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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM DOUBLES NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS IN TWO YEARS

The Farmland Preservation Program preserved 16 farms comprised of 1,371 acres in calendar year 2010 - double the amount protected in 2008, just two years earlier! This increased pace of farmland preservation is a direct result of record funding and staffing levels in the Program's 32-year history, and helps realize Connecticut's desire to maintain its agricultural diversity, local food security, and rural heritage.

A total of \$10 million in state bonding was authorized in 2010. Funds from the Community Investment Act (CIA), derived from land record recording fees, helped purchase development rights to six farms at a cost of \$1,102,367; remaining CIA funds helped support the Connecticut dairy industry through the economic downturn and maintain the staff in the Program to continue and accelerate the pace of farmland preservation. In 2008, development rights were purchased for just under \$3.8 million on seven farms covering 675 acres, and program staff increased by two property agents. Farm preservation advocacy groups are honing in on a goal of 20 farms and 2,000 acres per year in the coming years.

Farms preserved in 2010 are located in 13 towns and six counties throughout Connecticut. Among the farms protected are two active dairies, seven that support the livestock industry, four farms in vegetable and fruit production, and the remaining three in grain, hay, tobacco, or some combination. The State completed four joint State-Town projects with local participation by the Towns of Granby, Ellington and Woodstock. Collaborating with the Connecticut Farmland Trust, the statewide conservation organization devoted to farmland preservation, a family farm in the Town of Sharon was protected. The State leveraged federal funding through the Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program in the amount of \$4,954,220 by entering a cooperative agreement for qualified farms with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Highlights in 2010 include a gift of development rights to a 15-acre farm in the Town of East Windsor through the generosity of the late Helen Edna Crane. Others, whose development rights were purchased, some below market value, may be exemplified by the year's most memorable success story: Bushy Hill Farm in Granby. A 70-acre farm, Bushy Hill contains forty acres of fruit trees and shrubs, including apples, peaches, pears, raspberries and blueberries, five acres of vegetables, and a long-time family-friendly farm stand frequented by local residents and city dwellers. For years in the Law family, Bushy Hill Farm is also admired for its scenic vista and hillside and was nearly sold for use as a cemetery, and retired out of agriculture. Fortunately, the State was able to purchase development rights for \$452,897 with funding in part by the Town of Granby aided by Granby Land Trust, and the federal Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program. Subsequent to the sale

of development rights, local farmers, Becky and Allen Clark who are active in vegetable, greenhouse flower and goat cheese production, were able to purchase the farm for its agricultural value and continue its use as a farm.

Since inception of the Program, development rights have been acquired, or are under contract for acquisition, on 283 farms totaling 37,262 acres. These farmlands are comprised of prime and statewide important farmland soils, with additional natural landscape features, such as forest and wetlands, which will be preserved in perpetuity for future generations of farmers and the well being of the people of Connecticut.

Acre by acre, the Program works towards the goal of protecting 85,000 acres of cropland on 130,000 acres of farmland in Connecticut. Good farmland is the raw material of producing food and farm products. Preserved farmland helps give farmers the opportunity at sustaining that business or putting it in the hands of future generations of farmers. We can all help them by buying local and direct at food outlets including the many farmers' markets throughout the state. It's good for the farmers, our agricultural business, the environment and state economy.

For an application or more information on the CT Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program, please call 806.713.2511 or visit www.ct.gov/doag/site.

PROTECT YOUR BUILDINGS!

