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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

APCP LOSES STAUNCH SUPPORTER

By Frank L. Ribaldo, Director,

Animal Population Control Program (APCP)

The Animal Population Control Program (APCP) and Department of Agriculture has lost one of its biggest supporters since the program was enacted in 1995. Theresa Foss, a 17 year municipal animal control officer with the town of Plainfield and president of the CT Municipal Animal Control Officers Association (MACOA) died on October 8th, 2009.

According to the Norwich Bulletin, Foss was injured on the evening of September 29th after responding to a report of an aggressive pit-bull that had trapped a family inside their home. Police Chief Robert Hoffman reported that Terri sustained a head injury when she was apparently knocked down by the dog while standing next to her animal control vehicle. It was not known if she hit her head on the ground or on the vehicle. The dog was later killed by its owner after being made aware of the attack. It is believed that Terri is the first ACO in Connecticut to die in the line of duty and the third nationwide.

Terri's history with the APCP goes back to its enactment in 1995 as an ACO and later as president of the state association. Terri often traveled to Hartford on her own time and expense to support Department bills that had an effect on state officers. She was appointed to a number of Department committees over the years. Some of her more notable involvements with the agency dealt with rabies, input in the creation of a new generic dog license application in 2007 and the continuation of her support to license Connecticut's private animal shelters and to regulate the importation of companion pets. Her greatest impact was when she was appointed by Commissioner Prelli in 2007 to the Special Act 06-5 Study Committee, which looked at different ways to expand the Animal Population Control Program. The recommendations that evolved from this committee resulted in the passage of Public Act No. 07-105, An Act Concerning the Expansion of the Animal Population Control Program. The highlights of this bill provided for up to 10% of program income to be set aside to vaccinate and sterilize feral cats and the same amount for low-income CT residents. "The committee I appointed in 2007 was quite a diversified group with everyone interested in expanding the APCP, but for different reasons. Terri's input was invaluable to me, because as an ACO she had hands on experience with pound animals, feral cats and low-income citizens," said F. Philip Prelli, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Terri's desire to make life better for people and animals in Connecticut will be missed by this agency, the animal control community and especially the Animal Population Control Program.

FARM-TO-CHEF MEMBER LEO BUSHEY III COOKS CT GROWN AT JAMES BEARD HOUSE

By Linda Piotrowicz, Marketing Representative

Chef Leo Bushey III recently created a dinner highlighting 10 different varieties of CT Grown apples at New York City's esteemed James Beard House.

"Being invited to the James Beard House is a huge honor," Chef Bushey said. "To be showcased there as a chef was like receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award."

Because the event was scheduled for fall, Chef Bushey immediately thought to feature local apples, one of Connecticut's leading autumn crops. He spotlighted a different variety in each dish. The evening's menu (which is posted in its entirety on the James Beard Foundation's website) included hot mulled 'Pippin' apple cider, foie gras torchon with 'Honeycrisp' apple chips, slow-cooked venison loin with 'Jonagold' apple cake, and 'Rome' apple strudel with a



special 'Idared' apple ice cream, custom-made for the event by Buck's Ice Cream in Milford.

"I first got this idea of an apple-themed dinner when I took my kids apple picking at a local orchard last year," Chef Bushey explained. "This was an exceptional apple season, so the idea was in the forefront of my mind. When the Beard House invited me to do a dinner, the whole concept fell into place."

Farm-to-Chef member Dan Batchelder at FreshPoint helped source the wide array of CT Grown varieties from local farms, including Farm-to-Chef member Belltown Hill Orchards of South Glastonbury, Blue Hills Orchard in Wallingford, and Ferrari Farms, also in South Glastonbury.

"The apples were just amazing," Chef Bushey recounted. "They were so juicy and flavorful, that they whole meal came together beautifully. There just is no substitute for fresh, local ingredients."

To help prepare the meal, Chef Bushey relied on two of his staff from the Hartford Club, two chef friends from MI, a colleague from NY, and two culinary school interns. The team prepared dinner for 60 guests, including Jody Eddy, Editor of Art Culinaire Magazine.

