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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

TRAINING WORKSHOPS AND LISTENING SESSIONS TO BE HELD FOR SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT APPLICANTS

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is requesting grant applications for projects that solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, maple syrup, honey, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture). Projects cannot exceed \$75,000, can last for up to three years, and must impact and produce measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public rather than a single organization, institution, or individual. Submitted projects cannot begin until October 1, 2011.

Training workshops will be held on how to write a successful application and develop a quality project in accordance with USDA guidelines will be held. The first half hour of each workshop will be a listening session to identify key priority issues to Connecticut agriculture. The listening sessions and workshops will be held:

Wednesday, February 9, 1:00-3:00pm
 Windham County Extension Center, Brooklyn

Friday, March 11, 9:30-11:30am
 CT Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven

Thursday, March 24, 6:30-8:30pm
 Middlesex County Extension Center, Haddam

Saturday, April 2, 9:00-11:00am
 Valley Lab, CT Agricultural Experiment Station, Windsor

Monday, April 11, 1:00-3:00pm
 Litchfield County Extension Center, Torrington.

During these workshops you'll learn:

- 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

If this is the first time ever applying for grant funds or applying for this particular federal grant, then attendance is encouraged.

For complete application guidelines and more information on the listening sessions/training workshops, please visit the Department of Agriculture's website www.ctgrown.gov or www.ct.gov/doag and click 'Specialty Crop Block Grant-FB Program' or contact Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 or jaime.smith@ct.gov.

Applications are due to the State Department of Agriculture by 4:30pm on May, 17, 2011.

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW

to be held in Sturbridge March 1-3, 2011

Agricultural producers from across the New England will convene in scenic Sturbridge, Massachusetts, March 1-3, 2011, for Harvest New England Association's third biennial marketing conference and trade show. The theme of the 2011 event is The Expanding New England Farm Enterprise: Reaping More from What We Sow.

This unique conference targets New England farmers interested in learning new marketing techniques and fine-tuning existing business strategies. Over 25 educational sessions will cover a wide range of topics including social media use, funding opportunities, customer relations, value-added products, agritourism, and much more.

Pre-conference workshops on March 1 will include a USDA Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Training and ideas for effective farmers' market management.

Retail marketing expert John Stanley will deliver the keynote address on March 2. Mr. Stanley will explain concepts of profitable merchandising and display, and will provide practical tips for increasing sales.

On March 3, Vermont farmer Ben Hewitt, author of the *The Town that Food Saved*, will discuss the incredible potential that farms and producers have to revitalize their communities and keep money circulating locally.

A trade show of nearly 100 vendors will run March 2-3, and will provide information on the latest products and services for the agricultural community. Attendees will have ample opportunity to visit the trade between conference sessions.

The event will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center. Over 800 attendees attended the second conference in February 2009, and even more are expected to turn out in 2011. For a complete schedule or to register, visit www.harvestnewengland.org.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

February 7, 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, February 7, 2010

Live animals brought the following average
prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	18.00	25.00
61-75 lbs.	27.00	30.00
76-90 lbs.	32.50	37.50
91-105 lbs.	42.50	47.50
106 lbs. & up	55.00	57.50
Farm Calves	60.00	70.00
Veal Calves	55.00	104.00
Open Heifers	55.00	66.00
Beef Heifers	68.00	74.00
Feeder Steers	80.00	85.00
Stock Bulls	77.50	95.00
Beef Bulls	75.00	78.00
Hogs,Barrows and Gilts	60.00	60.00
Lambs each	50.00	170.00
Goats each	90.00	150.00
Kid Goats each	40.00	65.00
Canners	Up to	60.00
Cutters	61.00	65.50
Utility Grade Cows	67.00	73.00
Rabbits each	5.00	21.00
Chickens each	3.00	14.00
Ducks each	11.00	17.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND,PA HOG AUCTION

Mon February 7, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual
weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	65.00-69.00
	270-300 lbs	70.00-74.00
	300-400 lbs	70.00-74.00
45-49	270-300 lbs	63.50-67.50
	300-400 lbs	64.50-68.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	46.00-51.00
	500-700 lbs	50.00-52.00
Boars:	300-800 lbs	38.50-41.00

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, February 7, 2010

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean	
68.00-73.00	73.50-77.50	63.00-67.00
Boners	80-85% lean	
65.00-69.50	70.00-74.00	61.50-64.50
Lean	85-90% lean	
59.50-64.50	65.00-69.00	52.00-58.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1

1250-2095 lbs	81.00-85.00
high dress 1565-1865 lbs	87.00-95.00
low dress 1125-1820 lbs	72.50-79.00

