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NEW ENGLAND SECURE MILK SUPPLY PROJECT

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is working with the other New England states to improve prospects for dairies in the event of a disaster, such as an outbreak of particularly dangerous livestock disease.

BACKGROUND

Since 2010, the department has been reassessing risks and revising plans, with an emphasis on sustaining dairy operations, keeping them in business and the food supply chain intact in an emergency.

This project is part of a regional effort, developed by the New England States Animal Agriculture Security Alliance (NESAASA), with the support of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We are extremely grateful for the support of local dairy producers, co-ops, haulers, and processors.

Current preparations stress improving their capacity to survive Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD).

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE (FMD)

Fortunately, U.S. efforts to remain free of FMD have been extraordinarily successful. The last U.S. outbreak was in 1929. Although FMD does *not* pose a significant risk to human health, the disease remains the most virulent of all diseases for susceptible

animals, and it is endemic in the vast majority of the world. Cattle and hogs are particularly vulnerable.

Given the global movement of goods and services, changes in the virus (FMDv), its potential value as a terrorist weapon, and recent outbreaks among U.S. trading partners, the key question for emergency managers has changed from “IF FMD breaks in the U.S. . . .” to “WHEN it breaks, HOW can we minimize the damage?”

In particular, in this project, dairy stakeholders are preparing to keep milk moving from farm to processor and consumer, even when FMD breaks in the U.S.

FMD RESPONSE

Standards of veterinary medicine as well as international trade agreements require that responders aim to return to a FMD-free status as quickly as possible. Response plans are supposed to minimize threats to human public health, environmental quality, animal welfare, international trade, domestic food, fiber, tourist enterprises, and cost to taxpayers. In practice, these aims can conflict. Protocols that decrease one threat can increase another.

For example, among the first principles of a response to highly contagious or zoonotic disease (FAD) is to halt traffic to and from the site of infection. That is among the reasons state veterinarians or commissioners of agriculture are empowered to stop livestock movement. When an FAD such as Foot-and-Mouth Disease is under investigation anywhere in the U.S., these officials are apt to “err on the safe side” by fortifying state lines.

Stopping the movement of all potentially contaminated animals, animal products, vehicles, clothing, and other fomites can, in fact, prevent the spread of disease. But for a dairy farm, the “safe side” is hardly safe. Even a one-day interruption in farm traffic could threaten that farm’s very existence as well as the welfare of its animals and increase costs to associated businesses, nutritional resources, environmental protections, and the public treasury. Milk is so perishable and so dependent on transport that isolation from FMD infection can be even tougher on dairies and consumers than the disease itself.

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WHOLESALE ASIAN PRODUCE SHIPPED IN

	Low	High
BOY CHOY,50lb,FL	18.00	20.00
CH CELERY,Crate,FL	50.00	50.00
CH CHIVES,HD	20.00	20.00
CH MUSTARD,35lb,CA	25.00	30.00
CHOY SUM,30lb,CA	30.00	30.00
DAIKON,1-1/9,FL	18.00	22.00
LEMON GRASS,30lb,CA	40.00	45.00
LO BOK,40lb,CA	25.00	30.00
LONG BEAN,30,CA	60.00	60.00
NAPPA,50lb,TX	22.00	24.00
THAI EGGPLANT,35lb,HD	50.00	55.00



WHOLESALE VEGETABLES NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	Low	High
APPLE,Cortland,12/3,US 1	15.00	15.00
APPLE,Mac,100ct,US1	18.00	18.00
APPLE,Red del,80ct,xfcy	18.00	18.00
BEAN SPROUT,10lb	4.50	5.00
CIDER 9-1/2gal	18.00	18.00
LETTUCE,Bstn,12/4oz	14.00	16.00
PARSNIP,25lb	22.00	22.00
POTATO,Rnd,wh,50lb	14.00	15.00
POTATO,10lb	2.75	2.75
SQUASH,Bttrnt,1/9bu,lg	18.00	20.00
TOMATO,Chrry,5lb flat	14.00	14.00
TOMATO,Grnhs,25lb,lg	16.00	17.00