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NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.
December 21, 2009

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

EXTRA LARGE	119-123
LARGE	118-122
MEDIUM	92-95

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Connecticut
December 21, 2009

Live animals brought the following average prices
per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	18.00	22.00
61-75 lbs.	24.00	26.00
76-90 lbs.	28.00	40.00
91-105 lbs.	50.00	60.00
106 lbs. & up	65.00	70.00
Farm Calves	75.00	110.00
Started Calves	25.00	35.00
Veal Calves	55.00	90.00
Open Heifers	40.00	47.50
Feeder Steers	55.00	65.00
Beef Steers	50.00	56.00
Stock Bulls	45.00	60.00
Beef Bulls	50.00	52.00
Boars	None	
Feeder Pigs each	22.50	77.50
Sheep each	47.50	105.00
Lambs each	50.00	140.00
Goats each	75.00	130.00
Kid Goats each	23.00	100.00
Canners	Up to	39.50
Cutters	40.00	42.50
Utility Grade Cows	43.00	48.00
Rabbits each	3.00	11.00
Chickens each	5.00	26.00
Ducks each	3.00	15.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, December 21, 2009

Bulk/High/Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean	
44.50-49.00	-----	42.50-44.00
Boners	80-85% lean	
43.00-47.00	51.00-55.50	37.50-41.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
41.00-45.50	46.00-47.00	35.00-40.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1

1200-1490 lbs	54.00-58.00
1770-2330 lbs	53.00-57.50

high dress 1360-1625 lbs 59.50-63.00

Bullocks: 805-1320 lbs 68.00-72.00

high dress 815-1235 lbs 74.00-77.00

low dress 730-1165 lbs 53.00-57.50

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Choice and Prime 2-3

40-60 lbs	142.00-160.00
60-80 lbs	126.00-152.00
80-90 lbs	122.00-140.00
90-110 lbs	117.00-136.00
110-130 lbs	106.00-128.00

Choice 2-3 40-60 lbs 122.00-144.00

60-80 lbs 110.00-132.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 4/1 gal	13.00	13.00
APPLES, Cortland 96 ct exfcy	18.00	24.00
APPLES, Empire bu 2-1/2 up no grade	10.00	11.00
APPLES, McIntosh ex fcy 96ct	20.00	20.00
APPLES, McIntosh, 140ct US#1	13.00	14.00
CRANBERRIES, 24/12's	36.00	36.00
POTATOES, 10/5lb	8.00	10.00
POTATOES, Round white 10lb sz A	1.50	1.80
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu lge	12.00	14.00
SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9bu	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu lge	14.00	15.00
SQUASH, Acorn organic 40lb	29.00	29.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 11 lbs on vine	17.00	17.00
TURNIPS, Purple Top 25lb	15.00	15.00

SHIPPED IN

APPLES, Pink Lady 12/3's WA	36.00	37.00
ARTICHOKES, 36ct CA	28.00	30.00
BEANS, Green bu handpicked FL	25.00	26.00
BLACKBERRIES, Organic 16/16oz CA	60.00	61.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/4.4oz Organic CAL	59.00	60.00
BRUSSEL SPROUTS, 25lb ca	24.00	25.00
CANTALOUPS, 6ct Organic AZ	19.00	20.00
CARROTS, 48/1-lb bags CAN	10.00	11.00
CARROTS, 48/1-lb bags Organic GA	42.00	42.00
CAULIFLOWER, 12ct AZ	16.00	20.00
CLEMENTINES, 5lb CA	4.00	5.00
GARLIC, 30lb #10 CAL	46.00	48.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 40ct FLA	14.00	16.00
GRAPES, Crimson Ign 16lb CAL	28.00	28.00
LEMONS, 115ct AZ	27.00	30.00
LETTUCE, Boston 12/4oz ghouse CAN	14.00	15.00
LETTUCE, Green leaf, 24ct AZ	25.00	26.00
MUSHROOMS, 10lb White med PA	13.00	14.00
ONION, Yellow 50lb med NY	8.00	10.00
ORANGES, Navel 88's CA	18.00	19.00
PEPPER, Bell Green xl FL	10.00	12.00
PEAS, Green 10lb GU	10.00	12.00
POMEGRANATES, 30ct CA	31.00	32.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

80-90 lbs 105.00-122.00

90-110 lbs 98.00-114.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh

120-160 lbs 64.00-76.00

160-200 lbs 55.00-68.00

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

Kids: 20-40 lbs 46.00-67.00

40-60 lbs 52.00-82.00

60-80 lbs 76.00-102.00

80-100 lbs 92.00-118.00

100-120 lbs 108.00-132.00

Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 70.00-90.00

130-180 lbs 84.00-100.00

Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs 162.00-180.00

150-250 lbs 180.00-202.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon December 21, 2009 = Hogs sold by actual
weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	50.00-52.50
45-49	220-270 lbs	45.50-48.50
	270-300 lbs	43.00-45.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	29.00-33.00
	500-700 lbs	35.25-37.25

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

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS

TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,

Grade A eggs on:

December 21, 2009

EXTRA LARGE	124-128
LARGE	122-126
MEDIUM	98-102

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.

