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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

CONNECTICUT FARMLINK PROGRAM

By Jane Slupecki, Marketing Representative

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture established the Connecticut FarmLink Program in 2006. The purpose of the program is to connect farm seekers and farm owners with agricultural land for rent or for sale and to provide valued information for new farmers on farm leasing, and for existing farmers, information on farm transfer and farm succession planning, family farm estate planning and farm transfer strategies. Valuable information that the Marketing Bureau supplies to both parties is information on farm leasing and the price (cost) of leasing land. The Marketing staff provides support information for towns and farmers on the formation of farm partnerships, PA 490 farm land classification, tax and important agricultural statutes and exemptions and supplies connections for financing, grants and training classes. The program is an informational hub for young and older adults looking for help about the business of farming in Connecticut.

We are living in a time of great flux. This past growing season has been one of the more challenging, yet it seems we are saying that each year! We had tornadoes, hurricanes, tropical storms, hail and then came the freakish snow storm, Alfred. This has presented us with great challenges and has given the agricultural community an opportunity to show the citizens of Connecticut how fragile and how tenuous our food supply is. It is not a good feeling yet it also gives us an opportunity to focus on the importance of local agriculture.

Simply put, our state needs more farmers and our food supply needs to be closer at hand. The Connecticut FarmLink Program is not just about listings and matches. The program supports the re-establishment of a stronger local food system. As we disseminate information on leasing and farm transfer to the next generation of farmers (how to get tax ID numbers, possible grants our agency has, other farm listing programs in New England, loans and services that Farm Credit East has to offer, other helpful farming and producer organizations, classes available that will teach young people how to start farming, and other important information), we are

supporting the redevelopment of a sustainable agricultural community.

We presently have over 150 young people looking for farms in the state. This is a marvelous thing. Obviously, preserving farmland is by far the most effective way of providing a method for stabilizing regional food security for Connecticut. The Connecticut FarmLink Program is not a preservation program. However, this less formal arena for people who want to lease or have non-prime agricultural land that are not eligible for preservation is still a wonderful opportunity for our young people in Connecticut. Many individuals wanting to start to farm would prefer small parcels, and are willing to lease a few acres, with a dream to find land to purchase in the future. Both leasing and small farms have a very important place in the state's plan for conservation of farmland. Each acre put into production can be part of the solution.

There are 159 farm seekers and 36 farm properties listed in the program. We need more farmland to be listed to help young people in Connecticut, as well as existing farmers looking for more acreage. There have been over 3,000 acres listed since this program's inception.

The average farm seeker looks to review three to five applications. The farm seekers usually ask about starting a farm in Connecticut; how to value and lease land; and if there is money to help them purchase or start a farm. To date, in 2011 alone, we have sent out 164 packages to the farm owners, with information about farmers looking for land.

In addition, the regional efforts to help connect farmers to farmland are continuing. A regional grant, the Land Access Project, has been working towards a sophisticated MLS-like website, where properties will be listed for farm seekers, with Craigslist-like features, in a user-friendly format, on a Google map locating system, and will have the capability of adding pictures of the farms. It will also have information on other farm listing programs in our region. This will help our Connecticut Farm Link Program, serving as another place where our program will receive exposure and focus inquiries for those looking and listing their land.

**WHOLESALE FRUITS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE,Cort, bu,2-1/2	16.00	18.00
APPLE,Cort,80ct,xfcy	23.00	24.00
APPLE,Emp,80ct,xfcy	24.00	26.00
APPLE,Fuji,12/3,fcy	20.00	20.00
APPLE,Gala,100ct,fcy	19.00	19.00
APPLE,Gld Del,72ct,fcy	20.00	20.00
APPLE,Mac,96ct,#1	17.00	17.00
APPLE,Mac,96ct,fcy	18.00	18.00
APPLE,Mac,xfcy,80ct	28.00	28.00
APPLE,Red Del,bu	10.00	16.00
APPLE,Red Del,12/3	16.00	16.00
CIDER,9 1/2 gal	18.00	18.00
PEAR,Bosc,4/5bu	22.00	24.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

November 14, 2011

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

49-54	220-300 lbs	74.00-79.00
	n/a	n/a
	300-350lbs	n/a
45-49	220-270lbs	72.00-73.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	61.00-64.00
	500-700 lbs	61.50-65.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	33.00-34.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, November 14, 2011

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	16.00	20.00
61-75 lbs.	22.00	30.00
76-90 lbs.	32.00	37.50
91-105 lbs.	40.00	45.00
106 lbs. & up	47.50	50.00
Farm Calves	60.00	85.00
Veal Calves	60.00	85.00
Open Heifers	65.00	85.00
Feeder Steers	58.00	85.00
Starter Calves	22.00	26.00
Stock Bulls	65.00	105.00
Lambs each	65.00	180.00
Goats each	60.00	175.00
Kid Goats each	10.00	100.00
Canners	up to	60.50
Cutters	61.00	65.00
Utility Grade Cows	66.00	71.00
Rabbits each	5.00	17.00
Chickens each	4.00	25.00
Ducks each	3.00	17.00
Sheep	45.00	100.00

