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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

GOVERNOR AND STATE BOND COMMISSION APPROVES \$5,075,288 IN STATE BONDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS TO CONNECTICUT FARMLAND

Submitted by Joseph Dippel, Director Farmland Preservation:

Governor M. Jodi Rell and Commissioner of Agriculture, F. Philip Prelli recently announced \$5,075,288 in state bonding approved by the State Bond Commission for the purchase of development rights to farmland statewide.

The allocation is the remaining balance of funds for the state's Farmland Preservation Program, which is administered by the Department of Agriculture. The funds will be used to buy development rights to farms – placing a permanent restriction on the use of the land. The land can only be used for agricultural purposes and farms will stay under private ownership and continue to pay local property taxes.

"Agriculture contributes \$2 billion to our economy each year," Commissioner Prelli said. "Keeping our wonderful farms and farm communities viable ensures we retain the ability to produce food, create jobs and preserve the unique character and culture of our state."

The goal of the program is to preserve 130,000 acres of farmland with 85,000 acres dedicated to growing crops. The state preserved its first farm in 1979. Since then, 35,600 acres have been preserved, or approved for preservation, on 269 farms or about 27% of its goal. The new funds are expected to allow the state to buy development rights to at least 10 more farms comprised of 1,100 acres over the next several months.

The CT Farmland Preservation Program protects farmland through the negotiation of an acquisition of development rights to qualified farms. Farm owners apply to the program voluntarily. A permanent conservation easement is recorded on land records indicating the farm is restricted to agricultural use only, preventing residential development and subdivision. Protected farms help Connecticut retain its rural character and scenic vistas, protect natural resources, promote local food security, and sustain employment in the agricultural sector.

For more information about the Farmland Preservation Program, go to the Department of Agriculture's website at www.CTGrown.gov and click on "Programs and Services" at the top of the page.

NEW ENGLAND HONEY REPORT

In New England the month of February offered very cold temperatures being seasonally lower than normal. Overnight temperatures recorded in single digits while day time highs were in the teens combined with high winds creating an uncomfortable wind chill effect. Precipitation in the form of snow fall covered much of the region resulting in very high moisture levels which should provide conditions for abundant pollen and nectar sources.

Beekeepers reported that very cold conditions have kept the bees in tight small clusters with little activity. There were some early reports of winter losses due to starvation. Current cold weather requires keepers to feed only solids such as protein patties, fondant, sugar candy or dry granulated sugar around the opening in the inner cover. February losses are not uncommon because the bees are aging and the colonies honey stores have dwindled.

In Northern elevations colonies will remain closed and wrapped in their protective layers thru March into April and will receive supplemental feedings of protein/pollen patties and candy boards throughout this time frame. Additionally, keepers that have kept ahead of the feeding cycle by using fondant candy, protein/pollen patties with no breaks in feeding have reported few losses.

Problems have developed from water/moisture and air infiltration issues whereby continuous freezing temperatures had kept bees from moving from frame to frame to follow food even though frames were still heavy with honey stores. Reportedly keepers using Styrofoam hive bodies have provided better insulation but have shown to not stand up well in commercial operations. Purportedly Styrofoam is better suited for use in mating nucs in queen rearing and in the early stages of nucleus buildup. Colonies are expected to be in good health when they are broken out from their winter status. Reportedly, checked colonies across the region were found to be in mixed conditions whereby some were strong while others were weak. Many reported losses were due to small clusters within the hive in combination with neglected monitoring for supplemental feeding needs. Condensation from poor ventilation will more adversely affect bees than cold weather.

Reportedly this past year average honey production yields were 50 to 60 pounds per super with the regional honey quantity well below average. Comb honey is honey that is packed right in the honey comb. Liquid honey is honey that has been extracted from the comb. Non-filtered liquid is raw honey where filtered honey is natural honey. Many keepers warm their honey to 100 to 120 degrees F in order to reduce the tendency of the honey to crystallize.