**EASTERN REGION
MILK REVIEW**

MADISON, WI. December 16,
2009 - Milk production is increas-
ing throughout the Northeast after
recently reaching its seasonal low
point.

Supplies remain somewhat
tight in the Northeast and Mid Atlan-
tic region as bottling remains fairly
heavy, but some milk was pushed
back due to lower cheese produc-
tion schedules and some marginal
Class II production slow downs.
Ice cream production is nearly shut
down for the holiday with some
plants closing a few days earlier
than last year. Balancing plants
have churns and driers ready for
the influx of milk over the upcoming
holiday week.

Southeast milk production is
holding steady. Supplies are lim-
ited due to strong Class I demand
and steady Class II production
runs. Contracts have been covered
with no need to utilize manufactur-

ing plants. Concerns are increasing that holiday
week milk supplies will outstrip manufactur-
ing capacity, leaving few outlets for the expected extra
supply of milk.

Florida milk production is steady after recent
increases as tropical temperatures have leveled
off production. Class I sales without promotions
have been described as sluggish. Recent features
for ice cream have stimulated retail sales and ear-
ly reports indicate eggnog sales have been good
this season. Florida exported 102 loads of milk to
other regions.

Cream supplies are becoming more read-
ily available as ice cream plants shut down for
the holidays and Class II production begins to
wind down. Multiples are moving lower with in-
creased supplies and churns are ready to han-
dle extra volumes.

Condensed skim remains slightly tight to in-
balance with limited spot market activity.



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WANTED

212. Cream spreader wanted. 860-354-4659 Leave message.

512. Participants Wanted - The Department of Agriculture, Marketing Division, is offering a new program to farms with agritourism activities. The Agritourism Brochure Distribution Program allows farms with an agritourism component to have their brochures in the five major Welcome Centers in Connecticut – Darien, Westbrook, North Stonington, West Willington and Hartford. A freestanding brochure rack is dedicated to this program at each Center.

Thousands of tourists visit the Centers each month! This is a great opportunity to increase traffic to your agritourism operation! There is a monthly fee to participate but varies based on the number of Centers and months you wish to distribute to. Space is limited to 24 brochures per Center per month! To request a program application visit www.ctgrown.gov or contact Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 or jaime.smith@ct.gov.

You must sign up by January 19, 2010. The program will officially begin with the first delivery to the Welcome Centers in February 2010. We hope you will participate and help us fill agritourism racks at the Welcome Center!

MISCELLANEOUS

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ABOUT THE JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION

The James Beard Foundation is a national not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is "to celebrate, preserve, and nurture America's culinary heritage and diversity in order to elevate the appreciation of our culinary excellence." It was created after the 1985 passing of Chef Beard (proclaimed the "Dean of American Cookery" by the New York Times in 1954), when Julia Child called upon a group of Beard's friends and colleagues to do something with his house, which had served as a hub for students, authors, chefs, and other food and beverage professionals.

A campaign raised the down payment to purchase the Greenwich Village townhouse from Beard's estate, and the Foundation officially opened the James Beard House in November 1986. Calvin Trillin presided over a ceremony that welcomed Jacques Pépin, Judith Jones, Larry Forgione and other culinary world luminaries who had been touched and inspired by Beard.

According to its website, "The James Beard Foundation has evolved beyond the scope of influence any one person could have had, but all the while keeping true to the ideals that James Beard professed—that is, emphasizing the importance of simple, wholesome food, good cooking, and good eating by educating, mentoring, supporting, and caring for the people who prepare and enjoy it."

