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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

FEDERAL ENHANCED EASEMENT INCENTIVE EXPIRED BUT MAY SOON BE RENEWED

By Katherine Winslow, Property Agent,
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As of this writing, the federal "Enhanced Easement Incentive" (EEI) has not yet been renewed. A vote by the House of Representatives has been postponed, yet advocates are hopeful that the House will act soon to extend the EEI through December 31, 2010, and make it retroactive to January 1st.

This would be good news for the Farmland Preservation Program and the farmers that gift or sell the development rights to their land at a bargain sale in the 2010 calendar year.

The charitable component of a qualified conservation easement (or conveyance of development rights) may be taken as a deduction against federal income tax. Federal income tax breaks for donations of easements are longstanding, but the EEI greatly enhanced these incentives and has enabled land-rich, cash-poor landowners to use up the full value of their donation.

For landowners who completed qualified transactions from 2006-2009, the EEI enabled landowners to:

- raise the federal deduction taken against income tax from 30% of adjusted gross income (AGI) to 50% (or 100% if donor is a qualified farmer or rancher, generally those who generate more than half of their taxable income from farming)
- extend the number of years the federal deduction may be carried forward, after the year of the donation, from five to 15 years

The Farmland Preservation Program funds the acquisition of development rights primarily through state lump sum bonding and Community Investment Act funds, with some cost share from the federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program, towns through joint state-town projects, and the Connecticut Farmland Trust Inc. The Council on Environmental Quality recommends that the pace of conservation of farmland in Connecticut reach 2,000 acres per year. Useful tax tools, such as the EEI, may help stretch limited funds to achieve this.

For details on the EEI and applicable tax law/regulations, please consult your own legal and tax advisors with experience in these matters. For more information on the EEI and how you might help get this provision extended, or put in place permanently, please read the policy update by the Land Trust Alliance at www.LTA.org. You may contact the Farmland Preservation Program at 860.713.2511 or visit www.ctgrown.gov.

KNOW YOUR FARMER KNOW YOUR FOOD INITIATIVE FOR CT WHOLESALE FARMERS

To Be Held At: Norwich Inn and Spa
607 West Thames Street, Norwich, CT
June 22, 2010

REGISTRATION: 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MEETING: 4:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION: 5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

The open discussion will focus on answering the questions you have about the USDA- Know Your Farmer Know Your Food and identify resources to help you get started.

NETWORKING DINNER: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Calling all Connecticut wholesale farmers! Are you interested in making new connections to sell/buy local produce? Please join us June 22, 2010 at the Norwich Spa and Inn to discuss how to get involved in selling your locally grown foods and having them served in the cafeterias of Connecticut schools. The Connecticut Departments of Administrative Services (DAS) and Agriculture have planned this meeting so you can hear about a wonderful new wholesale opportunity valued at \$2.2 million dollars in produce that is pre-ordered by Connecticut schools through the US Department of Defense (DoD) contract. We want you to come and hear how your farms can participate and bring those dollars home to the Connecticut! Come and find out the answers to these questions and more:

How do we get more food from our local farms to the school cafeterias in our state?

Farm-to-cafeteria is a growing trend in Connecticut and across the country. What are the benefits?

Can food service directors buy food from local farmers?

What food safety rules and regulations apply?

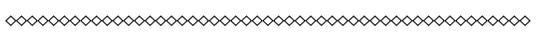
Do farmers need additional licensing?

How can we work on the pick-up and delivery of more CT Grown to our schools?

Representatives from the US Department of Agriculture- Know Your Farmer Know Your Food program, the DoD, the DoD produce vendors, AT Siravo of Rhode Island and the CT Department of Education and Connecticut school food service directors will be there for you to meet and hear their stories, provide suggestions and answer your questions. Each panelist will offer insight on how to get started.

This networking and planning meeting aims to inspire, inform, build support, and increase collaborative work for the USDA-Know Your Farmer Know Your Food initiative and the State of Connecticut.