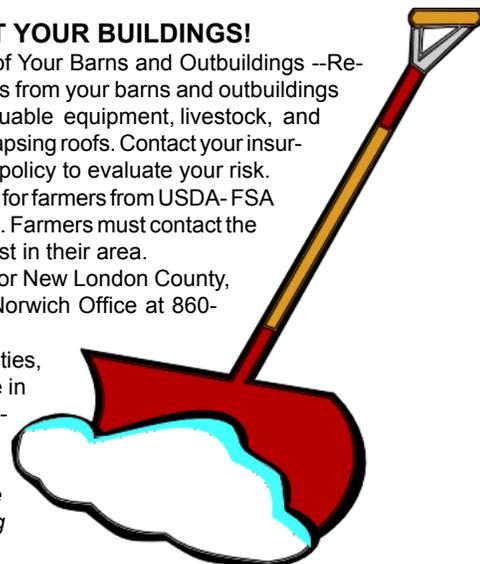
Look up! Check Roof of Your Barns and Outbuildings --Remove excessive snow loads from your barns and outbuildings if possible! Protect your valuable equipment, livestock, and horticultural crops from collapsing roofs. Contact your insurance agent to review your policy to evaluate your risk.

Loans may be available for farmers from USDA-FSA for snow-crushed buildings. Farmers must contact the USDA-FSA Loan Specialist in their area.

For Tolland, Windham or New London County, contact Ron Clark in the Norwich Office at 860-887-9941 ext. 105

For all other counties, please contact Ellen Losee in the Torrington Office at 860-626-8852 ext. 104

A message from the CT Dept. of Ag Marketing Bureau staff.



NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.
February 1, 2010

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

EXTRA LARGE	107-111
LARGE	102- 106
MEDIUM	93-95

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, January 31, 2010

Live animals brought the following average prices
per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	8.00	10.00
61-75 lbs.	12.00	15.00
76-90 lbs.	20.00	25.00
91-105 lbs.	30.00	35.00
106 lbs. & up	40.00	45.00
Farm Calves	60.00	65.00
Veal Calves	57.50	90.00
Open Heifers	60.00	97.00
Feeder Steers	80.00	105.00
Beef Steers	50.00	58.00
Stock Bulls	70.00	115.00
Beef Bulls	67.00	85.00
Boars	2.00	5.00
Sows each	2 @	20.00
Hogs,Barrows and Gilts each	2 @	61.00
Feeder Pigs each	25.00	35.00
Lambs each	120.00	150.00
Goats each	50.00	147.50
Canners	Up to	58.75
Cutters	59.00	62.00
Utility Grade Cows	63.50	67.50
Rabbits each	4.00	50.00
Chickens each	5.00	15.00
Ducks each	14.00	19.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

APPLES, Fuji 80ct WA	47.00	47.50
APPLES, Red Del 80ct xfcy WA	38.00	38.00
ARTICHOKES, 24CT CA	47.00	47.00
BEETS, 25lb med CAN	52.00	52.50
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1PT CHILE	27.00	28.00
BROCCOLI, Cartons 14's	38.00	38.00
CARROTS, 25lbs jbo CA	16.00	19.00
CAULIFLOWER, 12CT CA	32.00	32.00
CELERY, film 24's CA	44.00	45.00
CILANTRO, 30's CA	30.00	30.00
CUCUMBERS, 1/2bu MX	46.00	46.50
LETTUCE, Red Leaf 24CT CA	40.00	40.50
MESCULIN mix, 3lb CA	8.50	8.50
MUSHROOMS, Shitake 3lb med PA	22.00	23.00
PEARS, D'Anjou U.S. #1 90ct WA	55.00	55.50
PEPPER, Red greenhouse 11lb MX 41.00	41.00	41.50
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1LB FL	45.50	45.50
SPINACH, Baby 4lb Flat CA	10.00	12.00
TANGELOS,100CT CA	34.25	34.25

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, January 31, 2010

Bulk/High/Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean		
64.00-68.50	68.50-70.00	60.00-65.00	
Boners	80-85% lean		
60.50-63.50	65.00-67.00	56.00-61.00	

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 4-one gallon	18.00	18.00
APPLE CIDER, 9 half-gallons	20.00	20.00
APPLES, Cortland, 12-3lb US #1	14.00	14.00
APPLES, Red Delicious,12/3lb, xfcy	18.00	18.00
APPLES, Macintosh 100ct, xfcy	22.00	22.00
APPLES, Macintosh US#1 96ct	13.00	13.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb film	4.50	5.00
POTATOES, Round white 10lb bag loose	1.75	2.00
POTATOES, Russet, 10/5lb	10.00	10.00
TOMATOES, Cherry 5lb flat, on vine	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 15lb flat	34.00	34.00

