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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

2011 CT SPECIALTY FOOD PRODUCT AWARDS

The CT Specialty Food Association (CSFA) held its tenth Product Awards Competition on Thursday, February 17, 2011, at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville. Three hundred twenty-nine specialty food items from Connecticut-based manufacturers were entered into 38 categories, with hopes of receiving the prestigious honor of CSFA Product Award Winner 2011. A complete list of Thursday's winners appears below.

A panel of 40 judges consisting of local media personalities, food writers, and chefs from the CT Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Chef Program scored products on overall taste/texture, consistency/texture, appeal, and color. Each judge was assigned to specific categories, responsible for evaluating an average of approximately 30 different products.

Categories included breads, cheese, confections, CT Grown, fruits and vegetables, gift packs, gluten-free, organic, pasta sauces, savory condiments, snack foods, and many others. We also proudly included a variety of CT wines along with beers, ales and distilled spirits all produced here in Connecticut. The wide array of products featured fresh breads, ice cream and sauces, jams and jellies, salad greens, pestos, pickles, juices, hot teas and coffees, flavored seeds, oils and vinegars, and much, much more.

"It is always amazing to see the diversity and quality of the foods and beverages made by producers right here in Connecticut," said Tricia Levesque, CSFA Director. "This competition showcases the best of the best in the state. Each year we seem to find additional entrepreneurs looking to showcase the amazing products they produce. Not only are these products perfect for everyday meals and parties, they also make wonderful gifts. There is always something for every member of the family."

"Purchasing products from Connecticut companies also fuels our local economy and helps create jobs here in our state, which is so important in today's economy," Ms. Levesque continued. "It really is a win-win for everyone – consumers get the best quality foods available and Connecticut companies stay strong."

Consumers looking for CT specialty food products can visit www.ctspecialtyfood.org and ask for them at local markets and grocers.

CSFA is a subdivision of the CT Food Association and is a non-profit organization that represents small food businesses based in the state. The CT Department of Agriculture attends CSFA meetings and provides information to the organization as appropriate. To learn more, visit www.ctfoodassociation.org or email ctfood@ctfoodassociation.org.

THE CT SPECIALTY FOOD ASSOCIATION'S 2011 PRODUCT AWARDS COMPETITION WINNERS:

2011 PRODUCT OF THE YEAR - The Purple Pear by Tina, Willington
 Caramel Pecan Cream

BEER/ALE

- 1st Place Olde Burnside Brewing, East Hartford - Ten Penny Reserve
- 2nd Place Olde Burnside Brewing, East Hartford - Ten Penny Ale
- 3rd Place Olde Burnside Brewing, East Hartford - Dirty Penny Ale

BREAD - QUICK

- 1st Place Rachel's Cookies & Treats, Southington - Banana Bread with Chocolate Chip Streusel
- 2nd Place Michele's Pies, Norwalk - Pumpkin Bread
- 3rd Place TIE Michele's Pies, Norwalk - Banana Chocolate Chip Bread
- Michele's Pies, Norwalk - Zucchini Nut Bread

BREAD - YEAST

- 1st Place Fairfield Bread Company, Fairfield - The Flaxette
- 2nd Place Michele's Pies, Norwalk - Challah Bread
- 3rd Place Now That's Good Bread, Colchester - Olive Levain

CERTIFIED ORGANIC

- 1st Place Urban Oaks Farm, New Britain - Salad Mix Greens
- 2nd Place Urban Oaks Farm, New Britain - Arugula
- 3rd Place Wild Carrot Farm, LLC, Canton - Tomato Sauce

CHEESE - AGED

- 1st Place Cato Corner Farm, LLC, Colchester - Aged Bloomsday
- 2nd Place TIE Cato Corner Farm, LLC, Colchester - Cato Ransom Blue
- Cato Corner Farm, LLC, Colchester - Dutch Farmstead
- 3rd Place Cato Corner Farm, LLC, Colchester - Dairyere

CT GROWN

- 1st Place Winding Drive Corp., Woodbury - Apple Pie Jam
- 2nd Place Killam & Bassette Farmstead, LLC, South Glastonbury - Strawberry Jam
- 3rd Place TIE Bishop's Orchards Winery, LLC, Guilford - Apple Cider
- Simmons Family Farm, Farmington - Vanilla Yogurt