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NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

June 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	82-87
LARGE	81-85
MEDIUM	60-62

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, May 31, 2010

Live animals brought the following average prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	25.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	45.00
76-90 lbs.	50.00	55.00
91-105 lbs.	62.50	67.50
106 lbs. & up	75.00	85.00
Farm Calves	100.00	140.00
Started Calves	30.00	35.00
Veal Calves	45.00	100.00
Open Heifers	55.00	85.00
Beef Heifers	65.00	68.00
Feeder Steers	69.00	77.50
Beef Steers	70.00	72.00
Stock Bulls	57.00	80.00
Beef Bulls	75.00	90.00
Boars	10.00	16.00
Hogs,Barrows and Gilts	1 @	67.50
Feeder Pigs each	47.50	57.50
Sheep each	50.00	135.00
Lambs each	45.00	140.00
Goats each	62.00	120.00
Kid Goats each	55.00	70.00
Canners	Up to	51.00
Cutters	52.00	55.00
Utility Grade Cows	56.00	58.00
Rabbits each	8.00	40.00
Chickens each	5.00	30.00
Ducks each	9.00	23.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, May 31, 2010

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean	
		57.00-59.50 -----
Boners	80-85% lean	
		54.00-57.00 58.00-59.50 -----
Lean	85-90% lean	
		49.00-53.50 ----- 45.00-48.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1

few	1205-1715 lbs	67.00-72.00
Bullocks:	860-1420 lbs	69.00-73.00
high dress		77.00-80.00
low dress		62.00-65.50

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Choice and Prime 2-3		
	40-60 lbs	180.00-208.00
	60-80 lbs	170.00-185.00
	90-110 lbs	170.00-184.00
	110-130 lbs	170.00-177.00
Choice 2-3	40-60 lbs	160.00-182.00
	60-80 lbs	158.00-168.00
	90-110 lbs	168.00-174.00
	110-130 lbs	170.00-177.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 9 - 1/2 gal	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Mcintosh,us xfcy 80ct	21.00	21.00
APPLES, Red Delicious 12/ 3-lb bags xfcy	16.00	16.00
CHIVES, 1-lb bag	8.00	8.00
FIDDLEHEADS, per lb	3.00	3.00
MINT, 1/2 bu	8.00	10.00
POTATOES, Russett 10 - 5lb bags	9.00	9.00
RADISHES, 24ct	13.00	13.00
RHUBARB, 20lb	32.00	32.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1-qt	24.00	28.00
TOMATOES, Vine Ripes 25lb box med, ghouse	18.00	18.00
SHIPPED IN		
ARRUGULA, 4lbs FL	13.00	15.00
ASPARAGUS, 28lb NJ	56.00	56.00
BASIL, bunched 15's NJ	12.00	12.00
BEANS, Green bu handpicked GA	16.00	16.00
BEETS, Red 12's NJ	12.00	12.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1-pint NC	22.00	23.00
BOK CHOY, Baby 50lb NJ	22.00	22.00
BROCCOLI RABE, 20lb CA	34.00	34.00
COLLARD GREENS, 12-16s NJ	11.00	11.00
CORN, 4 1/2 dz FL	14.00	15.00
DANDELION GREENS, 12's NJ	15.00	15.00
ESCAROLE, 1.3 bu NJ	12.00	13.00
KOHLRABI, 12's NJ	14.00	15.00
LEEKs, 12's NJ	13.00	13.00
LETTUCE, Boston 24ct NJ	13.00	14.00
LETTUCE, Red Leaf 24ct NJ	14.00	15.00
LETTUCE, Romaine 24ct NJ	12.00	13.00
NAPPA, 1.3 bu NJ	14.00	14.00
ONION, Vidalia jbo 40lb GA	30.00	31.00
PEAS, English, bu CA	45.00	45.00
PEAS, Sugar Snap 10lb CA	40.00	40.00
PEACHES, 1/2 bu 2-1/2 min SC	18.00	21.00
PEPPER, Bell xlg ,1-1/9 bu Green FL	16.00	18.00
SPINACH, 24's Flat NJ	17.00	18.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2bu NJ	8.00	10.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3:

Medium Flesh		
	120-160 lbs	68.00-80.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Fleshed		
	120-160 lbs	58.00-68.00

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

Kids:	40-60 lbs	90.00-148.00
	60-80 lbs	130.00-160.00
	80-90 lbs	126.00-140.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs		84.00-130.00
	130-180 lbs	120.00-135.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs		175.00-190.00
	150-250 lbs	188.00-194.00

NEW HOLLAND,PA HOG AUCTION

Mon May 31, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	55.50-59.00
	270-300 lbs	52.50-54.50
45-49	220-270 lbs	51.00-54.00
	300-400 lbs	48.00-51.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	45.00-47.00
	500-700 lbs	48.00-53.50
Boars:	300-700 lbs	25.00-30.00

Asparagus	1.99 - 3.79
Broccoli	1.50 - 2.59 per bunch
Cabbage	0.49 - 0.49
Carrots, Baby organic	1.29 - 2.49 1lb bag
Celery	0.99 - 1.50 each
Cucumbers	0.33 - 0.75 each
Lettuce, Romaine	0.98 - 0.98 each
Mushrooms, White	1.50 - 2.00 8oz pkg
Peppers, Bell green	1.28 - 1.99
Peppers, Bell red	1.69 - 2.99
Potatoes, Russet	1.50 - 3.49 5lb bag
Squash, Zucchini	0.78 - 1.68
Tomatoes on the vine	1.48 - 2.99

FRUITS

Apples, Red delicious	0.98 - 1.69
Avocados, Haas	0.79 - 2.00 each
Cantaloup	2.00 - 3.00 each
Grapes, Green/Red	0.98 - 2.49
Lemons	0.34 - 0.67 each
Mangoes	0.78 - 2.00 each
Nectarines	1.98 - 1.99
Oranges, Navel	0.69 - 1.18 each
Peaches	0.88 - 2.99
Strawberries	1.50 - 2.99 16oz pkg
Strawberries organic	3.49 - 3.99 16 oz pkg

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen, Grade A eggs on: June 1, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	90-94
LARGE	88-92
MEDIUM	67-71

Above quotations based on CARTON sales to retailers.



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

Tuesday June 1, 2010

Hay and Straw Market for Eastern Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	140.00-145.00
Mixed Hay	140.00-145.00
	Good
Timothy	110.00-140.00
Straw	90.00-125.00

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE RETAIL REPORT

Retail Prices at Grocery Stores in the Northeast

Week of May 28, 2010

Prices are in dollars per pound unless otherwise stated.

VEGETABLES

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 860-491-2290.0

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

80-R. 20' Hillboro horse trailer for fifth wheel hitch - \$1,200. Call 203-206-1344 or 860-274-8159.

85-R. Tomato stakes, tree stakes, fence boards, custom cut lumber. Staehly Products Co., LLC 860-873-9774.

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

93-R. Registered Hereford bull for sale. 16 months, halterbroke, semen tested \$1,450. Old Beech Farm 860-693-2052.

95-R. Antique 48" circular blade American sawmill \$2,000. Call 860-887-4733 or 860-884-3496.

97-R. 1999 Featherlite Model 8120 20'Gooseneck cattle trailer, electric brakes, excellent condition - \$9,000 OBO. 203-265-4588.

101-R. Used 30' by 96' greenhouses for sale, 3 available with many extras, benching, heaters, fans, etc. Somers, CT. Still standing, you take down and remove \$3,500 or 3 for \$10,000. Dismantling available \$1,000/HSE. Call 860-872-2884 or peternick1@juno.com.

102. Parts for Grimm hay tedders for sale, also rough lumber. 860-684-3450.

103. Friendly Angus feeder calf for sale, approximately 600 pounds. Asking \$1.00 per pound. 860-824-4902.

104. 3-pt hitch pinwheel side delivery rake. Good condition. \$250. Phone: 860-482-0281.