SHIPPED IN

ARTICHOKES,36ct CA	24.00	25.00
ASPARAGUS, 11lb lge MX	18.00	19.00
BEAN, Green 30lb FL	45.00	45.00
BLACKBERRIES, 12/6oz MX	18.00	20.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/6oz CHILE	14.00	16.00
BROCCOLI, 20lb Crown Cut AZ	16.00	19.00
CABBAGE, 50lb, Green med GA	16.00	18.00
CARROTS, 48-11lb CA	24.00	26.00
CAULIFLOWER, 12ct FL	14.00	16.00
CLEMENTINES, 5lb SP	4.00	4.50
CORN,4 1/2DZ FL	22.00	25.00
CUCUMBERS, 1 1/9bu med MX	18.00	22.00
EGGPLANT 1 1/9bu med FL	22.00	22.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 32ct FL	18.00	19.00
GRAPES, Thompson 18lb CHILE	18.00	20.00
NAPPA CABBAGE,50LB FL	22.00	22.00
LETTUCE, Red leaf 24ct AZ	21.00	22.00
NECTARINES, 2-layer 42's CHILE	24.00	25.00
ONION, RED,25lb med NY	10.00	10.00
ORANGES, Navel 88ct CA	18.00	19.00
PEACHES, 40ct CHILE	18.00	20.00
PEARS, Bosc 4/5 bu 100ct OR	36.00	36.00
PEPPER, Green BELL,1-1/9bu xl FL	15.00	16.00
SPINACH, 4lb Flat AZ	9.00	10.00
SQUASH,YELLOW, 1/2bu med FL	15.00	16.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1LB FL	18.00	21.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Bullocks:	
950-1495 lbs	74.00-78.00
Calves: All prices per cwt.	
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1	
95-130 lbs	100.00-117.00
85-90 lbs	70.00-85.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1	
90-110 lbs	160.00-200.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:	
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	
40-60 lbs	212.00-239.00
60-80 lbs	216.00-233.00
80-90 lbs	215.00-230.00
90-110 lbs	194.00-209.00
110-130 lbs	180.00-205.00
60-80 lbs	188.00-213.00
80-90 lbs	215.00-230.00
90-110 lbs	194.00-209.00
110-130 lbs	170.00-185.00
130-150 lbs	168.00-173.00
Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60 lbs	180.00-205.00
60-80 lbs	188.00-213.00
80-90 lbs	184.00-199.00
90-110 lbs	180.00-195.00
110-130 lbs	159.00-174.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh	
120-160 lbs	122.00-137.00
160-200 lbs	103.00-118.00
Ewes Utility 1-2: Thin Fleshed	
120-160 lbs	91.00-106.00
160-200 lbs	79.00-94.00

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1 sold by the head, on estimated weights.	
Kids: 40-60 lbs	112.00-137.00
60-80 lbs	128.00-144.00
80-100 lbs	132.00-153.00
100-110 lbs	157.00-166.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	112.00-127.00
130-180 lbs	116.00-126.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	138.00-152.00
150-250 lbs	159.00-174.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon January 31, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.		
49-54	220-270 lbs	58.50-63.00
	220-270 lbs	65.00-69.00
	300-400 lbs	66.00-70.00
45-49	270-300 lbs	58.75-61.25
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	46.00-51.00
	500-700 lbs	54.00-58.00
Boars:	300-800 lbs	30.50-35.00

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:
February 1, 2010
EXTRA LARGE 111-115
LARGE 109-113
MEDIUM 100-104
Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

Week ending January 29, 2010
Hay and Straw Market for Eastern
Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid
by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	170.00-210.00
Mixed Hay	150.00-160.00
Timothy	140.00-150.00
	Good
Alfalfa	130.00-160.00
Mixed Hay	130.00-150.00
Timothy	130.00-140.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	100.00-120.00
Mixed Hay	100.00-120.00

ADVERTISEMENTS

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.