If honey is heated hotter than 120 degrees F, it may caramelize and thus be ruined. Pasteurized honey can only be processed by special equipment. This month is traditionally a time for keepers to be occupied in building, repairing, maintenance of equipment and scheduling of shows, fairs, workshops and planning bee association school classes as well as nuc and package bee pickups. Demand at all retail/wholesale outlets remains good and honey sales remains firm. Prices quoted for 1 lb bottled units were steady at \$7.00 to \$9.00 mostly \$9.00 occasionally higher inclusive of all varieties; for food service operations prices were steady with wholesale 5 gallon units at \$150.00 to \$200.00 mostly \$175.00 and occasionally lower for both light and dark raw and natural honey depending on variety and quality.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.
March 29, 2010

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

EXTRA LARGE	135-136
LARGE	132-136
MEDIUM	106-109

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION
 Middlefield, CT, March 29, 2010

Live animals brought the following average prices
 per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	15.00	18.00
61-75 lbs.	19.00	22.00
76-90 lbs.	24.00	26.00
91-105 lbs.	28.00	32.50
106 lbs. & up	40.00	45.00
Farm Calves	55.00	60.00
Started Calves	25.00	30.00
Veal Calves	75.00	115.00
Beef Heifers	66.00	92.50
Feeder Steers	55.00	72.50
Beef Steers	45.00	55.00
Beef Bulls	55.00	67.50
Sheep each	55.00	110.00
Lambs each	75.00	170.00
Goats each	60.00	180.00
Kid Goats each	40.00	70.00
Canners	Up to	48.50
Cutters	49.00	52.00
Utility Grade Cows	53.00	61.00
Rabbits each	7.00	60.00
Chickens each	4.00	15.00
Ducks each	5.00	17.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION
 MONDAY, March 29, 2010

Bulk/High/Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean	
53.00-58.00	57.00-60.50	47.00-51.00
Boners	80-85% lean	
49.00-53.50	54.00-59.00	44.50-48.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
45.00-50.00	50.50-54.00	40.00-44.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1

1060-2140 lbs	58.50-63.50
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Bullocks: 800-1490 lbs	66.50-71.50
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SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn Choice
 and Prime 2-3

20-40 lbs	245.00-300.00
40-60 lbs	230.00-280.00
60-80 lbs	180.00-200.00
90-110 lbs	158.00-186.00
110-130 lbs	126.00-146.00
130-150 lbs	128.00-142.00
150-200 lbs	98.00-110.00

Choice 2-3 20-40 lbs	205.00-252.00
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40-60 lbs	180.00-240.00
60-80 lbs	162.00-180.00
80-110 lbs	128.00-164.00
110-130 lbs	124.00-132.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh

100-150 lbs	68.00-98.00
150-200 lbs	70.00-106.00
200-250 LBS	64.00-80.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 9 - 1/2 gal	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Rome,12/3,us#1	12.00	12.00
APPLES, Red Delicious 3-lb bags	12.00	12.00
POTATOES, Russett 10 - 5lb bags	9.00	9.00
TOMATOES, Vine Ripes 11 lb flats	39.00	39.00

SHIPPED IN

APPLES, Granny Smith us exfcy,80ct WA	36.00	39.00
ASPARAGUS, 28lb std CAL	44.00	46.00
PEAR, D' Anjou,100ct, us #1 OR	26.00	26.00
CANTALOUPEs, 9ct HON	16.00	18.00
ARTICHOKES, 30ct cartons CA	26.00	26.00
BEANS, Green bu handpicked FL	28.00	30.00
BEETS, Red 12's TX	15.00	15.00
BROCCOLI, Cartons 18's CA	15.00	16.00
CABBAGE, Green 50lb lge NY	11.00	11.00
CAULIFLOWER, 12ct AZ	15.00	17.00
CELERIAC, 20lb CAN	18.00	20.00
CUCUMBER, 1 1/9bu med MX	32.00	34.00
DAIKON, 1-1/9 bu FL	23.00	25.00
EGGPLANT, Greenhouse 11lb sm CAN	25.00	25.00
GARLIC, #13 10lb CA	53.00	56.00
GRAPES, Flame 18lb xlge CHILE	10.00	12.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 40ct 4/5 bu cartonsFLA	13.00	14.00
HORSERADISH, 5lb MIZZ	12.00	12.00
LEMONS, 140ct CA	31.00	35.00
LETTUCE, Boston 12/4oz greenhouse TENN	14.00	14.00
LETTUCE, Iceberg, 24ct CA	8.00	10.00
NECTARINES, 48 CHILE	14.00	15.00
OKRA, 1/2 bu sm-med MX	28.00	28.00
ONION, Green 48lb med CA	10.00	12.00
PEACHES, 42ct CHILE	18.00	20.00
PEAS, Snow 10lb GUAT	18.00	20.00
PEPPER, Habanero 1/2 bu FL	24.00	28.00
PEPPER, Bell Red lg CA	34.00	34.00
RHUBARB, 10lb greenhouse MICH	24.00	24.00
SQUASH, Zucchini 42bu med FL	15.00	15.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb med-lg FL	4.00	8.00
TOMATOES, 5x6 FL	38.00	38.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility 1-2: Thin Fleshed
 100-200 lbs 50.00-74.00