105-R. Battery powered price computing scales CAS 60lb \$328. (CT state compliant). Battery powered cash registers, \$280. 800-403-5919.

106-R. N.H. 575 baler with thrower 02 model \$13,000. N.H. 311 with thrower \$6,500. N.H. 565, 311. 4-star Morra hydraulic fold tedder, new \$4,500. Kuhn 4-star hydraulic fold tedder \$4,500. N.H. 256 rake, all new rubber teeth and paint \$2,600. N.H. 258 rake \$2,200. 5-ton stainless steel fertilizer spreader \$2,500 and \$1,500. 2 new post hole diggers. I.H., J.D. front and rear weights. Several PTO generators. 1-row I.H. corn chopper \$750. N.H. BR730 round baler \$11,000. Case I.H. 8430 round balers \$6,500, \$7,500. Several 2 and 4 row 3-pt hitch cultivators. 203-530-4953.

107-R. JD 5320 \$14,000. JD4520 \$8,500. JD 4020 side console P/S \$11,500. MF 357 \$6,500. Farmall 300 \$2,500. Ford 1520 \$3,500. JD 730 narrow front end \$5,000. JD 730 wide front, 3pt \$8,500. Both direct start diesel. 203-530-4953.

108-R. Model A.J.D. styled, all restored, new rubber. Model H.J.D. all restored, new rubber, electric start, tags on tractors. 860-871-0171; 860-559-5031.

WANTED

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

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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Come ready to exchange your business cards. This will be an opportunity for you to make new connections and build new relationships while enjoying a locally produced dinner. There is no fee for this program, but we do ask that only wholesale growers sign up for this event.

TO REGISTER: Call Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2588 (leave a voice-mail) or email Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov. Please RSVP by June 16th. Seating is limited to decision makers at the farm with a maximum of two persons per farm.

Sponsored by: CT Department of Administrative Services Food Distribution Program and the CT Department of Agriculture FarmLink Program

HOME FOOD PRESERVATION 101

A series of home food preservation workshops will be offered at Cooperative Extension Centers throughout the state. Please take a look at the calendar of opportunities below and find one that is convenient for you. PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. There is no fee for attending. Contact Diane Wright Hirsch at diane.hirsch@uconn.edu or 203-407-3163 for more information, directions and to preregister.

Thursday, June 17, 6 pm – 7:30 pm (canning)

Tolland County Extension Center, Vernon

Registration deadline June 14.

Saturday, June 19, 10 am – 12 noon (canning and freezing)

Litchfield County Extension Center, Torrington

Registration deadline June 16.

Saturday, June 26, 10 am – 12 noon (canning and freezing)

Fairfield County Extension Center, Bethel

Registration deadline June 23.

Saturday, July 10, 10 am – 12 noon (canning and freezing)

Windham County Extension Center, Brooklyn

Registration deadline July 7.

Tuesday, July 13, 6 pm – 7:30 pm (canning)

Hartford County Extension Center, West Hartford

Registration deadline July 8.

Thursday, July 15, 7pm - 8:30 pm

(Food safety for the home gardener, freezing)

New Haven County Extension Center, North Haven

Registration deadline July 12.

Tuesday, July 20, 7pm – 8:30 pm (canning)

New Haven County Extension Center, North Haven

Registration deadline July 14.