Bullocks:

920-1215 lbs	82.00-85.50
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Calves: All prices per cwt.
Holstein Bull Calves:

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, Macintosh 100ct, xfcy	22.00	22.00
APPLES, Macintosh US#1 96ct	13.00	14.00
APPLES, Red Delicious, 12/3lb, xfcy	18.00	18.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb film	4.50	5.00
LETTUCE, Boston, Greenhouse 12/4oz	14.00	16.00
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	26.00	27.00
ASPARAGUS, 11lb lge MX	22.00	24.00
BEANS, Green 30lb FL	28.00	30.00
BLACKBERRIES, 12/6oz MX	18.00	22.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/6oz CHILE	25.00	27.00
BROCCOLI, 20lb Crown Cut AZ	16.00	17.00
CABBAGE, Green med 50lb GA	15.00	16.00
CABBAGE, Nappa 50LB FL	22.00	22.00
CARROTS, 48-1lb 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	22.00
CUCUMBERS, 1 1/9bu med MX	18.00	20.00
EGGPLANT 1 1/9bu med FL	28.00	20.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 40ct FL	18.00	19.00
GRAPES, Thompson 18lb CHILE,LGN	18.00	20.00
LETTUCE, Red leaf 24ct AZ	24.00	26.00
NECTARINES, 2-layer 42's CHILE	20.00	20.00
ONION, RED,25lb med NY	10.00	10.00
PEACHES, 40ct CHILE	18.00	18.00
PEARS, Bosc 4/5 bu 100ct OR	36.00	36.00
PEPPER, Cubanelles,1 1/9bu, FL	26.00	28.00
PEPPER, Green bell,1-1/9bu xl FL	16.00	18.00
SPINACH, 4lb Flat AZ	11.00	12.00
SQUASH, Yellow, 1/2bu med FL	10.00	12.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb FL	12.00	12.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS

TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,

Grade A eggs on:

February 7, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	111-115
LARGE	109-113
MEDIUM	100-104

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.

NEW BEDFORD - WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN

1,000 LBS & \$/CWT DATE 2/4/11

PRICES INCLUDES DEALERS

FEES - 1/0 MEANS LESS THAN

100 POUNDS

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
COD LGE	1.0	197	216
MKT	0.4	223	223
SCRD 1/	0.0	186	186
HADDOCK	6.3	127	136
HADDOCK SCRDR			
	7.6	122	134
POLLOCK	0.8	121	123
MED	2.5	83	100
SCRD	0.0	66	66
HAKE LGE	0.3	118	118
MED	0.0	98	98
SOW	0.0	116	116
OCN PRCH	0.2	97	97
CUSK	0.0	51	51
DABS	0.0	201	201
MED	0.1	218	218
SML	0.2	169	169

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80-90 lbs 148.00-163.00

Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 122.00-134.00

130-180 lbs 129.00-144.00

Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs 189.00-203.00

150-250 lbs 198.00-213.00

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

APPLES, Fuji 80ct WA	47.00	47.50
APPLES, Rome, 88CT xfcy WA	31.00	31.00
ARTICHOKES, 24CT CA	47.00	47.00
BEETS, 25lb med SC	52.00	52.50
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1PT CHILE	27.00	28.00
BROCCOLI, Cartons 14's	29.00	29.00
CARROTS, 25lbs jbo CA	16.00	19.00
CAULIFLOWER, 12ct CA	26.50	26.50
CELERY, film 24's CA	48.00	48.00
CILANTRO, 30's CA	30.00	30.00
CUCUMBERS, 1/2bu MX	49.00	49.50
LETTUCE, Red Leaf 24ct CA	45.00	45.50
MESCULIN mix, 3lb CA	20.50	12.50
GREEN BEANS, bu FL	57.50	57.50
PEARS, D'Anjou U.S. #1 90ct WA	55.00	55.50
PEPPER, Red greenhouse 11lb MX	28.50	28.50
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb FL	39.50	39.50
BOK CHOY 20lb, FL	42.25	42.25
TANGELOS,100ct CA	34.25	34.25

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.

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com., Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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.

41-R. 48' storage or road trailers, roll up door, good for hay, good shape. \$1,000. ea. del available.

Ford LN9000 tandem tractor, cummins diesel, 9 speed, \$4,000. Hereford 3 yrs. old bred to club

calf due end of Jan. \$1,000. Hay square bales 1st cut 4.50 & 2nd 5.50 p.u. 860-537-1974.

42-R. 5' PTO snow blower, heavy duty Canadian made, used very little, always under cover, some surface rust – will throw snow 100'. Cost new \$2,400 – Sell \$1,200. 860-423-1347; 617-308-3015.

