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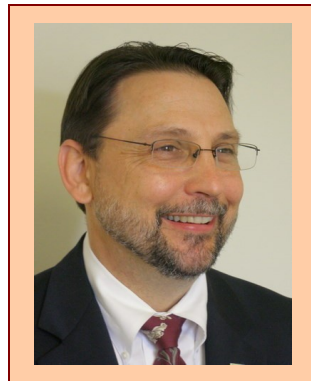


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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT HAS A NEW LOOK AND NEW CHARGE

The Governor's Council for Agricultural Development met on January 5, 2012, after a long hiatus. The Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report (CWAR) sat down with Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky (CR), pictured at right, to learn more about the council, its mission, and its makeup.



CWAR: *The Governor's Council for Agricultural Development met earlier this month in the Legislative Office Building. Is this council new?*

CR: No, the council is not new, but it had been inactive for several years. Governor Malloy and the Connecticut General Assembly reshaped the council during the 2011 regular legislative session through passage of [Public Act No. 11-189](#).

CWAR: *What makes this version of the council different from past iterations?*

CR: The legislation reduced the number of council members by half (from 30 to 15) and modified the charge of the council to make recommendations to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture concerning a couple of different areas of the industry. Specifically, the act states

The council shall make recommendations to the Department of Agriculture on ways to increase the percentage of consumer dollars spent on Connecticut grown fresh produce and farm products, including, but not limited to, ways to increase the amount of money spent by residents of the state on locally

grown farm products, by 2020, to not less than five per cent of all money spent by such residents on food.

The council shall also make recommendations concerning the development, diversification, and promotion of agricultural products, programs, and enterprises in this state and shall provide for an interchange of ideas from the various commodity groups and organizations represented.

CWAR: *How were council members selected?*

CR: The appointing authority included Governor Malloy and legislative leaders. Appointees include six individuals actively engaged in agricultural production, along with one member representing each of the following: agricultural processing, agricultural marketing, agricultural sales, a trade association, the green industry, and agricultural education. The law also appoints the commissioner of agriculture, who is to serve as chairman, the dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Connecticut (or the dean's designee), and the chairperson of the Connecticut Milk Promotion Board (or his designee). The latter two will serve as vice chairs.

CWAR: *What do you think is the most important issue for the council to address right now?*

CR: In order to meet the charge given to it by Public Act 11-189, the council first must establish the organization of its subcommittees and working groups so it can address key issues. From there, I believe one of the fastest and most effective ways to increase the consumption of Connecticut Grown products is to focus on the purchasing in public schools (including K-12, colleges, and universities), in other state institutions, and through the state procurement system as a whole. The other pressing order of business is for the council to develop an overall plan for farming and agriculture in Connecticut.

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HONEY AND RELATED

RETAIL: NEW ENGLAND	Low	High
Honey, 1lb, bottle	7.00	10.00
Honey, 5gal	175.00	215.00
WHOLESALE: PER LB	Low	High
Canola, white, TX	1.60	1.60
Cotton, light ambr, TX	1.50	1.50
Mixd flwr, Xlight ambr, TX	1.65	1.65
Orange, white, FL	1.75	1.75
Pepper, light ambr, FL	1.40	1.50
Wldflwr, Xlight ambr FL	1.55	1.65
Bees wax, 1lb, block	5.50	5.75
Bees wax, 50lb (per lb)	4.50	5.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

January 16, 2012

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

49-54	220-270lbs	64.00-68.00
	270-300lbs	64.00-70.00
	300-400lbs	64.50-68.50
45-49	300-400lbs	61.00-62.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500lbs	58.00-59.00
	500-700lbs	57.50-59.50
Boars:	300-700lbs	32.50-35.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, January 16, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	22.00	28.00
61-75 lbs.	45.00	50.00
76-90 lbs.	55.00	60.00
91-105 lbs.	65.00	70.00
106 lbs. & up	75.00	85.00
Farm Calves	90.00	97.50
Veal Calves	67.50	115.00
Open Heifers	80.00	90.00
Beef Steers	78.00	80.00
Feeder Steers	64.00	86.00
Starter Calves	25.00	32.00
Stock Bulls	77.50	85.00
Beef Bulls	84.00	88.50
Sows	One at	37.00
Goats each	50.00	112.50
Beef Steers	71.00	98.00
Canners	up to	76.00
Cutters	77.50	80.00
Utility Grade Cows	81.00	87.00
Rabbits each	7.00	25.00
Chickens each	6.00	24.00
Ducks each	7.00	19.00
Feeder Pigs	20.00	100.00

