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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### NEW VETERINARY PRACTICES JOIN APCP

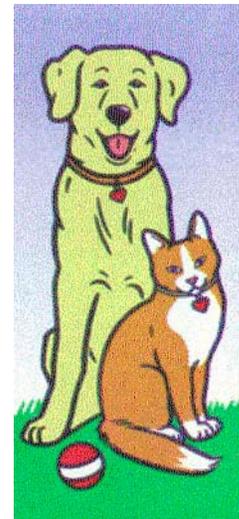
by Frank L. Ribaldo

Director Animal Population Control Program

Over the past six months, the agency's Animal Population Control Program (APCP) has added four new Connecticut practices to the list of participating veterinary practices. As of October 2010, the APCP now has 223 practices in the program encompassing 521 individual veterinarians. These totals are both all time highs for the APCP, since the start of the program in 1995. Participation in the state program is voluntary, but veterinarians must be certified to join and agree to specified fees and procedures outlined in C.G.S. Sec. 22-380e to Sec. 22-380m.

New program practices are as follows:

- Animal Clinic Hartford, 505 Wethersfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06114 - Dr. Satyendor Valipe and Dr. H. L. Hopkinson
- Love Veterinary Center, 451 River Road, Willington, CT 06279 - Dr. Teresa Love
- Middlebury Animal Hospital, 52 Turnpike Drive, Middlebury, CT 06762 - Dr. Koen O. Loeven
- Dr. Brown's Cat Spay/Neuter Clinic, 251 Quaker Farms Road, Oxford, CT 06478 - Dr. Arnold M. Brown



"Since day one, the voluntary participation of Connecticut's veterinary practices has been imperative to the stability and growth of our state program", said Agriculture Commissioner F. Philip Prelli. According to CVMA (Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association) Executive Director Simon Flynn, there are 333 CT veterinary practices with over 600 veterinarians that are association members. Looking at these numbers, the APCP incorporates the majority of practices and veterinarians in the state, which is indicative of a sound relationship between veterinarians and the Department of Agriculture.

Through the APCP, Connecticut veterinarians have provided vaccination/sterilization benefits to more than 70,000 municipal pound pets, pets owned by low-income CT residents and non-profit feral cat organizations since 1995 resulting in a 50% reduction in the euthanasia/impoundment rate at municipal impound facilities. In addition, the CT APCP is the only state agency that provides funds to non-profits for feral cats in combination with benefits to low-income CT residents.

None of these results could have ever been realized without the participatory support from the veterinary community.

### GOT WEEDS?

Got weeds in your pasture or hay land? How bad is the infestation? Want to manage those weeds so they help your farm instead of hurt it?

If you have weeds in your pastures, hay fields, or both, the University of Vermont Extension, Center for Sustainable Agriculture wants to hear about it. They're gearing up state and regional projects to manage non-toxic weeds by training livestock to eat them. Your response to a short survey will take only a few minutes of your time to complete and will be used to help direct this work, so take a few minutes to share your weed infestation experience at the link below.

Fill out this 5-minute survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CKRVXV8>. This survey is also found on the VT Pasture Network website: [www.uvm.edu/pasture](http://www.uvm.edu/pasture)

Help identify the top weeds on your farm, and get help in managing them. If you have any questions, contact:

Jenn Colby, Pasture Program Outreach Coordinator  
UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture  
106 Highpoint Center, Suite 300, Colchester, VT 05446  
Business office: (802) 656-0858, Home office: (802) 728-2045  
[jcolby@uvm.edu](mailto:jcolby@uvm.edu)

## SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSEMBLY 2010 CONNECTICUT

Co-sponsored by: The Connecticut Beekeepers Association,  
Wicwas Press, Proactive Beekeeping  
Saturday November 20, 2010 8:00am – 5:00pm  
Unitarian Society of New Haven

700 Hartford Turnpike Hamden, Connecticut 06517

Speakers: Dr. Larry Connor, Dave Miksa, Medhat Nasr

An all day event presenting current research and practical information in lecture and panel discussion form. Tables for regional beekeeping associations will be provided. Vendors of beekeeping equipment and supplies will be present. Morning coffee and light refreshments will be included.

Advance registration fee: \$39.00 per person, \$49.00 after Oct. 31

A lunch will be available for \$10.00 additional.