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

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

22-R. Round bales mixed grasses, no canary. Pick up or delivered. 203-530-4953.

29-R. Honeybees for sale, 3lb packages mid-April, Riverside Apiaries 860-295-8972.

33-R. Premium mulches. Natural, dark brown, black and vibrant colors. Call for pricing, orders and delivery. Contact Charles Leigus (860) 301-0673.

34-R. First cut hay, June cut square bales \$4.50 each p.u. 203-265-4588.

35-R. Hay – late 1st cut \$3.00, quality 2nd cut \$6.00, please call 860-235-0624.

36-R. Nice healthy feeder pigs for sale: Seven piglets (York x Hamp), born 10/20/10, 25-30 lbs. On grain, \$60/head, call 860-355-0463.

37-R. Skid steer plate mounted, snow plow, 9 ft blade - \$500. Ready to go! 860-267-4341.

WANTED

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

18-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.

38-R. Standing Timber Wanted. Hardwoods and Softwoods. Fully licensed and insured with emphasis on performing quality, low impact harvests. Payment before logging begins. 20 acre minimum. Call (860) 798-4039.

39. One row potato digger wanted. Please call 860-651-8928.

40-R. 1 or 2 row corn picker wanted, any model John Deere flail chopper. Call 860-367-6640.

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.

16-R. Overgrown hedge rows, drainage ditches, fence lines or any other hard to reach areas? We have a solution. An Excavator mounted tree/brush mower capable of mowing 8"-12" diameters flush to the ground. Call for Brochure 860-875-0280.

AGRICULTURE NEWS

Congressperson Joe Courtney, 2nd District, Announces Ag Related Committee Assignment for 112th Congress

On January 19, 2011, Congressperson Joe Courtney, 2nd District, announced that he will serve on the House Agriculture Committee. Courtney will be serving on two subcommittees, the Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Subcommittee and the General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee. These committee assignments will give Courtney a platform to work on issues of grave importance to a variety of farmers and agricultural interests across Connecticut.

This year, the Agriculture Committee will take on sweeping Farm Bill reauthorization, and is a platform



from which to address key farming issues in eastern Connecticut, including the flawed milk pricing system. Courtney will also continue to co-chair the Congressional Dairy Farmers Caucus, which he co-founded in 2009.

"With nearly 2,500 farms in eastern Connecticut, agriculture and dairy policies were already front and center for me over the past four years," Courtney added. "With a platform on the House Agriculture Committee, I will be even better positioned to address the needs of our farmers. As founding co-chairman of the Congressional Dairy Farmers Caucus, I've worked tirelessly to prevent further farm foreclosures and advocated for policies that help these small businessmen and women." For more information, please contact Congressperson Courtney at

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NRCS ANNOUNCES ON-FARM ENERGY INITIATIVE

Jay T. Mar, State Conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) today announced an initiative designed to help agricultural producers transition to more energy-efficient operations. This initiative will make funding available for individual on-farm energy audits that when fully implemented are designed to save both money and energy.

"Helping Connecticut's farmers and producers reduce energy consumption benefits everyone," said Mar. "More efficient energy use will help the state's agricultural producers and citizens become more energy independent."

The audits will be individually tailored to assess each farm's primary energy uses (i.e., irrigation pumping, greenhouse fans, insulation and heating in greenhouses, and maple syrup operations).

NRCS will provide financial assistance for the initial audit and the associated Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP). The AgEMP provides producers with a roadmap for future implementation of energy-efficient practices.

Applications are due at local NRCS offices on or before February 18, 2011. Funding is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. If approved, producers will be asked to select an NRCS-certified local Technical Service Provider or contractor to perform the audit and develop the AgEMP.