DESSERT - CAKE

- 1st Place Michele's Pies, Norwalk - Crumb Cake

DESSERT - CHOCOLATE

- 1st Place The Purple Pear by Tina, Willington - Chocolate Peanut Butter Hot Fudge
- 2nd Place The Purple Pear by Tina, Willington - Hot Fudge Cream
- 3rd Place Cookie Wishes/Les Oliviers, Newtown - Belgian \ Chocolate Truffle Dates w/Sprinkled Pistachios

DESSERT - COOKIE

- 1st Place J. Foster Ice Cream, Avon - Vanilla Chocolate Chunk Ice Cream Slider

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NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

March 7, 2011

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

EXTRA LARGE	85-88
LARGE	84-88
MEDIUM	77-79

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, March 7, 2011 - Live animals brought the following average prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	20.00	25.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	35.00
76-90 lbs.	40.00	45.00
91-105 lbs.	47.50	50.00
106 lbs. & up	55.00	60.00
Farm Calves	62.50	130.00
Started Calves	25.00	32.00
Veal Calves	75.00	100.00
Open Heifers	60.00	97.50
Beef Heifers	65.00	70.00
Feeder Steers	75.00	107.00
Beef Steers	77.50	82.50
Stock Bulls	75.00	110.00
Beef Bulls	56.00	71.50
Boars	1 @	7.00
Sows each	20.00	38.00
Sheep each	80.00	95.00
Lambs each	120.00	185.00
Goats each	50.00	170.00
Kid Goats each	52.00	140.00
Canners	Up to	63.50
Cutters	64.00	69.00
Utility Grade Cows	70.00	74.50
Rabbits each	5.00	20.00
Chickens each	3.00	32.50
Ducks each	9.00	23.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

APPLES, Fuji 88ct WA	41.00	41.00
APPLES, Gala, 88CT xfcy WA	45.25	45.25
ARRUGULA, Baby Type 12's GA	18.25	18.25
AVOCADOES 48 MX	66.25	66.25
BOK CHOY 20lb, FL	31.50	31.50
CAULIFLOWER, 12ct CA	43.75	43.75
CELERIAC, 25lb CA	25.50	25.50
CILANTRO, 30's CA	43.75	43.75
LEMONS, 140 ct CA	33.25	33.25
LETTUCE, Red Leaf 24ct CA	35.25	35.25
MESCULIN mix, 3lb CA	12.50	12.50
GREEN BEANS, bu FL	57.75	57.75
ONION, Yellow 25lb WA	21.50	21.50
PEARS, D'Anjou U.S #1 100ct WA	54.75	54.75
PEPPER, Green bu FL	54.75	54.75
PINEAPPLE, 7c5 MX	21.50	21.50
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb FL	21.25	21.25
TOMATOES, Plum 25lb	39.50	39.50

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, March 7, 2011

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers	75-80% lean		
	64.00-66.50	67.50-72.00	-----
Boners	80-85% lean		
	63.50-65.50	67.50-71.00	58.00-63.00

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, Empire 80ct, xfcy	20.00	22.00
APPLES, Macintosh US#1 96ct	13.00	15.00
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	2.25	2.35
POTATOES, White sz A 50 lb FL	30.00	32.00
TOMATOES, Cherry 5lb flat, on vine	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 15lb flat	40.00	40.00

SHIPPED IN

ARUGULA, 2lb bag AZ	15.00	15.00
ASPARAGUS, 11lb lge MX	22.00	23.00
BEANS, Green Handpick bu FL	18.00	20.00
BLACKBERRIES, 12/6oz MX	13.00	15.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1 pt CHILE	26.00	29.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct FL	14.00	16.00
CABBAGE, Green med 50lb GA	18.00	20.00
CABBAGE, Nappa 50LB FL	20.00	22.00
COCONUTS, Water 40lb FL	17.00	17.00
CORN, 4 1/2dz FL	24.00	25.00
CUCUMBERS, 1 1/9bu med MX	44.00	46.00
DATES, 11lb exfcy lge CA	55.00	55.00
EGGPLANT, Indian 35lb med HD	48.00	48.00
LEEKs, 12's SC	20.00	22.00
LEMON, 115 ct CA	18.00	23.00
LETTUCE, Red leaf 24ct AZ	34.00	36.00
NECTARINES, 2-layer 40's CHILE	16.00	16.00
ONION, Yellow Sweet 40lb Wa	17.00	18.00
PEAS, Sugar Snap 10lb GU	17.00	19.00
PEACHES, 40ct CHILE	16.00	16.00
PEPPER, Cubanelles, 1 1/9bu, lge FL	28.00	30.00
PEPPER, Green bell, 1-1/9bu xl FL	34.00	36.00
RASPBERRIES, 12/6oz lge CA	30.00	30.00
RHUBARB, 15lb Greenhouse WA	40.00	45.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2bu med FL	30.00	34.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb FL	10.00	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: March 7, 2011

XTRA LARGE	93-97
LARGE	91-95
MEDIUM	84-88

Above quotations based on CARTON sales to retailers.



