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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .



**CONNECTICUT GAP
 (GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES)
 SCHOOL FOR FRUIT
 AND VEGETABLE PRODUCERS**

Good Agricultural Practices are guidelines developed by FDA (US Food and Drug Association) and USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) to help produce farmers reduce the chance that their products will be contaminated by foodborne pathogens such as E. coli O157:H7

and Listeria monocytogenes.

While there is no regulatory requirement (state or federal) for farmers to have a GAP food safety program, some retailers and distributors want their suppliers to have GAP programs in place. A third party and/or USDA audits may also be required. This GAP School will help both farmers who need GAP programs in order to comply with customer demands and also those who want to develop a food safety plan in order to add value to their business, whether required to or not.

Why attend the Connecticut GAP School?

- To learn about ways to reduce microbial contamination of fruits and vegetables you produce on your farm.
- To meet the demands of your customers—whether they are schools, retailers or distributors.
- To gain the knowledge/skills to help you write your GAP food safety plan.
- To learn how to prepare for a USDA or other third party audit.

How is the Connecticut GAP School going to be different from other GAP workshops I might have attended?

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 experience writing a plan as well. The School will consist of four sessions. A series of weekday sessions will be held at the Tolland County Extension Center in Vernon. A series of night/weekend sessions will be held at the New Haven County Extension Center in North Haven to accommodate varying schedules and the part-time producer. Depending on your availability and preference, you may attend sessions in either location. Pre-registration is required. Each session will include lectures, handouts, a review of the pertinent audit items, and steps for farmers to take to achieve success in each audit section that pertains to their operation. You will not have to attend all four sessions, only those you wish to attend. Here is the schedule/content of each of the four sessions:

Session I: Introduction and GAP Foundation Programs

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

Dates/Times/Place:

December 6, 2010	December 8, 2010
6 pm to 8:30 pm	9:30 am to 12 noon

New Haven County Ext. Center Tolland County Ext. Center

Session II: In the Field

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

Dates/Times/Place:

January 29, 2011	January 28, 2011
9:30 am to 12 noon	9:30 am to 12 noon

New Haven County Ext. Center Tolland County Ext. Center

Session III: In the Packing Facility

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

Dates/Times/Place:

January 29, 2011	February 4, 2011
1 pm to 3:30pm	9:30 am to 12 noon

New Haven County Ext. Center Tolland County Ext. Center

Session IV: Putting It All Together

- Training your employees
- Conducting a self audit
- Writing a plan
- Record keeping and documentation

Dates/Times/Place:

February 9, 2011	February 25, 2011
6 pm to 9 pm	9:30 am to 12:30 pm

New Haven County Ext. Center Tolland County Ext. Center

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

November 9, 2010

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

EXTRA LARGE	128-132
LARGE	127-131
MEDIUM	95-97

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn.
November 8, 2010

Live animals brought the following average prices
per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	22.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	38.00
76-90 lbs.	40.00	45.00
91-105 lbs.	47.50	50.00
106 lbs. & up	55.00	60.00
Farm Calves	65.00	75.00
Started Calves	35.00	38.00
Veal Calves	50.00	95.00
Open Heifers	55.00	77.50
Beef Heifers	63.00	80.50
Feeder Steers	72.50	80.00
Beef Steers	56.00	90.00
Stock Bulls	60.00	87.00
Beef Bulls	64.50	69.00
Sows each	30.00	35.00
Hogs,Barrows and Gilts	37.50	45.00
Feeder Pigs each	45.00	75.00
Sheep each	60.00	120.00
Lambs each	40.00	170.00
Goats each	50.00	150.00
Kid Goats each	35.00	155.00
Canners	Up to	49.00
Cutters	49.50	52.00
Utility Grade Cows	53.00	55.25
Rabbits each	4.00	16.00
Chickens each	3.00	15.00
Ducks each	4.00	14.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, November 8, 2010

Bulk/High/Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Premium White	65-75% lean	
57.50-59.00	59.50-61.00	55.00-56.50
Breakers	75-80% lean	
55.00-57.50	58.00-59.00	52.00-53.50
Boners	80-85% lean	
52.00-55.00	56.00-57.00	48.00-51.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
47.00-51.50	52.00-54.00	42.50-46.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1

1220-1710 lbs 66.00-70.00

Bullocks: 780-1250 lbs 72.00-76.00
high dress 1055-1335 lbs 88.00-91.00
low dress 730-1025 lbs 64.00-68.00

Calves: All prices per cwt.

Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1
95-125 lbs 95.00-114.00
85-90 lbs 60.00-85.00
Number 2 95-115 lbs 70.00-90.00
80-90 lbs 40.00-55.00
Number 3 95-115 lbs 50.00-65.00
80-90 lbs 24.00-40.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 4- one gallon	13.00	13.00
APPLE CIDER, 9 half-gallons	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Cortland 100ct xfcy	22.00	24.00
APPLES, Delicious Golden,loose bu,no grade	17.00	17.00
APPLES, Delicious Red 12-3lb 2-1/2" xfcy	18.00	18.00
APPLES, Empire , 80ct xfcy	22.00	25.00
APPLES, Macintosh 120ct US#1	12.00	13.00
APPLES, Macintosh 96ct ,fcy	21.00	21.00
APPLES, Macintosh 12-3lb 2-1/2" U.S.1	16.00	18.00
APPLES, Macoun 80ct xfcy	32.00	34.00
APPLES, Pink Lady, 100ct xfcy	30.00	30.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb film bags	4.50	5.00
BEETS, 25lb bag,loose	6.00	7.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct	11.00	11.00
CABBAGE, Green, box med	9.00	10.00
CAULIFLOWER, 12 ct	12.00	12.00
CHIVES, 1lb 12's	8.00	8.00
COLLARD GREENS, Crate	11.00	11.00
CRANBERRIES, 24/12oz	33.00	34.00
KALE, crates	10.00	11.00
PARSNIPS, 25lb bag	21.00	23.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1lb	18.00	21.00
PEAR, Bosc 4/5 bu US 1, 2-3/4"	25.00	25.00
POTATOES, 10lb bag	2.00	2.10
POTATOES, 50lb,sz a	10.00	11.00
POTATOES, White Chef 50lb	11.00	13.00
PUMPKINS, 1 1/9 bu pie type	7.00	8.00
PUMPKIN,1 1/9 bu,mini	10.00	11.00
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu med	10.00	11.00
SQUASH, Blue Hubbard 50lb	13.00	14.00
SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9 bu	11.00	12.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu	9.00	11.00
SQUASH, Butternut, bin ,per pound	.20	.20
SQUASH, Spaghetti 1-1/9 bu	14.00	16.00
TOMATOES, Cherry 5lb flat ,on vine	15.00	15.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 25lb loose	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 15lb flat	26.00	26.00
TURNIP, White Cape 1-1/9bu	23.00	23.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

Utility 70-100 lbs	11.00-26.00
Holstein Heifer Calves: Number 2	75-100 lbs 110.00-155.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:	
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	
40-60 lbs	181.00-190.00
60-80 lbs	174.00-195.00
80-90 lbs	170.00-188.00
90-110 lbs	166.00-180.00
110-130 lbs	158.00-174.00
Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60 lbs	164.00-177.00
60-80 lbs	160.00-172.00
80-90 lbs	154.00-166.00
90-110 lbs	150.00-165.00
110-130 lbs	120.00-138.00
130-150 lbs	122.00-132.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh	
120-160 lbs	86.00-104.00
160-200 lbs	80.00-100.00
Slaughter Ewes Utility 1-2: Thin Fleshed	
120-160 lbs	64.00-80.00
160-200 lbs	60.00-77.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are sold by the head, on estimated weights.	
Kids: Selection 1	40-60 lbs 87.00-116.00