"Once an energy plan is developed, the producer may have the opportunity to apply for cost share through EQIP to implement some of the recommendations," Mar said. "NRCS is providing Connecticut's agricultural producers a number of resources to become really energy efficient."

For more information, visit the web us on the web at www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov/programs, or contact your nearest USDA Field Office: Brooklyn - (860) 774-0224; Hamden – (203) 287-8038; Norwich - (860) 887-3604; Torrington - (860) 626-8258; Windsor - (860) 688-7725.

ANNUAL PRODUCT AWARDS COMPETITION

The CT Specialty Food Association's Annual Product Awards Competition will be held on Thursday, 2/17/11, at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville. This year's categories include many that are farm friendly, such as cheese; certified organic product; CT Grown product; CT wine; fruit or vegetable; jam/honey/syrup/sweet topping; meat/pate/fish; and more. Contact Tricia at 860-677-8097 or tricia@ctfoodassociation.org for a complete list of categories, competition guidelines, and/or registration forms. Registration deadline is 2/17/11.

JOSEPH GEREMIA, WALLINGFORD CT, NAMED NATIONAL OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER

TULSA, OKLAHOMA - The U.S. Junior Chamber, John Deere, the Outstanding Farmers of America Fraternity, and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents are pleased to announce that Joseph Geremia of Wallingford, CT has been selected as one of ten National Outstanding Young Farmers for the year 2011.

The National Outstanding Young Farmer (NOYF) Program has been sponsored by John Deere for the last 35 years, administered by The U.S. Junior Chamber, and supported by the Outstanding Farmers of America Fraternity and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. The NOYF Program has recognized farmers for their outstanding achievements in agriculture for the past 55 years.

The NOYF Awards Ceremony will be held, February 17-20, 2011 at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Finalists are selected through an extensive judging process, a panel of judges independently selects the top 25 semi-finalists, upon completion of a more extensive form, and the semi-finalists are independently judged selecting the top ten finalists. These finalists are interviewed onsite and the top four will receive the honor as being named National Winners and receive a cash reward from John Deere along with a trip to Washington, D.C. during Ag Week the following year. All the finalists receive an all-expense paid trip for themselves and his/her spouse to the National Awards Congress where they'll participate in a four-day event which includes Educational Speakers, Tours, and the weekend culminates with a formal Awards Banquet and Ceremony and the naming of the four National Winners for 2011.

About the United States Junior Chamber

The United States Junior Chamber (JCs or more commonly Jaycees) is a leadership training and civic organization for people between the ages of 18 and 41. Areas of emphasis are business development, management skills, individual training, community service, and international connections.

Established January 21, 1920, the United States Junior Chamber was

started to provide opportunities for young men and woman to develop personal and leadership skills through service to others. Jaycees can be found in all walks of life: governmental leaders such as past Presidents Bill Clinton, Ronald Regan and Gerald Ford; business tycoons such as Domino's Pizza mogul Tom Monaghan; Miss America 1988, Kaye Lani Rae Rafko Wilson; sports legends such as basketball great Larry Bird and Larry Holmes former Heavyweight Boxing Champion; and recording artists such as Bradley Joseph. To learn more about the National Outstanding Young Farmers Program and The U.S. Junior Chamber, visit www.usjaycees.org.



NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER!

The Connecticut Agricultural Information Council is accepting nominations for this year's Outstanding Young Farmer. Nationally sponsored by the U.S. Jaycees, the purpose of the Outstanding Young Farmer program is to bring about a greater interest in the farmer, to foster better urban-rural relations through the understanding of agriculture's challenges, to develop an appreciation of their contributions and achievements, and to inform the agribusiness community of the growing urban awareness of farmers' importance and impact on the American economy.

Applications must be postmarked by February 25, 2011.

The winner will be notified in early March and the award will be presented at Ag Day at the Capitol, March 16, 2011. The application can be found on CT Agricultural Education Foundation, www.ctaef.org.

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