**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5lb	11.00	12.00
APPLE, Cort, 88ct, xfcy	24.00	25.00
APPLE, Cort, 80ct, xfcy	25.00	25.00
CIDER 4/1gal	14.50	14.50
PARSNIP, 25lb	24.00	24.00
POTATOES, Rnd, wh, chef, 50lb	11.00	13.00
POTATOES, 10lb	2.50	2.60
SQUASH, Bttrnt, 1/9bu, lg	14.00	16.00
TOMATOES, Cherry, 5lb flat	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES, Grnhs, on vine, 11lb	21.00	22.00

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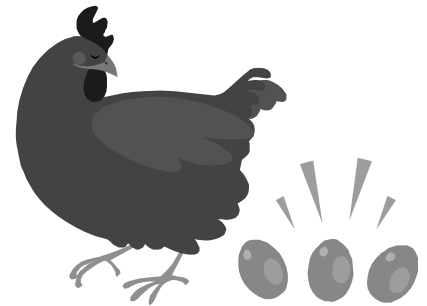
	Low	High
ARTICHOKES, 24ct, CA	36.00	36.00
BEANS, Grn, rmd, bu, FL	30.00	32.00
BLACKBERRY, 12/6, MX	12.00	13.00
BLUEBERRIES 12/1pt, CE	22.00	23.00
BOK CHOY, 30lb, AZ	18.00	20.00
BROCCOLI RABE, 20lb, CA	38.00	40.00
CANTALOUPE, 12ct, GU	16.00	17.00
CARROTS, 50lb, CA	16.00	18.00
CLEMENTINES, 5lb, SP	3.00	3.50
DATES, 11lb, CA	55.00	55.00
GARLIC, Elphnt, 10lb, CA	28.00	30.00
LETTUCE, Bstn, 24, CA	16.00	16.00
ONION, Yel, 25lb, NY	7.00	7.00
ORANGES, 113ct, CA	17.00	17.00
RHUBARB, .6kg, Grnhs, NE	40.00	40.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb lids, FL	20.00	20.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

January 16, 2012

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers	75-80% lean		
	71.50-76.50---	79.00-80.00----	66.00---70.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	66.00-70.00—	72.00-75.50----	63.00-65.00
Lean	85-90% lean		
	62.00-65.00----	67.00-70.00----	55.00-58.50
SLAUGHTER BULLS:	Yield Grade 1		
	1140-1645 lbs	-87.00-91.50	
CALVES:	All prices per cwt.		
Graded Bull Calves:	Number 1		
	95-120lbs	- 120.00-130.00	
Holstein Heifers:	Number 1		
	95-115 lbs	120.00—140.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS:	Non-Traditional Markets:		
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	40-60 lbs	275.00-300.00	
	60-80 lbs	257.00-276.00	
	80-90 lbs	235.00-250.00	
	90-110 lbs	234.00-249.00	
	110-130 lbs	218.00-233.00	



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	154-165
LARGE	152-163
MEDIUM	116-125

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

January 14, 2012

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

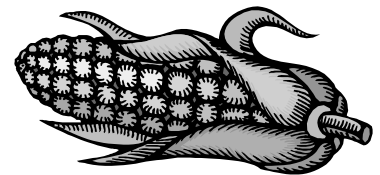
EXTRA LARGE	107-111
LARGE	106-110
MEDIUM	84-86

PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN REPORT

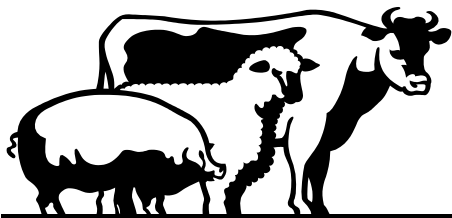
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Grain market for eastern Pennsylvania.

Corn, No.2, bu.	7.05-7.58
Ear Corn, ton	207.50-207.50
Soybeans, No.2, bu.	11.22-11.70



Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60 lbs	235.00-260.00
60-80 lbs	222.00-247.00
80-90 lbs	229.00-244.00
90-110lbs	n/a
110-130lbs	n/a
SLAUGHTER EWES:	Good 2-3: Med. Flesh
	120-160 lbs 125.00 -140.00
	160-200 lbs 115.00-130.00
	200-300lbs 82.00-97.00
	Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh
	120-160 lbs 103.00-118.00
	160-200 lbs n/a
SLAUGHTER GOATS:	All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.
Kids:	40-60 lbs 115.00-135.00
	60-80lbs 128.00-158.00
	80-90lbs 158.00-166.00
	90-100lbs 162.00-177.00
	100-110lbs 165.00-179.00
	Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 128.00-140.00
	130-180 lbs 136.00-151.00
Bucks/Billies:	100-150lbs 190.00-205.00
	150-200 lbs 230.00-245.00



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Explore Exporting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2012, at Northeast Utilities, 107 Selden Road, Berlin, CT. This free seminar will explore the benefits of exporting and the services available to assist with the process.