Any questions, please visit [www.sneba.com](http://www.sneba.com) or contact

Larry Connor 203-435-0238 [www.wicwas.com](http://www.wicwas.com)

Ted Jones 860-677-9391 [t.c.jones@snet.net](mailto:t.c.jones@snet.net)

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.**

October 25, 2010

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

EXTRA LARGE	102-106
LARGE	100-104
MEDIUM	78-80

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT,  
October 25, 2010

Live animals brought the following average  
prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	28.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.	40.00	45.00
76-90 lbs.	50.00	52.50
91-105 lbs.	55.00	58.00
106 lbs. & up	60.00	63.00
Farm Calves	65.00	70.00
Started Calves	30.00	40.00
Veal Calves	65.00	105.00
Open Heifers	60.00	90.00
Beef Heifers	49.00	63.50
Feeder Steers	67.00	96.00
Beef Steers	55.00	70.00
Stock Bulls	65.00	100.00
Beef Bulls	65.00	71.00
Replacement Heifers	1 @	510.00
Feeder Pigs each	37.50	130.00
Sheep each	25.00	115.00
Lambs each	52.00	125.00
Goats each	55.00	190.00
Kid Goats each	35.00	85.00
Canners	Up to	49.50
Cutters	50.00	52.00
Utility Grade Cows	53.50	55.50
Rabbits each	5.00	20.00
Chickens each	4.00	16.00
Ducks each	6.00	17.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

MONDAY, October 25, 2010

Bulk/High/Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean		
55.50-58.00	58.00-59.00	-----	
Boners	80-85% lean		
52.00-55.50	-----	48.00-52.00	
Lean	85-90% lean		
48.00-52.00	53.00-54.50	44.00-47.50	

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1

1260-1700 lbs	65.00-68.00
Bullocks: 915-1350 lbs	70.00-74.50
high dress 825-1125 lbs	76.00-78.00
low dress 800-1160 lbs	65.00-68.00
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1	
100-120 lbs	117.00-137.00
95 lbs	115.00-125.00
Number 2 100-110 lbs	100.00-115.00
95 lbs	85.00-110.00
80-90 lbs	45.00-60.00
Number 3 90-125 lbs	40.00-60.00
75-90 lbs	22.00-30.00
Utility 75-100 lbs	11.00-25.00

**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	22.00
APPLES, Delicious Golden 80ct xfcy	22.00	22.00
APPLES, Delicious Red 12-3lb 2-1/2" xfcy	18.00	18.00
APPLES, Empire , 80ct xfcy	22.00	22.00
APPLES, Gala 2-1/2" fcy/xfcy	20.00	20.00
APPLES, Macintosh 80ct xfcy	24.00	24.00
APPLES, Macintosh 12-3lb 2-1/2" U.S.1	13.00	13.00
APPLES, Macoun 80ct xfcy	32.00	32.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb film bags	4.50	5.00
BEETS, 25lb med loose sack	6.00	6.50
BROCCOLI, 14ct	12.00	12.00
BROCCOLI, 20lb loose	14.00	15.00
CABBAGE, Green, box med	11.00	13.00
CHIVES, 1lb 12's	8.00	8.00
COLLARD GREENS, Crate	11.00	11.00
KALE, crates	11.00	11.00
MINT, 1/2bu 12's	10.00	10.00
PARSNIPS, 25lb bag	23.00	23.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1lb	21.00	21.00
PEAR, Bosc 4/5 bu US 1, 2-3/4"	27.00	27.00
POTATOES, 10lb bag	2.00	2.25
POTATOES, Yellow Chef 50lb	12.00	13.00
POTATOES, White Chef 50lb	12.00	13.00
SQUASH, Acorn bin per pound	.25	.30
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu med	10.00	11.00
SQUASH, Acorn Organic 1-1/9 bu	25.00	25.50
SQUASH, Blue Hubbard 50lb	12.00	14.00
SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9 bu	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu	9.00	11.00
SQUASH, Butternut bin per pound	.20	.20
SQUASH, Butternut Organic 1-1/9 bu	25.00	26.00
SQUASH, Spaghetti 1-1/9 bu	12.00	15.00
TOMATOES, Cherry 5lb flat	10.00	10.00
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

**METROPOLITAN AREA**

U.S.D.A.

**NEW YORK PRICES**

**WHITE EGGS**

**TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,  
Grade A eggs on:  
October 25, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	113-117
LARGE	111-115
MEDIUM	86-90

Above quotations based on  
CARTON sales to retailers.



**PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT**

Monday October 25, 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	130.00-120.00
Straw	110.00-120.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	100.00-110.00
Mixed Hay	90.00-110.00
Timothy	100.00-110.00

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**SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:**

Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	
40-60 lbs	164.00-170.00
60-80 lbs	154.00-168.00
80-90 lbs	152.00-164.00
90-110 lbs	150.00-162.00
110-130 lbs	144.00-156.00
Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60 lbs	146.00-156.00
60-80 lbs	140.00-154.00
80-90 lbs	140.00-150.00
90-110 lbs	136.00-148.00

Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh

120-160 lbs	72.00-86.00
160-200 lbs	70.00-78.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Fleshed	
120-160 lbs	62.00-68.00

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

Kids: 50-60 lbs	92.00-100.00
60-80 lbs	108.00-128.00
80-100 lbs	120.00-134.00
100-110 lbs	130.00-142.00

Nannies/Does:	
80-130 lbs	90.00-106.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	162.00-175.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION**

Mon October 25, 2010

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by  
hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	54.00-57.00
	270-300 lbs	51.00-54.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	47.00-52.00
	270-300 lbs	48.00-50.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	47.00-49.00
	500-700 lbs	51.50-52.50
Boars:	250-700 lbs	32.00-34.00

**SEASONAL ITEMS**

CORN STALKS, Bundle	4.00	4.50
CRANBERRIES, 24-12oz bag		
early black	33.00	36.00
PUMPKINS, Mini 1/2bu CT	11.00	11.00
INDIAN CORN, 1/2 bu	15.00	15.00
INDIAN CORN, 1-1/9 bu	28.00	30.00
GOURDS, Shellacked 1/2 bu	8.00	10.00
PUMPKINS, Howden lge 36" bin	100.00	100.00
PUMPKINS, Pie type med 1-1/9 bu	11.00	11.00
PUMPKINS, Pie type med 36" bin	100.00	150.00
PUMPKINS, Mini 1/2 bu	8.00	10.00
STRAW BALES	6.00	6.00

## ADVERTISEMENT

### 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.

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.

167-R. Pumpkins – Face, Sugar, Big Mac, Cinderella, Blue Hubbard, Butternut squash, etc. Good color, stems, weight. By the bin or trailer load. Delivery available. Dzen Brothers Farm 860 648-1355.

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.

175-R. Mower conditioner John Deere 1219, new guards, knives. Hydraulic swing/lift. Excellent condition \$2,900. 860-884-2889.

181-R. First cutting hay for sale, \$4.00 per bale. Phone 203-206-1344.

182-R. 1941 Farmall H tractor, new rubber, restored, good condition. \$2,000. Call 203-206-1344.

184-R. Rye straw for sale, \$5.00/bale, plastic and wine, 50 bale minimum. 860-872-1035 or 860-729-3772.

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

190-R. Purebred Angus bull, 5 years old, good disposition, great pedigree - \$1,500. 203-788-0978

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

194-R. Registered yearling Hereford bull for sale. Halter broke, gentle, very thick, \$1,400. Old Beech Farm (860) 693-2052.

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.

196-R. Massey Ferguson 4-wheel drive, 23hp with loader \$8,750. John Deere 990 4-wheel drive with loader, 41hp \$17,500. Massey Ferguson 1540, 40hp with loader \$17,900. All in excellent condition, low hours. Also Ford 2810 2-wheel drive, 36hp very good condition \$8,900. Also full line of new tractors and haying equipment on the web at [www.bigboystoysllc.net](http://www.bigboystoysllc.net) or come see us at Big Boys Toys, LLC, Scenic Route 169, Pomfret, CT. 860-928-9778.

197. Farmall Cub #22 bar mower \$275. 860-828-6460.

198. Farmall Cub 1950 demonstrator, rebuilt engine, new tires \$3,200. 860-828-6460.

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.

### WANTED

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

201-R. 6" Aluminum irrigation pipe. Phone 203-421-3055, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm.

202-R. Help Wanted: Organic Landscape – To work with industry expert at expanding Wilton business. Landcare, perennial, arbor, garden. BA/BS in related field, experience preferred, not required. Will train. Send resume to [CHorticulture@sbcglobal.net](mailto:CHorticulture@sbcglobal.net).

### 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.

### 2010 UCONN BARNYARD BEEF CALF SALE AND JUDGING WORKSHOP & CONTEST

University of Connecticut, Storrs Campus - UConn Livestock Unit

– Horsebarn Hill Road

Saturday, November 6, 2010

Free and open to the public.

9:30 a.m. - Registration for the Judging Contest – Livestock Unit

10:00 a.m. – Judging Workshop: Beef Calf Selection Presentation, Dr.

