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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

FARM TO SCHOOL IN CONNECTICUT CONTINUES TO GROW NETWORKS

By Jane Slupecki, Marketing Representative

As the farm-to-school network grows, so do progressive changes in the agricultural and school communities. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg)'s Farm-to-School Program has continued to serve on two regional groups: Farm to Institution of New England (FINE) and the National Farm-to-School Network (NFTSN) Regional Steering Committee. Both of these groups have been funding New England studies and projects. Connecticut receives some of these funds and participates in various capacities.

This past summer, NFTSN held an annual meeting. DoAg invited the Connecticut participants to the agency in October, and the group agreed to create a listserv to help with networking. Among the attendees were the YMCA, New London Food Policy Council, Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners, CT FoodCorps, and the Guilford School Systems. All organizations working on farm-to-school projects will be welcome to join in; everyone can benefit from the experience and advice from peers to improve individual projects and programs.

The School Nutrition Association of Connecticut (SNACT) again invited DoAg to attend its food show. DoAg took the opportunity to ask all the Connecticut based bakeries at the show if they would be willing to try Connecticut wheat. DoAg thanks SNACT for this opportunity and hopes the farmer and bakeries reach an agreement. Building these bridges cannot happen without the support and commitment of school foodservice directors, SNACT, and the farming community.

FINE has continued with networking support and has supported the efforts of the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development (GCAD). GCAD's efforts are extremely important to the success of the farm-to-school initiative, and will improve the ability of farmers to participate in this expanding wholesale market.

DoAg recently was awarded a USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant to help GCAD assess institutional demand for Connecticut Grown farm products; the supply potential for those products; and the infrastructure available and needed for the aggregation, processing, and distribution of those desired products. GCAD's goal is to learn more about the resources available and components needed for farmers to produce and supply institutions with the local products they desire in the quantities and forms needed by their

foodservice staff. This project will be getting underway over the next couple of months.

The issues of distribution, aggregation, and seasonality of Connecticut Grown are very big, statewide challenges. The Windham schools and foodservice director Ernie Koschmieder recently purchased and froze Connecticut Grown beans from a Connecticut farm, and it is now evident that other schools are going to follow this example.

City Seed, Inc., of New Haven has been awarded a \$98,000 USDA Farm-to-School grant that will create jobs by hiring new farm-to-school coordinators, with 43 additional farm-to-school projects supporting and maintaining existing staff.

CitySeed will hire a procurement specialist to help New Haven School Food programs purchase Connecticut Grown and regionally grown products, a difficult task. With 20,000 students to serve, the schools requires a large volume of product, coordinated pick-up and drop-off, skilled foodservice staff, and the appropriate kitchen and tools to prepare local foodstuffs.

The New Haven Public Schools' (NHPS) foodservice director, school food workers, and dietician; FoodCorps members; and Common Ground foodservice and educational staff will be reaching out to the New Haven County farms, businesses, and community members to develop a system to procure local food at prices that are fair to farms, processors, and schools.

They plan to research aggregation models to help make it possible to implement an effective farm-to-school program that includes processing and preserving crops purchased during the summer, and distribution of any and all crops purchased. The information can be used to help other statewide programs with similar issues, such as the Farm-to-Chef Program.

This year has yielded successful partnership-building and a great network of organizations that help each other succeed. It also has tackled many very difficult topics and issues. As we look back, the Farm-to-School Program thanks all of its partners who have worked toward this progress.

If you are a farmer who wishes to sell to schools, please contact Jane Slupecki at jane.slupecki@ct.gov or 860-713-2588.



**WHOLESALE HERBS
U.S./INTERNATIONAL**

	Low	High
BASIL, 1lb, HI	6.00	6.00
CLRY ROOT, 20lb, CN	18.00	24.00
CILANTRO, 30s, CA	12.00	14.00
HRSRDSH, 5lb, MO	19.00	19.00
MINT, 1lb, NJ	10.00	13.00
OREGANO, 1lb, FL	7.00	8.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