WANTED

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

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.

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

43-R. Lyman Orchards in Middlefield, CT is seeking an Orchard Manager. This is a hands-on supervisory position, overseeing crop production, harvesting and distribution at one of CT's largest farms. Vertically integrated marketing channels include PYO, direct retail, and an extensive agritainment component. Applicants should enjoy a fast-paced work environment, focused on exceptional customer service. A comprehensive benefit package is available. Three to five years' managerial and horticultural experience preferred. Interested candidates should forward their resume and salary requirements to John Lyman III, Lyman Orchards, P.O. Box 453, Middlefield, CT 06455. Email: jlyman3@lymanorchards.com.

510-R. Producers Wanted: Connecticut Farm-to-Chef is a free program that helps connect local culinary professionals with producers and distributors of CT Grown products. Informational newsletters, workshops, networking, promotions and other opportunities are provided to members as part of the program. Additional Connecticut producers and distributors are needed for this popular and expanding program. Please help us get your product into the hands of local chefs! Contact Linda at the CT Department of Agriculture, Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov or 860-713-2558, for more information.

511-R. Wanted: Farmers for the CT Farm-to-School - The Farm-to-School Program is a statewide effort designed to incorporate CT Grown fresh fruits and vegetables into local schools cafeteria meals and snacks. This project is intended to be twofold: to support local farms and to offer more nutritious school meals as a result of buying local, fresh, produce. If you are interested in selling to one, several, or to a whole school district of schools (through a wholesaler or direct), call Jane Slupecki at (860) 713-2588 or at Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov

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.

IMPROVE YOUR BUSINESS WITH ONE-ON-ONE FARM BUSINESS CONSULTATION SESSIONS

One-on-One Farm Business Consultation Sessions are again available in 2011. Sponsored by the Connecticut Farm Management Risk Management Team, the sessions provide an opportunity for farmers to sit down with a professional in a confidential session to discuss farm-related questions, concerns and techniques to help agri-businesses succeed. All sessions are free of charge. Topics and session consultants include:

- Estate Planning & Farm Transfer: Stephen Sutton & Bill Dakin, of Kahan, Kerensky & Capossela, LLP and Linda Francois of Cooper, Whitney, Cochran & Francois.

- Farm Business & Marketing: Richard Hermonot of Farm Credit East
- Transitioning to Organic Production: Bill Duesing, NOFA and Michael Keilty, UConn

- Dealing with Local Officials: Joan Nichols, Connecticut Farm Bureau Association

- Crop Insurance: Shelby Colwell, of Crop Growers Insurance and Colleen Kisselburgh of Arthur Carroll Insurance

Session dates are as follows:

Friday, February 18, 2011

Warmogo Regional High School, Agri-Science Center
98 Warmogo Road, Litchfield

Thursday, February 24, 2011

Suffield High School, Agri-Science Center
1060 Sheldon Street, West Suffield

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Brooklyn Fairgrounds
15 Fairgrounds Road, Brooklyn

Thursday, March 17, 2011

New London County Extension Center
562 New London Turnpike, Norwich

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

Nonnewaug High School, Agri-Science Center
5 Minortown Road, Woodbury

The agenda for each hour long session is yours; this is not a group workshop. Session times are as follows:

Session 1: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Session 2: 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Session 3: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Session 4: 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Session 5: 2:30 -3:30 p.m.

To register, call Norm Bender, UConn Cooperative Extension at 860-887-1608 and indicate your preferred session(s), date, and location. More information is available at www.ctfarmrisk.uconn.edu

TRADE SHOW CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The conference and trade show are sponsored by Harvest New England and all six New England State Departments of Agriculture in collaboration with the Cooperative Development Institute, the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System, the Federation of Massachusetts Farmers' Markets, the Rhode Island Center for Agricultural Promotion and Education, and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension System.

The Harvest New England Association, Inc., is a non-profit 501 (c)(5) corporation. Created in 1992 by the six New England state departments of agriculture to support the sale of New England grown produce through supermarket channels, the association's programming now promotes all New England food and agricultural products and provides educational resources to New England agricultural producers.

HEALTHY SOILS WORKSHOP PLANNED

Did you know there are more individual organisms in a teaspoon of soil than there are people on Earth? In an effort to get more landowners to understand the importance of healthy soils and the organisms that live there, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Area have joined forces to sponsor a workshop concerning soil health.