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

Kids: 20-40 lbs	48.00-82.00
40-60 lbs	80.00-119.00
60-80 lbs	110.00-150.00
80-100 lbs	120.00-160.00
100-130 lbs	138.00-154.00

Nannies/Does:	
80-130 lbs	76.00-112.00

Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	106.00-136.00
150-250 lbs	150.00-196.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon March 29, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual
 weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	47.50-48.35
	270-300 lbs	47.00-48.75
45-49	270-300 lbs	45.00-46.35
	300-350 lbs	40.00-44.00
40-45	300-450 lbs	35.50-38.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-450 lbs	32.00-37.00
	450-500 lbs	39.50-42.00
	500-700 lbs	44.00-46.00

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

**NEW YORK PRICES
 WHITE EGGS
 TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,
 Grade A eggs on:
March 29, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	136-140
LARGE	134-138
MEDIUM	109-113

Above quotations based on
 CARTON sales to retailers.



**PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY
 HAY REPORT**

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

Alfalfa	130.00-140.00
Mixed Hay	110.00-140.00
	Good
Timothy	110.00-120.00
Straw	85.00-90.00

**FRUIT AND VEGETABLE
 RETAIL REPORT**

Retail Prices at Grocery Stores
 in the Northeast
 Week of March 26, 2010
 Prices are in dollars per pound
 unless otherwise stated.

VEGETABLES

Asparagus	1.29 - 2.99
Broccoli	.98 - 2.00 per bunch
Carrots, Baby organic	1.99 - 2.00 1lb bag
Cucumbers	.33 -.67 each
Lettuce, Iceberg	.99 - 1.50 each
Mushrooms, White	.99 - 2.00 8oz pkg
Onions, Sweet, Yellow	1.29 - 1.69
Peppers, Bell green	1.49 - 1.49
Peppers, Bell red	1.49 - 3.99
Potatoes, Russet	1.49 - 2.99 5lb bag
Squash, Zucchini	.98 - 1.99
Tomatoes	1.89 - 2.99
Tomatoes on the vine	1.88 - 2.99

FRUITS

Apples, Red delicious	.79 - 1.49
Avocados, Haas	.99 - 1.50 each
Cantaloup	1.50 - 2.99 each
Grapes, Green/Red	1.49 - 2.99
Grapefruit, Red	.33 - 1.00 each
Lemons	.33 - .67 each
Mangoes	.99 - 1.67 each
Nectarines	1.99 - 1.99
Oranges, Navel	.20 - 1.00 each
Peaches	1.99 - 1.99
Strawberries	1.48 - 2.99 16oz pkg

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, 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.

12-R. Hay – excellent 1st cut round, plastic wrapped bales \$40. 2nd cut \$50. 2nd cut squares \$5. Lebanon 860-886-0716.

31-R. NH 316 baler w/mod. 75 kicker, electric controls \$7,500. JD 1219 Haybine, stub guards, hyd. tongue \$3,900. Haywagon \$1900. Kuhn GF452T tedder \$1900. NH hay rake, old, \$900. 150 gal. Mueller M self-contained bulk tank \$2,500. Small 2" DeLaval pipeline, complete w/pump, wash sink and receiver jar \$2,500. 860-951-8021.

38-R. Hay – 1st cut \$5.00 per bale. Special quantity discounts. No delivery. Stebner Farm, Lebanon, 860-423-9310.