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

Week ending March 7, 2011

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

	Premium
Alfalfa	175.00-215.00
Mixed Hay	160.00-215.00
Timothy	140.00-160.00
	Good
Alfalfa	150.00-175.00
Mixed Hay	130.00-160.00
Timothy	120.00-140.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	100.00-150.00
Mixed Hay	100.00-130.00

Lean	85-90% lean		
	58.50-63.50	65.00-68.50	52.00-58.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1			
	1110-2025 lbs	80.00-85.00	
Bullocks: 820-1325 lbs	82.00-86.50		
Calves: All prices per cwt.			
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1			
	95-125 lbs	100.00-111.00	
	80-90 lbs	75.00-95.00	
Holstein Heifers: Number 1			
	90-110 lbs	200.00-250.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:			
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	40-60 lbs	268.00-286.00	
	60-80 lbs	262.00-278.00	
	80-90 lbs	225.00-240.00	
	90-110 lbs	226.00-241.00	
	110-130 lbs	208.00-223.00	
	130-150	192.00-207.00	
Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3			
	40-60 lbs	215.00-248.00	
	60-80 lbs	227.00-254.00	
	90-110 lbs	190.00-204.00	
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh			
	120-160 lbs	114.00-129.00	
	160-200 lbs	116.00-131.00	

Ewes Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh		
	120-160 lbs	96.00-108.00
	160-200 lbs	90.00-105.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.		
Kids:	40-60 lbs	116.00-143.00
	60-80 lbs	139.00-158.00
	80-90 lbs	150.00-159.00
	90-100 lbs	158.00-173.00
	100-110 lbs	177.00-193.00
Nannies/Does:		
	80-130 lbs	135.00-148.00
	130-180 lbs	117.00-131.00
Bucks/Billies:	100-150 lbs	188.00-203.00
	150-250 lbs	219.00-234.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon March 7, 2011 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	66.00-70.00
	270-300 lbs	65.50-68.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	61.00-65.50
	300-400 lbs	60.00-65.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	43.00-47.00
	500-700 lbs	48.00-50.00
Boars:	300-800 lbs	40.00-41.50

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.

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.

45-R. Small Brothers 2x6 SS evaporator with steam hood \$1,650. 2x4 SS flat pan \$450. Farmall H for parts. Hay for sale. Call 203-484-0664 or 203-464-9647.

50-R. Heritage turkeys: 6 Bouron Reds (3 toms, 3 hens), and Narragansett tom for sale. \$30 each or \$150 for all. New Milford, 203-770-3997.

51-R. Golden Jubilee 1953 Ford tractor carburetor and drawbar. Also, 6 volt generator and drawer for 2N 9N Ford tractor. Also, for Pices 01 Angle Iron and steel. Please call 860-653-0491.

52. Jersey heifer born 1/25 Sire: Vermeer \$300. Good 4h animal. Two calf hutches \$50 each. Evenings 860-355-2962.

53-R. International 4-row corn planter, clean and good condition with fertilizer. \$1,000. 860-949-2434

54-R. Four Angus feeder heifers for sale. Pail trained. Approx. 700 pounds. \$1.00 per pound. 860-824-4902.

55-R. Five-year-old Angus/Hereford cow due to calve in March. Bred to Angus. Very nice confirmation, excellent milk, great momma. \$1,100. 860-824-4902.

57-R. 2008 Massey Ferguson GC2300 24 hours, hydrostatic, 4WD, 23 HP Diesel 60" Midmount mower, 3pt hitch, mid and rear PTO, Turf tires, manufacturer's warranty to 3/2012 - \$10,500. James Fazzone 203-250-6677.

58. Case IH 5140 w/510 loader, tires 80%, IH long block, 1,000 hours AGO, condition good \$22,000. 860-668-2920.

60-R. Hay 4x5 round bales, square bales 1st cut \$4. & 2nd \$5. 3 yr. Hereford with club calf heifer 1-26, \$1,000. 860-537-1974.

WANTED

46-R. Used tobacco netting wanted. Used 3/4" PVC water pipe. Call 860-265-3738. Leave message.