Topics to be covered include:

- the benefits of exporting
- why now is a good time to export
- financial assistance to make exports happen
- support available to companies looking to export

Deputy Secretary of the State James Spallone, District Director Anne Evans from the US Department of Commerce International Trade Administration, and Linda Rooney from Food Export USA Northeast will explain why your company should take advantage of this excellent opportunity.

For more information contact Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 or jaime.smith@ct.gov. To register visit www.foodexport.org, click on "Programs and Activities," then "Webinars and Seminars." Lunch will be provided at no charge.

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CWAR: *What do you expect the council will accomplish in the year ahead?*

CR: By this time next year, I expect the council will have raised awareness of the opportunities to buy Connecticut Grown products through state and local government systems and the opportunities to better target investments in growing production capabilities. I also expect that the council will be actively involving and hearing from agricultural stakeholders such as producers and their associations, food system advocates, and others, and that it will be in a position to make some firm recommendations for action that move Connecticut agriculture forward.

CWAR: *How will it work to achieve that goal?*

CR: The council's structure will include two major subcommittees led by Vice Chairs Dr. Gregory Weidemann and Henry Talmage. One will deal with demand, education, and research. The other will focus on production, investment, and infrastructure. The council will have a facilitated session in the next couple of weeks, during which it will determine the most important issues within each subcommittee and form working groups to address those issues. The working groups will then recruit stakeholders to provide input and help lead the groups if and when appropriate.

CWAR: *How will the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's existing programs and services tie into the council's work?*

CR: The agency's Farm-to-Chef and Farm-to-School programs fit well into what the council is trying to accomplish. We can ramp up those two programs and expand them to include additional areas targeted by the council with the goal of increasing demand for and dollars spent on Connecticut Grown products. The agency also oversees a number of entities including the Connecticut Apple Marketing Board, Farm Wine Development Council, Food Policy Council, Marketing Authority, Milk Promotion Board, Seafood Advisory Council, Farmland Preservation Advisory Board, and Milk Regulation Board. So there is this structure already in place to address specific areas of the state's agriculture, and I expect that the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development will use this existing infrastructure as it moves forward with its charge.

CWAR: *Are there opportunities for other people in Connecticut's agricultural industry to get involved or otherwise provide input?*

CR: Absolutely, and their input will be critical to the council's accomplishments. Individuals can be actively engaged as part of one or more of the working groups under the council's two major subcommittees, and/or they can provide input to the council during the planning process by attending different forums, answering surveys, and participating in other information-gathering activities. Like the diversity of Connecticut's agriculture itself, there will be an abundance of opportunities for members of the agricultural community to participate and help shape the industry's future here in Connecticut.

For additional information about the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development, including a full list of members, meeting agendas, and minutes, visit the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's website, www.CTGrown.gov, and click on "Boards, Councils, and Commissions."

GAP TRAINING OFFERED

Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training will be offered at Tolland County Extension Center on January 25 and 26 and at the New Haven County Extension Center on February 1 and 2. Presented by the UConn Cooperative Extension in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, the GAP School will be comprehensive, providing farmers the tools they need to develop a GAP food-safety program and prepare for a third-party audit.

Please contact Diane Hirsch (203-407-3163 or diane.hirsch@uconn.edu) or Candace Bartholomew (860-570-9067 or candace.bartholomew@uconn.edu) for registration information.

CT GROWN JOINT VENTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the Connecticut Grown Joint Venture Grant Program through January 31, 2012. This popular program offers matching funds for marketing projects that use the Connecticut Grown logo or slogan.

The guidelines, application, and state forms can be downloaded from the Department of Agriculture website, www.ctgown.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. Applications must be postmarked by January 31, 2012.

WIC/SR FMNP RECERT MEETING RESCHEDULED

The WIC/Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) Re-Certification Meeting originally scheduled for 1/24/12 has been rescheduled to 2/10/12. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the New London County Extension Center, 562 New London Turnpike, Norwich. Please contact Mark Zotti at 860-713-2538 or mark.zotti@ct.gov with any questions.

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