Thomas Hoagland, Professor – UConn Department of Animal Science

10:30 - Judging Contest

Classes: under 12 years old

12-21 years old

Adult class

12:00 – Lunch and Sale Inspection & Preview – limited number of animals

1:00 - Barnyard Beef Calf Sale (silent auction – no consignments accepted) Contact Dr. Thomas Hoagland at 860-486-1069 with questions regarding the Judging Workshop and Contest.

A few days before the sale, a list of UConn animals to be sold in the sale will be posted at [www.animalscience.uconn.edu](http://www.animalscience.uconn.edu). Feeder calves (steer and heifers) are expected to be in the sale.

### NORTHEAST GREENHOUSE CONFERENCE AND EXPO

November 3-4, 2010

DCU Center, Worcester, MA

2011 - 2012 New England Greenhouse Floriculture Guide - A Management Guide for Insects, Diseases, Weeds and Growth Regulators

Greenhouse growers throughout New England rely on the New England Greenhouse Floriculture Guide as an unbiased source of detailed crop-specific production recommendations. This compendium of up-to-date information about products that manage insects, mites, diseases, weeds and algae, and regulate plant growth, is a must-have manual for professional growers. Since the last edition, several new products have become available and have been incorporated into the 20011- 2012 publication. This year, the Guide introduces a pest identification website, developed by Guide contributors Leanne Pundt of Univ. of Connecticut, and Tina Smith and Paul Lopes of Univ. of Massachusetts. The website (<http://www.negreenhouseupdate.info/index.php/photo-library>) provides photos and descriptions of hundreds of plant problems caused by insects, mites, diseases, nutritional disorders and cultural procedures.

All of the Guide's chemical recommendations are presented within the framework of sustainability. The insect/mites section, for example, presents a practical approach to establishing a comprehensive integrated pest management program, beginning with detailed information about pest identification and step-by-step guidelines for implementing an effective scouting program. Practical guidelines for instituting a biological control program, including use of banker plants and alternative pest control materials, are provided. The plant growth regulator (PGR) section not only provides details of which PGRs to use and how to apply those products to specific crops, but also explains how to manage crop growth environmentally.

The Guide is updated every two years by floriculture faculty and staff from the six New England State Universities, and is published by New England Floriculture, Inc.

**USDA TO SURVEY NEW ENGLAND BEE AND HONEY PRODUCERS**

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is preparing to contact apiarists nation-wide for the 2010 Bee and Honey survey.

In early December, approximately 8,000 (500 in New England) bee and honey producers will receive questionnaires in the mail. Producers who have not returned their forms by mid-December will be phoned and asked to help with this important project. They will be asked to report their colony and honey inventories, as well as honey price and sales data.

The December Bee and Honey Survey is the only chance to officially measure the number of colonies, pounds of honey produced, and stocks on hand across the Nation. The results of the survey are used by honey producers, pollinators, farmers, grower associations, extension specialists, suppliers, lenders, and lawmakers when reviewing farm practices and policies.

"Bees are of the utmost importance to the pollination of many crops and for the supply of honey available to consumers," said Gary Keough, director of the NASS New England Field Office. "More than 90 crops depend on pollination by honeybees, yet honeybees are constantly under siege from mites and disease-causing pathogens. Considering these issues, it is especially important to obtain accurate statistics about the size of the bee and honey industry in New England and across the Nation."

Keough 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 can be identified," he said.

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

**NRCS EXTENDS SIGN-UP PERIOD FOR CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

Applications will be Accepted Through January 7, 2011

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Acting State Conservationist for Connecticut John G. Rissler has announced the ranking period cutoff date for producer applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) has been extended to January 7, 2011.

"The deadline for submissions is being extended to provide agricultural producers more time to complete their applications," said Rissler. "This will help farmers and forestry producers by giving them more time and hopefully allow even more producers to participate."

CSP is offered in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Pacific and Caribbean areas through continuous sign-ups with announced cutoff dates for ranking periods. The program provides many conservation benefits including improvement of water and soil quality, wildlife habitat enhancement, and adoption of conservation activities that address the effects of climate change.

Authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, the program offers payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and who agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland, and nonindustrial forestland. All producers are encouraged to apply.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if CSP is suitable for their operation. It highlights basic information about eligibility requirements, contract obligations, and potential payments, and is available from local NRCS offices or online at [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new\\_csp/csp.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html).

For more information, contact your nearest USDA Field Office: Brooklyn - (860) 774-0224; Hamden - (203) 230-4305; Norwich - (860) 887-3604; Torrington - (860) 626-8258; Windsor - (860) 688-7725.

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