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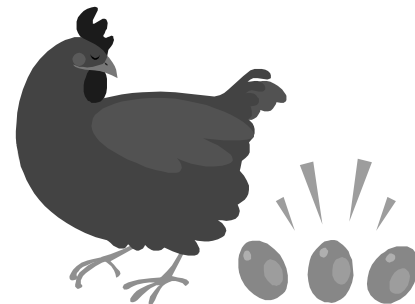
	Low	High
ASPARAGUS,11lb,lg,CA	21.00	23.00
BEAN,Grn,hnd pk,bu,FL	18.00	21.00
BLUEBERRIES,12/6,FL	30.00	32.00
BROCCOLI,14ct,FL	13.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Grn,50lb,GA	10.00	11.00
CANTALOUPE,12ct,HD	16.00	18.00
CILANTRO,30s,TX	12.00	13.00
COLLARDS,12-16,SC	12.00	13.00
CORN,4dz,FL	20.00	25.00
DANDELION GRNS,bu,NJ	17.00	17.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9,md,FL	12.00	16.00
LEEKs,12s,CA	16.00	18.00
LETTUCE Grnlf,24,AZ	13.00	15.00
ONION,Yel,25lb,NY	7.00	7.00
ORANGE,88ct,CA	17.00	20.00
PEPPER,Grn,1-1/9,lg,FL	10.00	12.00
STRAWBERRIES,8/1lb,CA	20.00	22.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

April 2, 2012

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers	75-80%lean		
	86.00-88.00	n/a	79.00-82.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	82.00-86.00	86.00-90.00	72.00-77.00
Lean	88-90% lean		
	74.00-79.00	79.00-80.00	67.00-73.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1			
	960-1840 lbs	94.00-98.00	
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Graded Bull Calves: Number 1			
	95-120 lbs	175.00-195.00	
	Number 2	125-130 lbs	130.00-145.00
	Number 3	95-125 lbs	120.00-140.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1			
	95-100 lbs	190.00-215.00	
Number 2			
	70-95 lbs	150.00-190.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:			
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	40-60 lbs	269.00-315.00	
	60-80 lbs	213.00-275.00	
	80-90 lbs	205.00-218.00	
	90-110 lbs	200.00-218.00	



WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	152-162
LARGE	150-160
MEDIUM	114-121

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

April 2, 2012

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

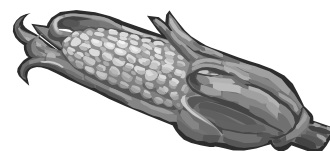
EXTRA LARGE	131-135
LARGE	129-133
MEDIUM	104-108

PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN REPORT

April 2, 2012

Grain market for eastern Pennsylvania.

Corn, No.2, bu.	6.78-7.18
Ear Corn, ton	195-199
Soybeans, No.2, bu.	13.28-13.70

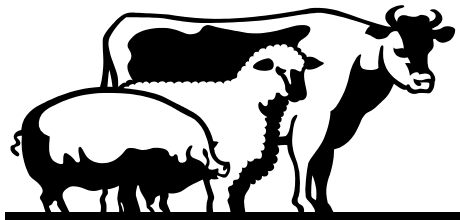


MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, April 2, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	35.00	45.00
61-75 lbs.	65.00	70.00
76-90 lbs.	75.00	80.00
91-105 lbs.	85.00	105.00
106 lbs. & up	110.00	120.00
Farm Calves	125.00	140.00
Veal Calves	75.00	147.50
Open Heifers	95.00	132.50
Beef Steers	80.00	112.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	145.00
Starter Calves	52.00	56.00
Stock Bulls	85.00	145.00
Beef Bulls	80.00	105.00
Boars	1 at	75.00
Goats each	80.00	190.00
Kid Goats	10.00	125.00
Canners	Up to	80.50
Cutters	81.00	84.00
Utility Grade Cows	85.00	90.00
Rabbits each	5.00	25.00
Chickens each	5.00	30.00
Ducks each	16.00	25.00
Feeder Pigs	2 at	80.00
Lambs	60.00	160.00
Sheep	50.00	100.00



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38-R. Blodgett electric convection oven, full size, includes ~50 feet of wire to hook up. Works great. \$350. Call 203-925-9746 evenings.

42-R. #718 New Holland 2 row corn chopper. \$4,500.00. #717 hay chopper with wide pickup head. \$4,000.00. Both choppers in excellent condition. Kept under cover after use. Will sell for any reasonable offer. 860-886-3943.