Managing for soil health begins by changing the way you think about soil. Soil is a living factory of macroscopic and microscopic workers who need food to eat and places to live and do their work. Tillage, fertilizer, livestock, pesticides, and other management tools can be used to improve soil health – or significantly damage it if not applied correctly. Managing for soil health is mostly a matter of maintaining the creatures that comprise the soil food web. It can be accomplished by disturbing the soil as little as possible; growing as many different species of plants as practical; keeping living plants in the soil as often as possible; and keeping the soil covered all the time. And, healthy soil reduces inputs and costs.

To see how you can make a difference, plan to attend the Soils Health Workshop, scheduled for February 18, 2011, from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, at the Lebanon Fire Safety Complex, 23 Goshen Hill Road, in Lebanon. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch and a break. For more information, contact Abbie Cadman at 860.774.0224, Ext. 100, or Raymond Covino at Ext. 102.

BEDDING PLANT PROGRAM FOR GREENHOUSE GROWERS

The University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension is offering Bedding Plants - Spring 2011! This educational program will feature the following topics of interest to those who produce spring crops:

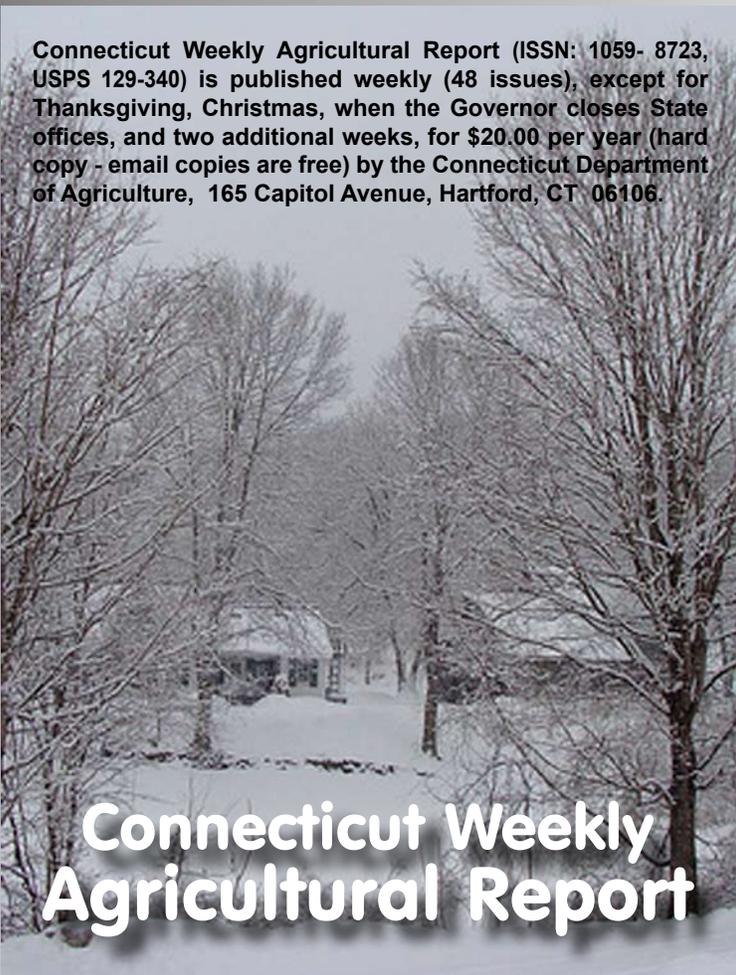
- Managing Insects and Mites on Spring Crops- What's Working for Growers? Leanne Pundt, Extension Educator, University of Connecticut
- Update on Nutrition, Chemical Growth Regulators and other Production Tips, Richard McAvoy, Extension Specialist, Greenhouse Crops, University of Connecticut
- Update on Emerging Diseases, Nutrition & New Fungicides for Spring Crops, Wade Elmer, Plant Pathologist, CT Agricultural Experiment Station.
- Update on Pesticide Storage and Recordkeeping, Sarah Bailey, Pesticide Safety Educator, University of Connecticut

In order to reach greenhouse growers throughout the state, this same program will be offered in two separate locations.

On Tuesday, February 15th, it will be offered from 10 to 2:30 at the Litchfield County Extension Center at 843 University Drive in Torrington, CT.

This educational program has been approved for 4 pesticide recertification credits by the CT DEP. Handouts; lunch and beverages will be included in your registration fee of \$20.00. Please make checks payable to the University of Connecticut and send to Litchfield County Extension Center, 843 University Drive, Torrington, CT 06790. For more information contact Leanne Pundt, at 860-626-6240 or email: leanne.pundt@uconn.edu or visit the web site: <http://www.hort.uconn.edu/ipm/>

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