60-80 lbs	117.00-140.00
80-100 lbs	130.00-152.00
100-120 lbs	137.00-162.00
Selection 2	40-60 lbs 70.00-96.00
60-80 lbs	95.00-116.00
Nannies/Does: Selection 1	
80-130 lbs	105.00-120.00
130-180 lbs	115.00-132.00.
Selection 2	50-80 lbs 70.00-85.00
80-130 lbs	90.00-106.00
Bucks/Billies: Selection 1	
100-150 lbs	174.00-188.00
150-250 lbs	190.00-205.00
Selection 2	100-150 lbs 150.00-167.00

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS

TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:
November 9, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	138-142
LARGE	136-140
MEDIUM	102-106

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

Monday November 8, 2010

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

	Premium
Alfalfa	140.00-170.00
Mixed Hay	140.00-150.00
Timothy	120.00-140.00
	Good
Alfalfa	110.00-140.00
Mixed Hay	100.00-140.00
Timothy	120.00-130.00
Straw	110.00-120.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	100.00-110.00
Mixed Hay	90.00-100.00
Timothy	100.00-110.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon November 8, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	54.00-55.00
	270-300 lbs	52.00-54.00
	300-400 lbs	50.50-54.50
45-49	270-400 lbs	45.00-48.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	40.00-43.00
	500-700 lbs	45.50-48.00
Boars:	250-700 lbs	NO TEST

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.

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

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

160-R. 1st cutting hay – mixed grass \$3.75 bale – picked up. 203-264-1588, 203-264-4799.

164-R. J.D. Model H; J.D. Model L.A. – both completely restored. Side mount mower for L.A. Call 860-871-0171; Cell 860-559-5031.

170. Christmas greens, balsam and mixed wreaths, roping, kissing balls, samples gladly shown. 203-457-1344.

174-R. Round 4x4 hay bales. Premium, silage alfalfa or grass. Tightly plastic wrapped. Starting \$40. 860-884-2889.

188. Rye straw, seedless strawberry grade - \$6.00 per bale, \$5.50 per bale for 100 or more. Call 860-289-5188.

192-R. Greenhouse liquidation sale, structures, B&L flat filler, equipment, etc. Call for complete listing (860) 267-7480.

195-R. Christmas trees – CT Grown Fraser fir, Balsam, Blue Spruce, White Spruce, Douglas Fir. Superior quality, various grades and prices. Dzen Brothers Farm (860) 648-1355.

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

200-R. Feeder calves – weaned 6 m/o 600lb, performance bred Herefords, Galloways, blacks. Join our annual mailing list. 860-886-0716.

203. Christmas Trees -- CT Grown--Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir, Canaan Fir, Blue Spruce--High Quality--Wholesale Prices. Hartikka Tree Farms (860)508-5099

204-R. 25 bales of hay \$3.00 each. 32 Old Hatchery Road, Kensington, CT, 203-235-6550.

205-R. Clay barncleaner equipment – 260 feet of barncleaner chain, like new. Complete motor and transmission unit. One corner wheel complete. Various small parts. 7 starline dividers, never used. 860-537-5842. Call 7 p.m.

206-R. 550 gallon skid fuel tanks, good condition \$300 each. Wheel weights for Farmall tractor. (203) 265-6012.

207-R. Hay for sale, 1,500 bales @ \$3.50 per bale. Call for more information at 203-206-1344.

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.

611-R. The Farm Link Program. is a matchmaking service to help new farmers find farm land owners (for rent or for sale). Persons interested in the process can receive applications now available at www.farmlink.uconn.edu or calling the CT Dept. of Agriculture at (860) 713-2503. The Department is encouraging all next generation farmers and transitioning family farms in Connecticut to participate. For more information, please contact Jane Slupecki at (860) 713-2588.

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Work Sessions: A separate set of sessions will be held in March for those wanting more help writing their plans. Anyone can attend these sessions (whether they attend this GAP School or another workshop). Dates and times for these sessions will be advertised at a later date.

Registration: You may register for all four sessions for \$35 per person. If you prefer to register for single sessions, the fee will be \$10 per person, per session. Registration fees cover some program costs and morning break.

You must pre-register. Registration materials must be received by December 1, 2010.