56-R. Help Wanted, Custom Spray Applicator. Full time. Crop Production Services, Broad Brook, 860-623-2694

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.

49. How about a little Highland in your beef herd? Lean, high omega 3, low cholesterol, meat in high demand by chefs and restaurants, highlandcattle.org/nehca or 860-423-4995 for a breeder in your area.

59-R. Cropland for lease. Willington near Exit 69 I84. Thirty (30) acres, consisting of several fields suitable for hay, no-till silage, etc. Must use NCRS guidance. Winter cover crop and liability insurance required. \$750 per year. Long term lease. Evelyn Parizek, o.a. Parizek Realty 860-429-9984.

AWARDS FROM PAGE 1

2nd Place Rachel's Cookies & Treats, Southington - Cranberry Pistachio Biscotti
3rd Place TIE Rachel's Cookies & Treats, Southington - Oatmeal Cranberry White Chocolate Chip Cookie
Rachel's Cookies & Treats, Southington - Molasses Cookie

DESSERT – PIE

1st Place Michele's Pies, Norwalk - Blueberry Blackberry Crumb Pie
2nd Place Michele's Pies, Norwalk - Coconut Cream Pie
3rd Place Michele's Pies, Norwalk - Chocolate Peanut Butter Dream Pie

DISTILLED SPIRITS

1st Place Westford Hill Distillers, Ashford - ew World Aged Apple Brandy
2nd Place Westford Hill Distillers, Ashford - Poire Prisonniere Brandy

FROZEN FOOD

1st Place Michele's Pies, Norwalk - Australian Beef Pie
2nd Place Michele's Pies, Norwalk - Quiche Lorraine
3rd Place Michele's Pies, Norwalk - Ham & Brie Quiche

FRUIT OR VEGETABLE

1st Place Urban Oaks Farm, New Britain - Arugula
2nd Place Urban Oaks Farm, New Britain - Salad Mix Greens
3rd Place Maple Lane Farms, LLC, Preston - Hydroponic Bibb Lettuce

GLUTEN FREE

1st Place Aleia's Gluten Free Foods, LLC, Branford - Almond Horns
2nd Place Passage Foods, Collinsville - Moroccan Spiced Lemon Chicken
3rd Place Giff's Original, LLC, Cheshire - Cranberry Pepper Relish

HERB, SPICE OR SEASONING

1st Place Passage Foods, Collinsville - Moroccan Spiced Lemon Chicken
2nd Place Passage Foods, Collinsville - Harissa Tomato Tomato & Bell Pepper Beef

HONEY/SYRUP

1st Place Tiezzi Imports, Chester - Arrigucci Honey
2nd Place Turkeywoods Farm, Mystic - Shagbark Hickory Syrup
3rd Place Turkeywoods Farm, Mystic - Hickory Nut Syrup

HORS D'OEUVRE

1st Place J.F. Food Concepts, Inc./Fortuna Food Products, Burlington - Fortuna's Bruschetta - Mild
2nd Place J.F. Food Concepts, Inc./Fortuna Food Products, Burlington - Fortuna's Bruschetta - Hot
3rd Place Can't Beet It, LLC, South Windsor - Can't Beet It – Hot Beet Horseradish

ICE CREAM/GELATO

1st Place Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream, Salem - Vanilla Ice Cream
2nd Place J. Foster Ice Cream, Avon - Oreo Bomb Gelato
3rd Place Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream, Salem - Cow Track Ice Cream

JAM

1st Place Dondero Orchards, LLC, South Glastonbury - Hot Pepper Jelly
2nd Place Dondero Orchards - Blueberry Rhubarb Jam
3rd Place Killam & Bassette Farmstead, LLC, South Glastonbury - Chocolate Raspberry Jam

MEAT

1st Place Butcher's Best Market, Newtown - Beef Jerky

NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

1st Place Maple Lane Farms, Preston - Black Currant Juice
2nd Place Willoughby's Coffee & Tea, Branford - Kenya AA Igande Estate
3rd Place Willoughby's Coffee & Tea, Branford - Costa Rica Jose Arce's Finca Chepe

MORE AWARDS WILL BE PRINTED IN NEXT WEEK'S EDITION OF THIS PUBLICATION

EFFECTIVENESS OF HOME BREWED DEER REPELLENTS IN CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station is continuing its research into the effectiveness of repellents to prohibit deer browsing on agricultural crops and homeowners' landscape plantings and gardens in Connecticut.

Do you have a home-brewed deer repellent you think works well?