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51-R. "Woods" 5' PTO Finch mower, serviced, ready to work, extra blades. \$750.00 "Woods", 6' PTO bush mower, extra blades, plus parts mower. \$800.00. New 8 frame bee hives, complete with 16 Pierco frames, \$150.00 each. "Woodlot" 6.5 acres, perfect for camp, agriculture, hunting, in the middle of the woods. \$30,000.00. 860-423-1347. Cell 617-308-3015.

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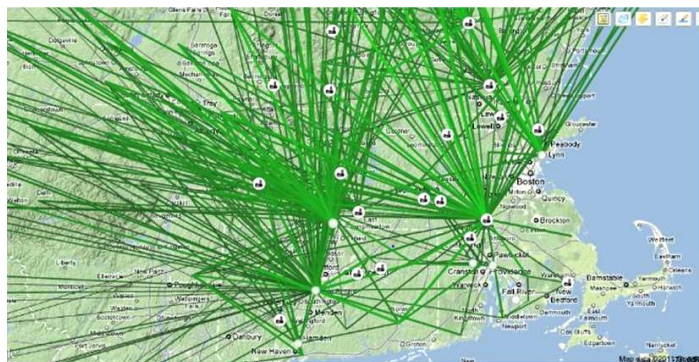
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REGIONAL INITIATIVE

In the case of New England, risks to dairies are particularly acute because state lines—those readily authorized barriers to the movement of farm products—are extraordinarily close together. Every day, tankers move milk from farms in one state to processors in another. For example, in Connecticut, nearly half of the market for dairy farms and more than half of the supply for processors lie out of state.

Halting interstate traffic (e.g., to ward off distant infection) risks transforming milk on a disease-free farm from a source of sustenance to a stream of potentially harmful waste. Such a proactive measure can yield little benefit for disease prevention and huge costs to dairy survival.

The six New England states are therefore preparing to respond as a single region, to adjust the bounds of movement controls and increase biosecurity preparations to minimize both risks of contagion and threats to business continuity. Regionalization also reduces the challenge, duplication, and cost of state-border controls.



Above: Regular hauls from dairy farms to plants in New England

NEXT STEPS

This approach aims to help dairy stakeholders execute existing emergency response plans while—insofar as possible, safely, simultaneously—permitting movement that is essential for dairy farms, processors, and consumers.

Like the other New England states, Connecticut is currently working to update and integrate information on communications and the capacities of dairy operations to respond to an FMD outbreak.

For more information, see <http://www.securemilksupply.org>, <http://myweb.uiowa.edu/rhorwitz/NE%20SMS%20On-line%20Index.html>, or contact Dr. Bruce Sherman, director of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Regulation and Inspection, at bruce.sherman@ct.gov.

REMINDER: SUBMIT RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE REPORTS

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) reminds producers who are certified private pesticide applicators that they are required to maintain records with respect to each use of restricted use pesticides. This requirement includes submitting an annual *Private Applicator Restricted Use Pesticide Summary Report* ([Word Form](#); [PDF Form](#); [PDF Instructions](#)). DEEP may refuse to renew certification of an applicator for failure to submit this report.

For more information, please contact Brad Robinson at 860-424-3324 or Bradford.Robinson@ct.gov, or visit DEEP's Private Pesticide Applicator Certification page at http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2710&q=324274&depNav_GID=1712.

FOAL BORN AT DOAG LARGE ANIMAL RESCUE FACILITY

Lightning, a pony confiscated last May in an animal cruelty case, gave birth on March 25, 2012, to Thunder, a colt, at the Second Change Large Animal Rehabilitation Facility in Niantic.

Second Chance, a collaborative effort between the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and the Department of Corrections, is located at York Correctional Facility. The facility is designed to hold horses and other large animals that have been seized in cases of animal cruelty. Inmates can volunteer to receive minimal pay and work in partnership with agency personnel. The program is beneficial to both the animals and inmates as they work towards their individual rehabilitation.



Above: Baby Thunder with Mother Lightning

The barn was completed in the summer of 2003 and consists of 22 stalls 10' x 10' each. It is complemented by paddocks and pasture. Over 200 horses and a number of other livestock have been through the facility.

Thunder and Lightning will remain at the facility for the foreseeable future under the care of DoAG staff and inmates accepted into the program.



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