.00	18.00
CABBAGE, Green 50lb carton med NJ	10.00	12.00
CHERRIES, jbo 5kg CHILE	45.00	45.00
GARLIC, 30lb col CA	60.00	60.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 32ct US1 FL	20.00	20.00
GRAPES, Red Seedless 19lb,bagged CA	25.00	26.00
LETTUCE, Boston 12/4oz grhouse CAN	14.00	15.00
MUSHROOM 4 qt basket,white,med-lgn PA	8.00	8.50

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

Boners	80-85% lean	53.50-55.00	55.50-58.00	49.50-53.00
Lean	85-90% lean	49.00-52.50	53.00-56.00	43.00-49.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1		1280-1815 lbs	63.00-66.00	
Yield Grade 2		1355-1750 lbs	57.50-60.00	
Bullocks:	880-1225 lbs	71.00-75.50		
CALVES: All prices per cwt.				
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1		95-125 lbs	115.00-124.00	
		80-90 lbs	80.00-90.00	
Number 2		95-115 lbs	95.00-115.00	
		80-90 lbs	55.00-70.00	
Number 3		95-115 lbs	60.00-80.00	
		80-90 lbs	40.00-50.00	

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:**

Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	40-60 lbs	196.00-204.00
New Crop	60-80 lbs	235.00-265.00
	80-90 lbs	178.00-200.00
	80-90 lbs	174.00-188.00
Fancy	90-110 lbs	170.00-182.00
	110-130 lbs	166.00-180.00
	130-150 lbs	164.00-176.00

**METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.**

**NEW YORK PRICES WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,  
Grade A eggs on:  
December 6, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	138-142
LARGE	136-140
MEDIUM	99-103

Above quotations based on  
CARTON sales to retailers.



**PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT**

Week ending December 4, 2010  
Hay and Straw Market for Eastern  
Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid  
by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	140.00-170.00
Mixed Hay	140.00-150.00
Timothy	120.00-140.00
	Good
Alfalfa	110.00-140.00
Mixed Hay	100.00-140.00
Timothy	120.00-130.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	100.00-110.00
Mixed Hay	90.00-100.00
Timothy	100.00-110.00

**Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3**

40-60 lbs	170.00-188.00
60-80 lbs	163.00-180.00
90-110 lbs	158.00-168.00

**SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh**

120-160 lbs	1080.00-116.00
160-200 lbs	106.00-114.00
200-300 lbs	100.00-112.00

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

Kids:	40-60 lbs	86.00-98.00
	60-80 lbs	100.00-128.00
	80-100 lbs	120.00-137.00
	100-120 lbs	134.00-142.00
Nannies/Does:	80-130 lbs	98.00-110.00
	130-180 lbs	116.00-130.00
Bucks/Billies:	100-150 lbs	172.00-184.00
	150-250 lbs	190.00-210.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION**

Mon December 6, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	56.00-58.00
	270-350 lbs	54.00-56.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	52.00-55.00
Sows: US 1-3	400-500 lbs	45.00-47.00
	500-600 lbs	49.00-52.00

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### FOR SALE

1-R. CT. Christmas Tree Growers, CT. Sheep Breeders and CT. Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency--Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, 1-888-526-8815, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com.. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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4-R. Gallagher High Tensile and portable electric fencing for farms, deer control, gardens. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

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

92-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

170. Christmas greens, balsam and mixed wreaths, roping, kissing balls, samples gladly shown. 203-457-1344.

188. Rye straw, seedless strawberry grade - \$5.00 per bale. Call 860-289-5188 or 860-289-5055.

195-R. Christmas trees - CT Grown Fraser fir, Balsam, Blue Spruce, White Spruce, Douglas Fir. Superior quality, various grades and prices. Dzen Brothers Farm (860) 648-1355.

199-R. Hay - excellent 1st cut, plastic wrapped round bales \$40. Call 860-886-0716.

200-R. Feeder calves - weaned 6 m/o 600lb, performance bred Herfords, Galloways, blacks. Join our annual mailing list. 860-886-0716.

207-R. Hay for sale, 1,500 bales @ \$3.50 per bale. Call for more information at 203-206-1344.

208-R. Goats, boar cross, various sizes & prices. Call 860-537-1974.