**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
ALFALFA SPROUTS 5lb	11.00	12.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS 12-4oz	12.00	12.00
BEAN SPOUTS,10lb	4.50	5.00
BEAN SPROUTS,12-12oz	9.00	10.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	12.00	13.00
CABBAGE,Grn,50lb,bag	7.00	8.00
CABBAGE,Red,50lb,bag	12.00	12.00
CHIVES,1lb,film	8.00	8.00
COLLARDS,12-16s	12.00	12.00
CRANBERRIES,24-12oz,film	32.00	36.00
LETTUCE,Bstn,12/4oz	14.00	16.00
PARSNIP,18-11b	24.00	24.00
POTATOES,Rsst,70ct	14.00	15.00
POTATOES,Rnd,wh,chef,50lb	14.00	14.00
POTATOES,Yel,chef,50lb	22.00	23.00
POTATOES,10lb	2.25	2.75
PUMPKIN,Pie,1-1/9bu	12.00	15.00
RUTABAGAS,Unwx,50lb	28.00	30.00
SQUASH,Acom,1-1/9bu	13.00	15.00
SQUASH,Bttrnt,1-1/9bu,sm/md	14.00	16.00
SQUASH,Bttrcp 1-1/9bu	13.00	14.00
TOMATOES,Grnhs,25lb	18.00	18.00
TOMATOES,Grnhs,on vine,11lb	15.00	15.00

SHIPPED IN

	Low	High
BEETS,12s,NJ	14.00	16.00
BOK CHOY,1-7/8 bu,NJ	18.00	18.00
LEMON,115,CA	25.00	26.00
LETTUCE,Bstn,24,nj	16.00	16.00
LETTUCE,Rmn,24,ca	25.00	28.00
MUSHROOM,Shtk,3lb,PA	15.00	16.25
ONION,Yel,25lb,NY	6.00	7.00
OLIVES,16lb,CA	29.00	29.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, November 14, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers 75-80%lean
67.00-71.00--- n/a---62.00---65.00

Boners 80-85% lean
62.00-62.00---66.00-78.00 ---59.00-61.00

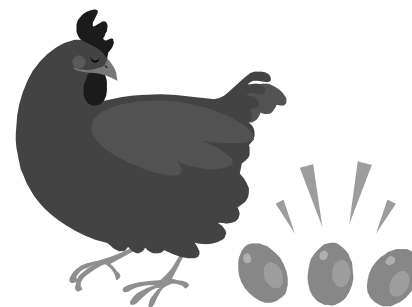
Lean 88-90% lean
58.00-62.00 --- 62.00-66.00--- 52.00-57.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1
1325-1845 lbs -91.00-100.00

CALVES: All prices per cwt.
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1
95-125lbs - 140.00-162.00

Holstein Heifers: Number 1
95-105 lbs 140.00---180.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3
40-60 lbs 238.00-265.00
60-80 lbs 194.00-220.00
80-90 lbs 181.00-196.00
90-110 lbs 180.00-195.00
110-130 lbs 171.00-186.00
130-150 lbs 150.00-165.00



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	188-198
LARGE	185-195
MEDIUM	126-136

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

November 14, 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	117-134
LARGE	111-125
MEDIUM	97-110

VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

November 9, 2011

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

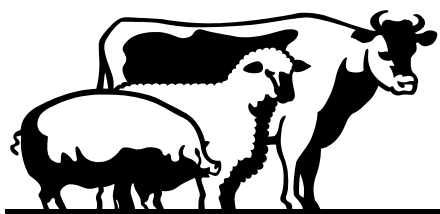
Mixed Grass Good	sm. square, 35-45lbs 3.60-4.10 per bale
Orchard Grass Good	sm. square, 35-45lbs 5.00 per bale
Alfalfa Wet Wrap	sm. round 20.00 per bale

Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3
40-60 lbs 200.00-217.00
60-80 lbs 179.00-208.00
80-90 lbs N/A
90-110lbs 165.00-180.00
110-130lbs N/A

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh
120-160 lbs 78.00 -93.00
160-200 lbs 70.00-85.00
200-300lbs N/A

Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh
120-160 lbs 69.00-84.00
160-200 lbs 62.00-77.00

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.
Kids: 30-40 lbs N/A
40-60lbs 94.00-125.00
60-80lbs 115.00-130.00
80-90lbs 117.00-132.00
90-100lbs 138.00-153.00
100-110lbs 139.00-151.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 122.00-137.00
130-180 lbs 125.00-140.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs 167.00-183.00
150-200 lbs 200.00-215.00



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205-R. Asphalt-Fiberglass (3 tab) shingles. 12 bundles (4 Sq) Driftwood Color, \$15/bundle. Tel 860-274-8159.

