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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### LOW-INCOME PET STERILIZATION PROGRAM RETURNS

*By Frank L. Ribaldo, Director, Animal Population Control Program*

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce the return of the Low-Income Pet Spay/Neuter Program, effective July 1, 2011. The program is part of the agency's Animal Population Control Program (APCP), which helps citizens by providing vaccination and sterilization benefits for their pets.

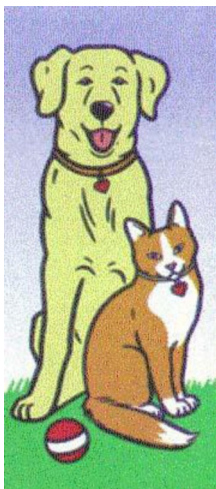
"The APCP is a valuable program that helps those who cannot afford the costs associated with having their pets spayed or neutered and vaccinated against common infectious diseases," said Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky. "Last year, the program gave out 761 vouchers to qualifying Connecticut residents, and we hope to increase that amount for 2012," he added.

Connecticut residents must complete a [Low-Income Pet Sterilization Application](#) and qualify for one of six Department of Social Services (DSS) programs. Approved individuals will be eligible to receive up to two vouchers per household per year.

The APCP will set aside up to 10% of its income for approved residents, which was estimated at \$75,000 in FY 2010. The program has its own dedicated account with 70% of its income coming from dog license surcharge revenue. Dog license sales have seen an increase over the past three years, which can only enhance the amount being offered for this program. Benefit vouchers are on a first-come, first-served basis.

The low-income program is a result of the 2007 passage of Public Act No. 07-105, *An Act Concerning the Expansion of the Animal Population Control Program*.

The APCP has provided vaccination/sterilization benefits to more than 75,000 municipal pound pets, feral cats, and low-income owners' pets since the program's inception in 1995, helping to reduce the surplus companion pet population in Connecticut by 50%. For more information, please contact



[apcp.agr@ct.gov](mailto:apcp.agr@ct.gov), or go to the agency's website at [www.ct.gov/doag](http://www.ct.gov/doag).

### CT DEPT OF AG LEGISLATIVE REPORT: 2011 SESSION

H.B. 6303 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF ILL AND INJURED ANIMALS IN MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTERS  
 PA 11-111, Signed 7/8/11, effective date: 10/1/11

This bill authorizes any regional or municipal dog pound to contract with a public or private nonprofit animal rescue organization for the organization to pay a licensed veterinarian to treat an injured, sick, or diseased animal that is impounded.

Each municipality, other than those participating in a regional dog pound, must (1) provide and maintain a suitable building as a pound, which must be comfortable for the detention and care of dogs and kept in a sanitary condition, or (2) provide, through written agreement, for the detention and care of impounded dogs by a licensed veterinarian, veterinary hospital, or commercial kennel; dog pound maintained by another city; or other suitable facility approved by the agriculture commissioner.

By law, a municipality may use a dog pound to shelter other animals that are injured, mistreated, or roaming in a manner that endangers the animal or the public (CGS § 22-336). State regulations require a dog pound to have a licensed veterinarian examine any impounded dog that appears sick or injured (Conn. Agencies Reg. § 22-336-28).

This bill (1) details what a contract with the public or private nonprofit animal rescue organization must contain and (2) requires each pound to maintain a list of any nonprofit animal rescue organization that notifies it concerning interest in entering into such a contract. The bill specifies that its contract and the treatment provisions do not affect any protection that state law, regulation, or municipal ordinance provide.

Under the bill, a contract established by a municipality with a veterinarian must establish that:

1. The municipality will not become responsible for treatment costs incurred under it;
2. The public or private nonprofit animal rescue organization responsible for payment selects the licensed veterinarian who treats an animal;

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**WHOLESALE ORNAMENTALS**

New England and New Jersey  
(prices per bunch unless otherwise specified)

	Low	High
ASCLEPIAS, 10, long, NJ	7.50	8.50
ASTILBE, long, NE	7.50	8.50
GARDENIA, bloom, NE	5.50	5.50
GARDENIA, carton, 3, NE	15.00	15.00
GERBERA, stem, long, NE	1.25	1.25
GLADIOLA, 10, long, NJ	10.00	10.00
HYDRANGA, long, NE	20.00	22.50
LILIES, Asiatic, long, NE	12.50	12.50
LILIES, Casa Blnc, long, NE	25.00	27.00
LILIES, Siberia, long, NE	22.50	25.00
LISIANTHUS, 10, Xlong, NE	16.00	16.50
PHLOX, long, NE	8.00	8.50
SNPDRAGN, 10, short, NE	7.50	7.50
SNPDRAGN, 10, long, NE	12.00	12.50
SUNFLWR, stem, lg, NE	1.50	1.50
SUNFLWR, 5, long, NE	6.75	7.50
ZINNIA, long, NJ	5.00	6.50