A variety of events are conducted at the James Beard House and around the country "designed to educate, inspire, entertain, and foster an appreciation of American cuisine." In addition to multi-course dinners by guest chefs, Foundation events include lunches/brunches/teas, workshops, literary discussions, celebrity chef tours, gala holiday auctions, awards, and much more.

ABOUT LEO BUSHEY III

Chef Bushey is a CT Grown native who entered the restaurant industry at the tender age of 13. Beginning his career at family-style restaurants, he quickly progressed through the culinary landscape. His talents were recognized and nurtured by the some of the country's leading chefs, including James Boyce, Alex Stratta, Peter Hoefler, and Edward Flattery.

In 1994, Chef Bushey received his degree in culinary arts from Johnson & Wales University in RI. He was inducted into the prestigious Les Amis D'Escoffier Society a decade later, and is a standing member of the James Beard Foundation and The Chaîne des Rotisseurs.

Chef Bushey has participated in events throughout the Northeast including the Celebrity Chef and Sommelier induction of Master of Wine Serena Sutcliffe; the CT Culinary Masters Classic with food critic and writer John Mariani; and the Art of Food and Wine paired with Celebrity Chef and Author, Chef Michael Ginor of Hudson Valley Foie Gras. Chef Bushey was Guest Chef for 2008 and 2009 Celebration of Food and Wine at the Chef's Garden in Huron, OH.

In addition to his commitment for creating exquisite cuisine, Chef Bushey serves on The Board of Directors for Share Our Strength, Fight against Hunger, Mohegan Sun Celebrity Chef Gala (to fight child hunger). He is an avid member of the CT Farm-to-Chef Program.

CONNECTICUT VEGETABLE AND SMALL FRUIT GROWERS' CONFERENCE

The University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System, the Department of Plant Science and the CT Ag Experiment Station will host the annual Connecticut Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers' Conference from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Tolland County Agricultural Center in Vernon, CT on Thursday, January 21, 2010. This will be the last chance to obtain Pesticide Applicator Re-certification Credits for the current year (2009). There will be 3 hours of re-certification credits available (pending DEP approval). Registration is \$30 and includes lunch and coffee/donuts. There is no pre-registration necessary. Registration at the door. Trade show starts at 8:00 AM and the talks start at 9:00 AM. For more details contact Jude Boucher (860 875-3331, jude.boucher@uconn.edu). - Directions: Exit 67 off I-84, North on Rt. 31 to intersection with Rt. 30, 1/10 mile east on Rt. 30.

The University of Connecticut is an equal opportunity program provider and employer. Please call three weeks prior to this event if special accommodations are needed.

TRAINING WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD FOR SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT APPLICANTS

Three training workshops will be held on how to write a successful application and develop a quality project for the upcoming USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant application administered by the Department of Agriculture, Marketing Division.

The workshops will be held in the following locations, each from 1:00 to 3:00pm.:

- Wednesday, January 6, 2010: New London County UConn Cooperative Extension Center, 62 New London Turnpike, Norwich, CT 06360-6599
- Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at the CT Ag Experiment Station, Valley Lab, 153 Cook Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095
- Thursday, January 14, 2010 at the Litchfield County UConn Cooperative Extension Center, 843 University Drive, Torrington, CT 06790.

The snow date, should any of the locations be cancelled due to inclement weather, will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at the Litchfield County UConn Cooperative Extension Center in Torrington.

During these workshops you'll learn the following:

- the definition of specialty crops and which crops qualify
- examples of acceptable and unacceptable projects
- the required application format
- tips for writing a successful grant application
- key points each applicant's project must highlight
- evaluation criteria by the review panel
- timeline of events after applications are submitted
- reporting requirements if awarded

Attendance is encouraged for first-time grant applicants or first-time applicants of grants of this type. There are very specific requirements and definitions associated with this funding and it's important that you attend if you're considering submitting a project!

Projects cannot exceed \$75,000, can last for up to three years, and must impact and produce measurable outcomes for the specialty crop in-

dustry and/or the public rather than a single organization, institution, or individual.

To download a copy of the complete grant guidelines, please visit www.ctgrown.gov or www.ct.gov/doag and click '2010 Specialty Crop Block Grant-FB Program' or contact Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 or jaimesmith@ct.gov.

Applications are due March 1, 2010 by 4:30pm.

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The staff of the Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report and everyone at the Department of Agriculture would like to wish all of you the happiest of Holidays, and a wonderful, productive New Year!



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