For an application, if you have questions or need additional information, please contact Diane Wright Hirsch at 203-407-3163 or diane.hirsch@uconn.edu or Candace Bartholomew at 860-570-9067 or candace.bartholomew@uconn.edu.



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DON'T MISS THE CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S AGRICULTURAL NETWORK WORKSHOP

The Connecticut Women's Agricultural Network will sponsor "Getting Ahead of the Curve: Marketing Trends and Making Them Work for You" a participatory workshop on Saturday, November 20th, Zachs Community Room, School of Social Work, University of Connecticut, 1800 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, CT from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dr. John Donnellan, Professor, Business and Marketing, Holyoke Community College, Holyoke, Massachusetts will be the main presenter. Donnellan has considerable experience in the retail food and fashion sectors.

During the workshop, participants will learn how to approach such questions as: "What's the next big food trend? How do I find new marketing strategies? How do I make my farm's products stand out? Learn to identify emerging trends that can work for you."

The morning will begin at 8:00 a.m. with registration and a light breakfast and the workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. Pre-register by emailing CTWAGN@cox.net with your name, farm, phone number and your marketing challenge, or mail to CT-WAGN, P.O. Box 253, South Glastonbury, CT 06073 by November 18, 2010.

DOAG JOINT VENTURE GRANTS

The Department of Agriculture will accept applications for the CT Grown Joint Venture Grant Program from January 1 through January 31, 2011.

This popular program offers matching funds for marketing projects that use the CT Grown logo or slogan. Eligible projects include signage, advertisements, billboards, brochures, websites, etc. This competitive program is open to producers and agricultural nonprofits. Awards will be announced in February 2011.

The guidelines, application, and state forms can be downloaded from the Department of Agriculture website, www.ctgrown.gov, click on Programs and Services, then CT Grown Joint Venture Grants. You can also call 860-713-2503 to have a copy of the information emailed to you.

CONNECTICUT POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Annual Meeting
 Wednesday, December 1, 2010
 The Gallery Restaurant

141 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT
 860-659-2656

- 8:00 Registration, Socialize, coffee, doughnuts
- 8:45 Opening remarks. Rick Macsuga, President, Connecticut Pomological Society
- 9:00 Update on Peach Bacterial Spot Research. Dr. Robert Marra, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.
- 9:30 Connecticut Agricultural Business Management Guide. Joe Bonelli, UConn Cooperative Extension System
- 10:00 Exclusion Fencing for Connecticut Farms. Daniel Maltby, River Valley Fencing, Deerfield, MA
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 The Tall Spindle System: The Path to Fun and Fortune. Dr. Terence Robinson, Cornell University, Geneva, NY
- 11:45 Introduction of Vendors and Other Guests
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 Business Meeting, Awards, Other Announcements
- 1:45 Predicting Chemical Thinning with the Carbohydrate Model. Dr. Terence Robinson, Cornell University, Geneva, NY
- 2:45 An Alternative Work Force: A great opportunity to cultivate loyal productive employees. Jim Lyman
- 3:15 Apple Break, Pesticide Credits and Socialize
 Pesticide re-certification credits will be available.

USDA TO SURVEY NEW ENGLAND CHICKEN AND EGG PRODUCERS

Concord, NH – USDA's Annual Chickens and Eggs survey is the only chance to officially measure the entire layer industry in New England for 2010. This annual survey is part of a National study to establish official USDA estimates for 2010 egg production, as well as layer, pullet, and rooster inventories as of December 1. This survey will be conducted across all six States in the New England region. All operations with hatchery and table egg flocks will be contacted.

In late November, New England poultry operations will receive a questionnaire in the mail. Producers who have not returned their form by December 1 will be phoned by the New England Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and asked to help with this important project. The results of the survey are used by farmers, grower associations, extension specialists, suppliers, lenders, and lawmakers when reviewing farm practices and policies.

Gary Keough, director of the NASS New England Field Office noted that, as is the case with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only State- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," he said.

Survey results will be published in NASS's Chickens and Eggs report, to be released in late February 2011. This and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS New England Field Office at 1-800-642-9571.



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