The Experiment Station is soliciting unique, effective "home remedy" deer repellents to evaluate alongside commercially available repellents. If your home remedy is selected and you are willing to assist, the Experiment Station will recreate your home made deer repellent solution and treat test plants in research plots. Each remedy will then be evaluated and rated for effectiveness of the treatments.

The following link will take you to a solicitation survey form. Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HomeBrewedDeerRepellents>. Please fill out the survey as completely as possible, make sure to describe the remedy you use in full detail.

Please feel free to e-mail Michael Short, Agricultural Research Technician, Dept. of Forestry & Horticulture, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station with any comments or questions at michael.short@ct.gov

CONNECTICUT GAP SCHOOL (GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES)

University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension, in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture is conducting a GAP School to help farmers comply with customer demands for a GAP program and for those who want to develop a food safety plan in order to add value to their business, whether required to, or not.

How is the Connecticut GAP School going to be different from other GAP workshops? This school will be comprehensive, providing farmers with more of the tools they need to develop a GAP food safety program. You will get some training that will help you to write a food safety plan as well. The School will consist of two 5 hour sessions.

Registration: The registration fee is \$40 per person. You must pre-register. Registration materials must be received by March 17, 2011.

Session1:

March 23, 2011, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Introduction and GAP Audit General Questions

- The whys and hows of GAP
- Is this a regulation or a guideline? State, federal considerations
- What is a GAP Audit?
- Worker health and hygiene
- Traceability

In the Field: GAP Audit Parts 1 and 2

- Water, soils
- Sewage treatment, manure, animals/wildlife/livestock
- Field harvest, transportation and field packing

Session2:

March 30, 2011, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

In the Packing Facility: GAP Audit Parts 3 and 4

- Packing house sanitation, pest control
- Receiving area, washing/packing line, storage areas
- Ice and refrigeration
- Transportation

Putting It All Together

- Training your employees
- Conducting a self audit
- Writing a plan

Record keeping and documentation

GAP School site: Tolland County Extension Center, 24 Hyde Avenue, Vernon, CT 06066; 860-875-3331

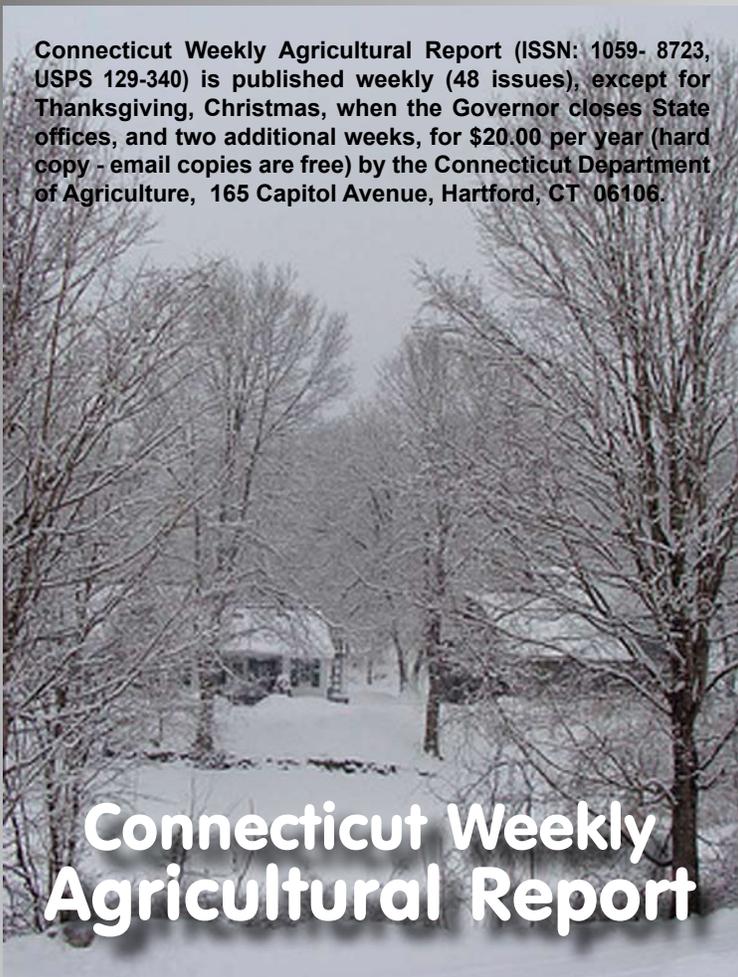
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