210-R. Forklift - Yale 2,000# capacity, propane, pneumatic tires, \$1,400. (7) Wellmaster greenhouse carts, pneumatic tires \$3,000 all. Dzen Brothers Farm 860-648-1355.

211-R. Ferguson 2-row corn planter, excellent condition. Old style, rare find. \$1,200. Troybuilt rototiller - \$250. 860-274-8162.

214-R. Reg. Hereford Heifers for sale. www.doublehacres.net or phone 860-250-3311.

217-R. Clean out 6-bay garage, old saw mill and blackshop business: Log loader fork lift White-Haortson 6-cylinder Cummings engine 4" wheel drive Model 4/78 LL reverse Otoro diesel - \$8,500. (4) steel I-Beams 9" x 24" x 1/2-5/8± 45' long - \$2,000. Grinding wheel and frame only - \$150. Metal commercial door frame. (2) doors 1-3/4" x 48" x 6'-7" knock down with 3" x 17-1/2" lite "new" - \$400. (5) square Owen Corning "black" shingles "no cutouts" - \$10/square. Old wood boxes and bins with bolt nuts and various parts, various prices. Home 860-228-3607. Cell 860-573-0851 (Lou)

218-R. Pair of black Percherons, geldings, well broke, parade safe and quiet. Hitchwagon for cart for farm use. Harnesses. We will sell individually. Will send pictures. Send self-addressed envelope 6x8 and stamp. Send to: Nutmeg Farms, 70 Lower Butcher Road, Ellington, CT 06029 Phone: 860-871-0171; Cell 860-559-5031.

219-R. Beef cow/calf combination for sale. Call Tiffany Farms at 860-434-2888.

### WANTED

35-R. All standing timber wanted. Highest prices paid. Free appraisals. Call New England Timber, LLC at 860-662-2412.

220-R. Looking for stands of red cedar for harvest, any quality, no brush will be left behind. Also seeking hemlock. Contact Charles Leigus 860-301-0673.

### MISCELLANEOUS

7-R. Farm/Land Specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

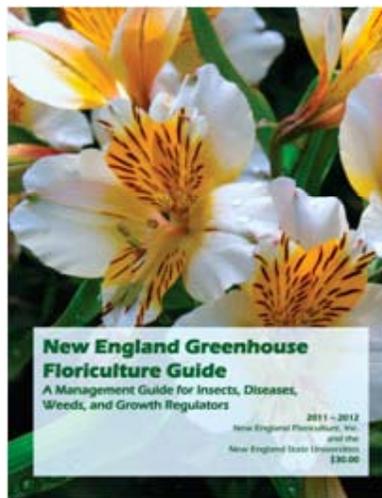
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221-R. Dr Herbert Van Kruijning has resumed veterinary practice (860-634-4419). Dr VK is a Cornell graduate, who, following graduation taught Large Animal Medicine there for two years, and then worked exclusively with race horses for a summer at Belmont Park. For a number of years, 1970-1983, he had a veterinary practice at his home in Coventry, seeing both small and large animals. He has taught at the Tuft's Veterinary School and UCONN for many years, and is the author of Health and Disease Management of Animals, a book that addresses diseases of farm species and horses. Dr VK's practice is limited to farm livestock and equines.

222-R. Ever See a Bronto Eat? Burke Ridge Construction LLC, Mowing Division will be hosting a free demonstration to watch our Brontosaurus and Fecon mowers in action. On January 7 and 8, we will be mowing for Bahler Farms, Ellington, CT. Come out to see what these machines can do, ask questions or talk to our operators. Call: 860-559-3009 or 860-614-4665 for more information. If you are unable to attend but have any questions, do not hesitate to call us.

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Greenhouse growers throughout New England rely on the New England Greenhouse Floriculture Guide as an unbiased source of detailed crop-specific production recommendations. This compendium of up-to-date information about products that manage insects, mites, diseases, weeds and algae, and regulate plant growth, is a must-have manual for professional growers. Since the last edition, several new products have become available and have been incorporated into the 2011- 2012

publication. With the guide, you will receive 250+ pages of up-to date recommendations for nonchemical and chemical management of greenhouse problems, specific to New England, in a durable plastic comb binding.