42-R. Pioneer Forecart for use as a training cart or for pleasure driving. Excellent condition. \$ 1,450.00 Contact: Tom 860-885-8299

43-R. Draft Horse Harness made by Yonie: Two stainless steel hame style draft horse harnesses. Excellent condition. \$1,800.00/pair Contact: Tom 860-885-8299.

46-R. 300 tomato cages, 4ft tall, steel reinforcing wire, \$3.00 each, Killingworth: 860-663-3282

48-R. J.D. 8' Drop Spreader \$350 OBO. 1st cut square bales \$4.50. 203-265-4588.

53-R. Tractor IH 140, for sale. Starts and runs perfect, hydraulics good - \$1,850. 860-889-0598. Ed.

55-R. NH 730 round baler - \$11,000. Case IH 8430 round balers - \$6,500 - \$7,500. Two "02" 575 balers with 72 thrower, low wear choice \$13,000. 311 baler with thrower \$6,500. 311 and 565 baler. JD 328 with kicker \$5,500. Three 4-star tedders, hydraulic fold. 256, 258 New Holland rakes. JD 6200, 5320, 5420, 4020 side console power shift. Two 730's direct start diesels. JD B with new rear tires, sharp \$3,200. Massey 375. New and used gap hill kicker wagons 8, 9 ft x 18. 710, 720 semi-mount reset plow 3,4, & 5 bottom. JD 4520. PTO generators. JD KBA harrows 9 & 10 ft. 5-ton fertilizer spreaders. 8ft 5-tine harrow. JD 8ft drop spreader. 203-530-4953.

59-R. Milking Shorthorn heifer calves for 2010 shows, also cow/calf pairs. Airlinefarm@yahoo.com or 860-267-9975.

60. International Cub tractor - \$2,400. Cub sickle bar mower - \$350. Cub cultivators - \$450. Cub land plow - \$175. Cub snow plow - \$250. Fahr tedder 4-star model 4 - \$1,200. Kuhn hay tedder 2-star, 3-point hitch \$600. All in good condition. 860-628-5475.

61-R. For Sale: Hay - First Cut. Square Bales. \$4.00/bale. Call 860.829.1465

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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.

58-R. For Rent: Stafford – 3-1/2 – 4 acres, greenhouse 30 x 32 – 70% completed. Also, good dump truck with all-season body. Sander, 11-1/2ft plow, 3 axel trailer, CT Farm Reg. 580 backhoe, other equipment. Disabled, had to stop. 860-684-2206.

CAES RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO FTC MEMBERS

by Tess Foley, CT Agricultural Experiment Station

There is an abundance of food crop research being conducted by scientists at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) in New Haven. The purpose of this research is to assist farmers and growers of food crops to increase yields, improve quality, identify solutions to plant disease and pest problems, and develop pre-tested growing protocols for both traditional and new crops grown in Connecticut.

The food crop scientists at the CAES are now interested in finding ways to share their research with the farmers and chefs of the Farm-to-Chef Program.

Charged with assisting Connecticut farmers since 1875, the agricultural scientists at the CAES know that farmers and growers cannot afford to risk the money and resources it takes to test-develop new crops, or endure crop losses season after season without a solution in sight. This is why the agricultural scientists conduct research on both traditional and "new-to-Connecticut" crops for years, so that by the time the scientists distribute their Grower's Guides to farmers, they are confident of the protocols and techniques to ensure a successful and abundant harvest.

One of the most extensive crop research programs is the New Crops Program at the CAES, under the supervision of Dr. Abigail Maynard. A consistent annual crop research program since 1982, the New Crops Program has been investigating specialty crops, as well as some traditional crops, to provide new opportunities for farmers to expand their crop sales. As the popularity and demand for locally grown produce continues to increase, farmers and growers are experiencing a need to produce a diversity of high-value niche crops. All research for the New Crops Program is designed to answer the question, "What does it take to successfully grow this crop in Connecticut soil and weather conditions?"

The New Crops Program consists of researching specialty crops and ethnic crops, which are crops that are popular to different ethnic populations, but are not native to the New England region. The two main categories for ethnic crops, at the moment, are Asian crops and Latin American crops. These crops are very popular high-value items at retail and farmers' markets.