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214-R. Hay, 4x5 round bales \$55.00. Farmall H tractor, factory wide front end, new rear tires. New paint, runs good. \$2,500.00. CAT 922 loader, diesel, good tires, runs good. \$8,500.00. 860-537-1974.

WANTED

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NEW ENG VEGETABLE AND FRUIT CONFERENCE DEC 13-15 IN MANCHESTER, NH

It happens only every other year and includes 36 sessions and 155 individual presentations, 10 farmer-to-farmer discussion groups, a trade show with over 100 exhibitors, a social mixer and awards program, proceedings with presentation summaries, Certified Pesticide Applicator and Certified Crop Advisor credits, and more. In 2009, almost 1,600 people attended.

The best regional and national speakers will tell you about the latest innovations and advances in vegetable and fruit production. Session include both farmers and research or Extension personnel to provide the "best of both worlds."

Pre-register or get more information at www.newenglandvfc.org or contact Kristen Castrataro, kcas@uri.edu or 401-874-2967. Pre-registration ends Nov. 30 (\$95 first registrant, \$65 additional(s) from same farm, \$45 students); additional \$30 to register at the door.

The University of Connecticut is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Program Provider. Please contact the Registration Chairman two weeks before the conference if special accommodations are needed.

FRUIT GROWER INPUT NEEDED ON SWD

The Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) came into Connecticut with a vengeance in late summer this year. Raspberry and grape crops were hit particularly hard. A group of entomologists, horticulturalists, and extension specialists in the eastern US who recognize the need to for coordinated, multistate efforts to reduce the economic & environmental impact of SWD are soliciting fruit grower input in order to determine what research, education, and outreach activities are most needed.

Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/SWD-survey> to give your input .

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO CONNECTICUT WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report is making some important changes to its subscription/renewal process.

The renewal period for the print version will run for two years instead of one. The two-year cycle will begin January 1, 2012, and continue through December 31, 2013. The subscription rate for this two-year cycle will be \$40. This represents NO INCREASE in the current annual rate; it is simply an extension of the same rate over two full years instead of one.

Current print subscribers will receive a renewal subscription card in the mail within the next few weeks and will have until January 1, 2012, to return it with their \$40 payment. Anyone not currently subscribed who would like to receive the print version of the report can send their name and mailing address, along with us a check for \$40 payable to the CT Department of Agriculture, to Ron Olsen, Ag Report Subscriptions, CT Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Ave. Room 129, Hartford, CT 06106.

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These changes are intended to streamline the renewal process and deliver your Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report more efficiently. If you have any questions, please contact Subscription Manager Ron Olsen at 860-713-2550 or Ronald.Olsen@ct.gov.

Thank you for your continued patronage to the report.

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.plotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

RELIEF FUND FOR FARM FAMILIES HURT BY STORMS IRENE AND LEE

Financial assistance for farm families hurt by the Irene and Lee disasters is being offered by Farm Credit East in coordination with United Way. Donations of up to \$500 will be provided to aid farm families during the holiday season.

To be eligible a farm must have had \$10,000 in damage or crop losses and reside in a declared disaster area. The funds are not limited to Farm Credit customers.

Applications must be submitted by November 26. The actual amount of the grants provided to the farm families will depend on the number of applications and the amount of total funds raised, with the cap being \$500 per farm.

Funds will be distributed to farm families in mid-December. For more information or to apply, please visit www.farmcrediteast.com.

SURE ENROLLMENT FOR 2010 LOSSES

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program enrollment for 2010 crop year losses begins November 14, 2011, and will be accepted until June 1, 2012. For eligibility requirements and/or to apply, contact your local county USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

The SURE Program for 2011 crop losses will not be available until November of 2012. Keep good records with verifiable evidence of seed, fertilizer, crop maintenance, and harvest and losses. Take photos of damage and have a third party verify your losses. This information should be kept together to bring into your local Farm Service Agency office for the SURE application process.

CT SHEEP BREEDERS MEETING DEC 4

The Connecticut Sheep Breeders Association, Inc. will be holding its annual meeting on Sunday, December 4, 2011, at Adam's Mill in Manchester. The meeting will last from 10 to 12:30 and be a brunch instead of the usual dinner. There will be a vote to amend the Constitution. Cost for members is \$10/person. For RSVP forms and more information go to www.ctsheep.com.

REPORT STORM DAMAGE TO DOAG AND FSA

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is collecting information about storm-related damage to farms in the state. This information will be used to prepare damage reports for Governor Malloy, and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, if needed, and may be used to seek federal assistance if the extent of the damage warrants. If you incurred damage to your livestock, crops, equipment, or buildings, please complete and return the damage report form on DoAG's website, www.CTgown.gov or www.ct.gov/doag. In addition, it is very important that you report damage to your local USDA Farm Service Agency office within 30 days of the loss in order to qualify for any programs that may be offered through FSA. You should also contact your crop insurance agent, if applicable.



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