This year, the Guide introduces a pest identification website, developed by Guide contributors Leanne Pundt of Univ. of Connecticut, and Tina Smith and Paul Lopes of Univ. of Massachusetts. The website (<http://www.negreenhouseupdate.info/index.php/photo-library>) provides photos and descriptions of hundreds of plant problems caused by insects, mites, diseases, nutritional disorders and cultural procedures.

All of the Guide's chemical recommendations are presented within the framework of sustainability. The insect/mite section, for example, presents a practical approach to establishing a comprehensive integrated pest management program, beginning with detailed information about pest identification and step-by-step guidelines for implementing an effective scouting program. Practical guidelines for instituting a biological control program, including use of banker plants and alternative pest control materials, are provided. The plant growth regulator (PGR) section not only provides details of which PGRs to use and how to apply those products to specific crops, but also explains how to manage crop growth environmentally.

The Guide is available for \$30 from: University of Connecticut; College of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Office of Communications, Resource Center; 1376 Storrs Road, Unit 4035; Storrs, CT 06269-4035. Make checks payable to University of Connecticut (\$30 per copy). Visa and MasterCard are also accepted.

For more information contact: Lori Barlow, Office of Communications Resource Center

**CONNECTICUT FARM ENERGY PROGRAM**

Energy Best Management Practices Guide - Rollout Meetings  
Join the Connecticut Farm Energy Program along with Ensave, Inc. as we unveil the new Connecticut Farm Energy Best Management Practice Guide.

This guide outlines energy efficient measures, renewable energy options and funding resources for AG Producers in Connecticut.

There will be 2 roll out sessions:

- \* December 13, 2010 @ 6pm, Lebanon Fire Safety Complex, 23 Goshen Hill Road, Lebanon, CT 06249
- \* December 14, 2010 @ 3pm, Litchfield County UConn Extension Center, 843 University Drive, Torrington, CT 06790

Printed copies of the guide will be available for attendees.

For more information please go to [www.CTFarmEnergy.org](http://www.CTFarmEnergy.org) or call 860-345-3977.

**NEW CONNECTICUT FARMER PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

A letter from CTNOFA

Dear friend,

Connecticut needs more farmers and a lot of people would like to farm. To help bring these two resources together CT NOFA is launching its New Connecticut Farmer program, supported in part by a USDA Beginning Farmer grant in collaboration with NOFA NY and other NOFA chapters. (according to the USDA, a beginning farmer has been farming for fewer than ten years.)

We've contracted with Shannon Raider (a partner in Four Fields Farm) to coordinate this program.

She's designed a survey for beginning farmers which can be found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NEWCTFarmers>. Please take a moment to fill out and pass on a survey to share your farming experiences with us.

The results will help us program our Getting Started in Organic Farming Conference on January 29, 2011 in New Haven, and the beginning farmer track at the Annual Conference on March 5th in Manchester. We have scholarship funding to help beginning farmers pay for registration to those conferences.

This February new, young, and emerging farmers are getting together for the first ever New CT Farmer Summit and Farmer Mixer! This organizing summit serves to unite farmers who are in their first to 9th season and are looking to network, resource share and commiserate in support of our efforts to farm and KEEP farming in CT. As the next generation of Connecticut farmers, we are digging into what Connecticut has to offer. This will be an opportunity to share our successes and challenges together.

We welcome all new and beginning farmers to participate, whether they are organic or not.

This project was supported by the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA, Grant # 2010-49400-21847.

**ENJOY A LOCALLY GROWN HOLIDAY WITH RECIPES FROM THE FARMER'S COW**

The Farmer's Cow, local dairy farmers providing Connecticut-produced fresh milk, cream and other products, is hoping to spread some holiday cheer with new recipes featured on its website. The recipes were submitted by Connecticut residents and feature The Farmer's Cow products.

"The holidays are a time for family and friends and also a time for great food. We thank all of our fans who submitted their favorite family recipes and we've posted 23 of them on our website at [www.thefarmerscow.com/recipes](http://www.thefarmerscow.com/recipes)," says Robin Chesmer, Managing Partner for The Farmer's Cow. "All of these recipes feature either our milk, heavy cream, eggs, cider or ice cream and can easily be complemented by other Connecticut-grown ingredients. We hope that people will enhance the flavor of their holiday meals with some of these wonderful recipes."

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