Crops studied in the New Crops Program include multiple broccoli varieties, okra, artichoke, supersweet corn varieties, special tomato varieties, Chinese cabbage, pak choi, jilo, and various lettuce varieties, among many others. All of the crops researched are grown in three very different regions of Connecticut, reflecting the different soil types of the state. Formal, printed Grower's Guides are available to growers from Dr. Maynard at the CAES.

Other areas of food crop research at the CAES includes greenhouse and hydroponic growing, work being done by Dr. Martin Gent, who is currently researching how various techniques affect the nutritional content of greenhouse-produced lettuces, as well as other greenhouse growth techniques. Other crop investigations going on at the station include asparagus (Dr. Wade Elmer), wine grapes (Dr. Bill Nail), strawberries (Drs. LaMondia and Cowles), and chestnuts (Dr. Sandra Anagnostakis), among others.

Ways in which the agricultural scientists serve Connecticut farmers include personal consultations on crop questions, farm site visits, and ongoing consultation on specific crop issues. The agricultural scientists have expressed great enthusiasm for hearing from both farmers and chefs on food crop issues unique to selling and serving locally grown produce in Connecticut restaurants.

In an effort to share their extensive food crop research with the farmers and chefs of the Farm-to-Chef Program, the agricultural scientists will host a presentation at and tour of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station on Monday April 5, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The food crop scientists will give brief overviews of their research and explore ways in which they can support the goals and objectives of the farmers of the Farm-to-Chef Program. After the talks and Q&A, FTC attendees will tour the Soil Testing Laboratory, the Plant Disease Information Office, and the Insect Inquiry Office. Directions and an RSVP link will be provided in the April Farm-to-Chef newsletter.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station is located at 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT 06468.

USDA ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist for Connecticut Douglas L. Zehner has announced that financial assistance is available again this year for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program's (EQIP) Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI).

The Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc., and the King's Mark Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. proposal for conservation management practices for diversified livestock operations will focus on diversified livestock operations including equestrian operations. Conservation practices available to eligible producers include pasture fencing, watering systems, pasture and hayland planting, waste storage facilities, roof runoff management, and diversions.

"This initiative allows eligible entities to develop conservation projects that address specific environmental concerns within a region," said Zehner. "CCPI lets a cooperative group define the region for a project, as well as the criteria to evaluate producers for project funding. It delivers flexible assistance to landowners because they pick the issue to address in a specific location and can leverage their money with funds from NRCS."

CCPI partnerships address conservation priorities, encourage producers to cooperate on conservation work and meet regulatory requirements, and develop and demonstrate innovative conservation practices.

Under the continuing efforts of the partnership, eligible individuals must apply to NRCS for funding. CCPI uses the funds, policies, and processes of NRCS' EQIP Program.

The deadline for accepting applications is April 2, 2010. Applications will be ranked at that time. Persons interested in applying should contact their local USDA Service Center:

Brooklyn Service Center - (860) 774-0224, Ext. 102; Norwich Service Center - (860) 887-3604, Ext. 300; Torrington Service Center - (860) 626-8258, Ext. 200; Wallingford Service Center - (203) 269-7509, Ext. 205; Windsor Service Center - (860) 688-7725, Ext. 118

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PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 29, 2010 TO 860-647-9384

Admission fee \$5.00 includes dinner.

Please visit www.cccfeeds.com for more information as it is available

USDA TO MEASURE MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCTION

Starting in April, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct its annual Maple Syrup Inquiry. The New England field office is responsible for publishing the official USDA maple production statistics for five New England States (excluding Rhode Island). "The annual survey of maple producers is supported by the North American Maple Syrup Council, and the statistics generated are the basis for many decisions made by producers and maple industry representatives throughout the region," said Gary Keough, director of the NASS New England Field Office.

Questionnaires will be mailed at the end of April. Reporting can be done via mail, telephone, internet, or personal interview. Those who do not return their forms by mail will be contacted in May by the New England office and asked to complete the survey by telephone. As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law and is exempted from requests under the Freedom of Information Act. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses, ensuring no individual respondent or operation can be identified.

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