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

August 15, 2011

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

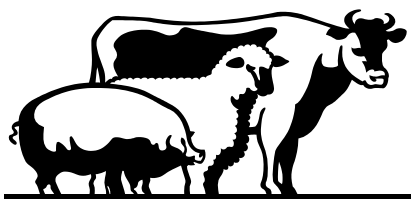
49-54	220-270 lbs	77.00-81.00
	270-300lbs	74.00-76.00
	300-350lbs	73.50-75.00
45-49	300-350 lbs	n/a
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	67.00-70.00
	500-700 lbs	68.00-73.00
Boars:	300-800 lbs	34.00-35.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, Conn., August 15, 2011

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	16.00	18.00
61-75 lbs.	20.00	24.00
76-90 lbs.	30.00	35.00
91-105 lbs.	40.00	45.00
106 lbs. & up	50.00	62.00
Farm Calves	62.00	115.00
Veal Calves	72.00	122.00
Open Heifers	83.00	125.00
Beef Heifers	83.00	100.50
Feeder Steers	87.00	117.00
Starter Calves	22.00	28.00
Beef Bulls	81.00	90.00
Stock Bulls	90.00	110.00
Beef Steers	79.00	82.00
Lambs each	100.00	250.00
Goats each	89.00	217.00
Kid Goats each	45.00	115.00
Canners	up to	62.50
Cutters	63.00	67.00
Utility Grade Cows	69.00	74.00
Rabbits each	4.00	20.00
Chickens each	5.00	21.00
Ducks each	6.00	16.00
Feeder Pigs	2 at	55.00



**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE, Paula Red, 100ct, xfcy	30.00	30.00
BEANS, Green, bu	30.00	32.00
BEAN, Wax, bu	32.00	35.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb, film	4.50	5.00
BEETS, 12s	13.00	14.00
BLACKBERRIES, 12-1/2pts	28.00	28.00
BLUEBERRIES 12/1pt, Net top	27.00	30.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1pt, Clam shell	26.00	29.00
BROCCOLI, Cut crown, 20lb	12.00	14.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct	11.00	12.00
CABBAGE, Green, 50lb box	14.00	14.00
CABBAGE, Red, 50lb, box	16.00	16.00
CABBAGE, Savoy, 1-1/9bu	16.00	16.00
CANTALOUPE, ea	1.25	1.50
CORN, 5dz	10.00	12.00
CUCUMBERS, bu	20.00	24.00
CUCUMBERS, PckIng, 1/2bu	12.00	12.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu	14.00	16.00
HONEYDEW, ea	2.00	2.50
KALE, crtn, bnchd	10.00	12.00
NECTARINES 22-24lb	26.00	26.00
PEACHES, 25lb, 2-1/2 min	22.00	22.00
PEACHES, 25lb, White	26.00	26.00
PEAR, Clapp, 4/5 bu	27.00	27.00
PEPPER, Bell, 1-1/9bu, Suntan	10.00	10.00
PEPPER, Bell, 1 1/9bu, xl	12.00	14.00
PEPPER, Cubanelle, med, bu	10.00	12.00
PEPPER, Jalapeno, 1/2bu	16.00	16.00
PLUM, Red, 1/2 bu	30.00	30.00
SQUASH, Green, 1/2bu, sm/med	14.00	16.00
SQUASH, Yellow, 1/2bu	14.00	16.00
TOMATOES, 20lb, xl	15.00	16.00
TOMATOES, Cherry, 12/1pt	10.00	10.00
WATERMELON, 15-19lb, ea	3.50	4.00
WATERMELON, Sugar baby, ea	2.00	3.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Monday, August 15, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

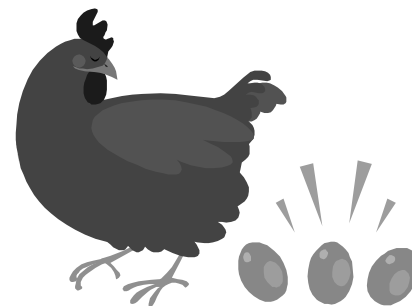
**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breakers 75-80%lean	65.50-70.00---	n/a----	n/a
Boners 80-85% lean	63.00-68.50--	n/a----	62.00-63.00
Lean 85-90% lean	60.00-64.50 ---	65.50-69.50---	53.50-59.00

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1  
1365-1405 lbs 89.00-95.50