HOME FOOD PRESERVATION RESOURCES

- Food Safety Educator, diane.hirsch@uconn.edu - (203) 407-3163

WEB SITES

- Connecticut State Department of Agriculture, Connecticut Grown marketing publications, www.ct.gov/doag, (860) 713-2500

- National Center for Home Preservation:
<http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/index.html>

- Penn State University Resources for Safe Food Preservation
<http://foodsafety.cas.psu.edu/preserve.html>

- Home Canning.com (Ball/Kerr), <http://www.homecanning.com/usa/>

BOOKS

- Putting Food By by Janet Greene, Ruth Hertzberg, and Beatrice Vaughan
- So easy to Preserve, University of Georgia,
www.uga.edu/setp (mail order form found here)
- Ball Blue Book Guide to Preserving: 100th anniversary edition,
<http://www.kitchenkrafts.com/>
- Ball Complete Book of Home Preserving by Judi Kingry
- The Beginner's Guide to Preserving Food at Home: Easy Techniques for the Freshest Flavors in Jams, Jellies, Pickles, Relishes, Salsas, Sauces, and Frozen and Dried Fruits and Vegetables by Janet Chadwick

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CGGA ANNOUNCES A NEW HANDS-ON WORKSHOP FOR DIAGNOSING PLANT PROBLEMS

Early detection and accurate diagnosis of plant disorders are critically important for commercial greenhouse growers and retailers. Problems that are initially ignored or incorrectly diagnosed can quickly jeopardize crops and cost you money.

In this workshop, growers and retailers will learn how to identify some of the more common symptoms we observed this year, that are caused by insects and mites, diseases, nutritional disorders and environmental or abiotic agents. You'll also receive a hand magnifying lens to take home.

This workshop will be conducted by diagnosticians and specialists from the University of Connecticut and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station on Tuesday, June 22 • 12:30-4:30pm .

\$35 members / \$50 nonmembers • Jones Auditorium, Experiment Station, New Haven. You can register online now for this program at: <https://cnla.wufoo.com/forms/cgga-plant-diagnostic-workshop/>.

ARS STRAWBERRIES MAKE COMMERCIAL AND HOME GROWING EASY

Commercial growers and home gardeners nowadays have many great strawberry varieties to choose from, thanks to Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists.

Many of the popular varieties grown for commercial production and by home gardeners were created by ARS scientists with the agency's Genetic Improvement of Fruits and Vegetables Laboratory in Beltsville, Md. The ARS strawberry breeding program--the longest continually running strawberry breeding program in the U.S.--celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

In fact, three of the most popular strawberries featured in a marketing email from a popular gardening catalogue this spring--Earliglow, Tribute and Northeaster--were developed by ARS scientists.

Earliglow, which was released in 1975, set a new flavor standard for strawberries. The berry is perfect for fresh eating, bite-sized and very sweet.

High-yielding and very disease resistant, Earliglow is an excellent choice for beginners and home gardeners.

Tribute, released in 1981, produces fruit multiple times during the growing season. This variety is also easy to grow, yielding large amounts of firm fruit in the spring, summer and fall.

Northeaster, released in 1994, is prized for its high-yielding large, beautiful, aromatic fruit. The berries ripen early and freeze well. Northeaster is an ideal garden variety, growing well in light or heavy soils.

Several other notable varieties have been released by the ARS strawberry breeding program. Blakemore, released in 1931, was the first variety firm enough for shipping, making it possible for consumers all over the country to enjoy fresh strawberries. The release of Steelmaster in 1954 saved the early strawberry industry from the devastating, root-rot disease called red stele.

Throughout its history, the ARS strawberry breeding program solved problems plaguing growers and consumers. According to plant geneticist Kim Lewers, who currently oversees ARS strawberry breeding at the Beltsville lab, the program is now focused on producing nutritious, flavorful, disease-resistant varieties suitable for local year-round production.

ARS is the principal intramural scientific research agency of USDA. This research supports the USDA priority of promoting international food security.

ANNUAL TRADE/BUYING SHOW

The CT Specialty Food Association's annual trade/buying show will be held from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell. Producers of Connecticut specialty foods including salsa, relish, pickles, sauces, soup mixes, confections, and much more will exhibit and sample for buyers from Connecticut retailers. Representatives from farm stands and farmers' market managers are invited to this show to learn more about these unique, local products. There is no cost to attend but registration by July 7, 2010 is required. Please contact Tricia Levesque at the CT Specialty Food Association, 860-677-8097 or trica@ctfoodassociation.org, for more info.

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