**CALVES:** All prices per cwt.  
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1  
95-115 lbs 100.00-120.00  
70-90 lbs -75.00-90.00  
Holstein Heifers: Number 1  
95-115 lbs 180.00-220.00

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Non-Traditional Markets:  
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3  
50-60 lbs 190.00-210.00  
60-80 lbs 187.00-215.00  
80-90 lbs 179.00.00-189.00  
90-110 lbs 176.00-191.00  
110-130 lbs 177.00-192.00  
130-150 lbs n/a



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	179-182
LARGE	172-177
MEDIUM	107-116

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

August 15, 2011

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	126-156
LARGE	120-134
MEDIUM	78-91

**VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT**

August 15, 2011

Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA.  
All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

Alfalfa	sm. square, 45-55lbs
Premium	4.60 per bale
Good	3.80 per bale
Mixed Grass	sm. round, under 1,000lbs
Good	17.00 per bale
Straw	large square
	14.00-15.00 per bale

Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
50-60 lbs	190.00-210.00
60-80 lbs	187.00-215.00
80-90 lbs	179.00-199.00
90-110lbs	176.00-191.00
110-130lbs	177.00-192.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
120-160 lbs	98.00-104.00
160-200 lbs	94.00-109.00
200-300lbs	n/a
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
120-160 lbs	64.00-71.00
160-200 lbs	86.00-93.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
Kids: 30-40 lbs	83.00-98.00
40-60lbs	89.00-124.00
60-80lbs	122.00-141.00
80-90lbs	128.00-143.00
90-100lbs	129.00-144.00
100-110lbs	133.00-148.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	100.00-116.00
130-180 lbs	103.00-118.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	168.00-180.00
150-250 lbs	186.00-201.00

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The Connecticut Week Agricultural Report offers affordable classified advertisements for your farm-related needs. See Page 4 for details and rates, or contact Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2588 or [Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov](mailto:Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov) for more information.

### 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](mailto:ddonahue01@comcast.net) or [www.hobbyfarmusa.com](http://www.hobbyfarmusa.com). Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. 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.

130-R. Battery powered price computing scales \$328.00. Cash registers \$280.00. Repair, calibration and rental scales of all types available. 800-403-5919.

156-R. High quality Christmas Trees: Fraser-Canaan-Balsam-Nordman-Concolor-Blue Spruce-Meyer Spruce-Commercial grades available also. Hartikka Tree Farms (800)508-5099 [www.treeman2.com](http://www.treeman2.com)

158-R Hebron: 79.2 acres; driveway; frontage 3 roads, abuts town and State land. 860-872-6637

159-R Ford Model 9000 silage truck, tandem 20' body, automatic gate, runs good. \$8,000; Heifer, 6 months, black baldy club calf, good 4-H project, \$400. 860-537-1974.

160-R New Holland Model 310 Baler, \$3,000. 860-628-5475.

161-R Rye straw, livestock hay, not for horses. Square or round bales. 203-484-0664.

162 Dump cart for oxen, 52'wheels, brand new, \$3,500 firm. 3 pt hitch saw rig with pulley \$375. Saw rig for Farmall 140, \$300. Reconditioned New Holland one row corn head Model # 722, \$650. 860-857-3702

### WANTED

151-R. Beardsley's Cider Mill & Orchard, Shelton, CT. P/T seasonal Retail Supervisor needed for a busy farm store on weekends and possibly some weekdays starting September 10. Responsibilities include: cashier, oversee bakery employees and retail shop. Ideal candidate will be mature, reliable, responsible and friendly, trustworthy, able to multi-task and enjoy working with the public. Must work every weekend until Thanksgiving (16-30 hrs/week). References required. Call 203-925-9746 to leave your name and best time to reach you.

### 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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3. A regional or municipal animal control officer (ACO) who has custody of the animal determines whether it is injured, sick, or diseased and needs veterinary treatment, but if any pound employer or volunteer notifies the ACO that an animal is injured, sick, or diseased and needs treatment, the ACO must contact the organization to arrange treatment;
4. The nonprofit animal rescue organization must, within 24 hours of a facility's request for treatment, select a licensed veterinarian and take custody or control of an animal, if necessary, to have the veterinarian treat the animal immediately.

Under the bill, a regional or municipal dog pound, municipality, municipal or regional ACO, or public or private nonprofit animal rescue organization, is not civilly liable for actions taken to have a licensed veterinarian treat an injured, sick, or diseased animal under a contract the bill authorizes. The bill does not provide this protection if these entities act in a wanton, reckless, or malicious manner.

The bill bars civil liability for treatment that a licensed veterinarian provides free or at a reduced fee to an injured, sick, or diseased animal as a result of such a contract. However, civil liability remains if the veterinarian performs these actions in a willful, wanton, or reckless manner.

Under the bill, if any person observes or reasonably believes that a municipal or regional ACO failed to provide any animal under the ACO's custody with proper care, including veterinary care, the person may file a complaint with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Animal Control Division. The bill requires the division, no later than 24 hours after receiving a complaint, to take action as it deems necessary to secure proper care for the animal. (If the division receives the complaint on a Saturday or Sunday, it must take action on the next business day.)

The bill also expands and changes how ACOs advertise impoundment of certain animals. Provisions were added that: (a) require pounds to maintain a list of nonprofit organizations, (b) specify that the bill does not affect existing legal protections, (c) concern the reporting of an ACO's improper care of an animal to the state Animal Control Division, and (d) make changes to civil liability and Web posting provisions.

Previously under the law, an ACO must have posted a description of an impounded animal whose owner is unknown in a local newspaper. The bill (1) also allows publication in a newspaper that has a statewide circulation and (2) requires posting on a national pet adoption website or website that the ACO maintains or accesses that is accessible to the public (a) a photograph or description of the animal and (b) the date on which it is no longer legally required to be impounded.

The bill does not require website posting if (1) the animal is held pending the resolution of civil or criminal litigation that involves it; (2) the ACO has a good-faith belief that the animal would be adopted by or transferred to a public or private nonprofit rescue organization for placement in an adoptive home, even without the posting; (3) the animal's safety will be placed at risk; or (4) the ACO determines that the animal is feral and not adoptable.

Under the bill, if an ACO does not have the technological resources to post the information on the Web, the officer may contact a public or private animal rescue organization and ask it to post the information on a publicly accessible website at the organization's expense. To the extent practicable, an ACO's or organization's posting must remain up for the duration of an animal's impoundment in the municipal or regional dog pound.

News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows.

Submit concise summaries (150 words maximum) to [linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov](mailto:linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov) for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

### ONLINE PRODUCE WASHING STATION PLANS AVAILABLE TO PRODUCERS

The Fruit and Vegetable Working Group, a community of practice within Iowa's Value Chain Partnerships program, developed a new online tool to help vegetable growers construct efficient wash stations. The detailed designs offer a low-cost option for small farmers to improve the safety and quality of their produce.

Tim Landgraf and Jan Libbey, owners of One Step at a Time Gardens, recently hosted a field day to show how they use an open-air packing and processing system to prepare produce for their 128-member CSA enterprise. A simple system of sinks and drying stations beneath an overhead roof allows them to process eight acres of vegetables for sale.

Tim Landgraf developed design plans to help other vegetable growers build this system, with illustrations by Andrew Landgraf of GenX7 Design. Food safety precautions are built into the design, such as separate sinks for hand washing and vegetable washing. Materials to build the open-air wash station can be purchased for a little under \$1,000.

The document also presents design plans for a second, upgraded wash station enclosed in a commercially available hoop house with a poured cement floor. The hoop house design offers higher throughputs of vegetables and, if heated, allows a longer season of operation. However, it requires more labor and skill to construct, and materials cost roughly \$20,000.

Detailed instructions, material lists, and 3-D drawings for both wash stations are available on the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture's website at [www.leopold.iastate.edu/research/marketing\\_files/washstation.html](http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/research/marketing_files/washstation.html).

### CENTRAL CT CO-OP SEEKS PRODUCER INPUT ON GRAIN EQUIPMENT

Would you be interested in using a commodity grain processing facility with a dryer and press? Central CT Co-op has an exciting new project on which they would appreciate your feedback, including the development of a new co-operative to own and oversee the facility.

Please visit their website [www.cccfeeds.com](http://www.cccfeeds.com) and click the feasibility survey link on the home page. Tell them what you think of the project, and how they can meet your needs! The deadline is August 26, 2011, so the information can be used in a grant application, however the survey will be available for a few additional weeks. This project is for you, and the information you provide will be essential to its development.

### NEW REPORT INDICATES FARMERS' MARKETS CAN BE GOOD SOURCE OF JOBS

A new study by the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) released this month indicates that farmers' markets and other local food systems create jobs, keep money in local economies, promote community development, and can reduce the environmental and public health costs of the food we eat.

According to the report, local food outlets can also become catalysts for economic development in their immediate surroundings: people who shop at farmers markets are likely to patronize neighboring businesses as well. The report estimates that public support for up to 500 farmers markets each year could create as many as 13,500 jobs over a five-year period. The report is online at [http://www.ucsus.org/assets/documents/food\\_and\\_agriculture/market-forces-report.pdf](http://www.ucsus.org/assets/documents/food_and_agriculture/market-forces-report.pdf)



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