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

49-54	220-300 lbs	63.00-65.00
	300-400 lbs	58.00-59.50
45-49	220-300 lbs	57.00-60.50
	270-300 lbs	n/a
	300-400 lbs	57.00-58.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	52.00-56.00
	500-700 lbs	61.00-63.00
Boars:	300-700lbs	17.00-17.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, November 26, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	22.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	44.00
76-90 lbs.	50.00	60.00
91-105 lbs.	65.00	72.50
106 lbs. & up	77.50	82.50
Farm Calves	90.00	110.00
Starter Calves	25.00	32.00
Veal Calves	80.00	125.00
Open Heifers	70.00	125.00
Beef Steers	85.00	125.00
Beef Heifers	68.00	76.50
Feeder Steers	78.00	100.00
Stock Bulls	82.00	88.00
Beef Bulls	88.00	97.50
Boars	one at	.01
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	80.00	190.00
Kid Goats	65.00	100.00
Canners	Up to	66.50
Cutters	67.50	70.00
Utility Grade Cows	71.00	75.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	3.00	14.00
Chickens each	4.00	18.00
Ducks each	4.00	11.00
Feeder Pigs	70.00	80.00
Lambs	40.00	190.00
Sheep	85.00	200.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE, Cort 88ct, xfcy	45.00	46.00
APPLE, Empr, 96ct, fcy	26.00	26.00
APPLE, Fuji, bu no grd	20.00	22.00
APPLE, Gala, 100ct, fcy	26.00	26.00
APPLE, Mac, 88ct, xfcy	41.00	42.00
APPLE, Mutsu, bu, no grd	20.00	20.00
APPLE, Rd dl, 100ct, fcy	25.00	25.00
APPLE, Rome, bu, no grd	20.00	22.00
BROCCOLI, Cut, 20lb	12.00	14.00
CIDER, 4/1gal	23.00	23.00
CIDER, 9 1/2gal	27.00	27.00
KALE GRNS, crtn, 12-16	10.00	12.00
LETTUCE, Bstn, 12/4oz, gh	14.00	16.00
PARSNIPS, 25lb	24.00	24.00
PEAR, Bsc, 4/5 bu	31.00	32.00
POTATOES, 10lb, szA	1.90	1.90
POTATOES, 10/5lb	11.00	11.00
POTATOES, Chefs, 50lb	10.00	13.00
RUTABAGAS, 50lb	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, Bttrnt, 1-1/9	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, Bttrnt, bin, per lb	.21	.23
TOMATOES, Vn ripe, 25lb, gh, loose	14.00	15.00
TURNIP GRNS	8.00	10.00
TURNIPS, 25lb, Prpl top	10.00	10.00

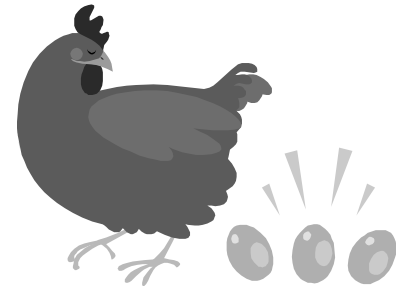


(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

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	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers 75-80% lean			
71.00-75.00	77.00-83.00	64.00-69.50	
Boners 80-85% lean			
67.50-72.00	n/a	n/a	
Lean 85-90% lean			
64.00-69.50	70.00-70.50	57.00-63.50	
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Graded Bull Calves			
No.1 95-125lbs	105.00-120.00		
No.2 95-130lbs	80.00-102.00		
No.3 75-110lbs	57.00-75.00		
Slaughter bulls	950--1805lb	87.50-91.50	
Holstein Heifers No.1	95-130lb	120.00-160.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:			
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
50-60lbs	142.00-157.00		
60-70lbs	136.00-152.00		
70-80lbs	134.00-150.00		
90-110lbs	122.00-132.00		



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown eggs in cartons, delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.76-1.87
LARGE	1.65-1.76
MEDIUM	1.22-1.32

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

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

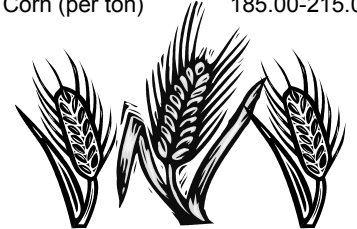
EXTRA LARGE	1.38-1.42
LARGE	1.36-1.40
MEDIUM	1.11-1.15

PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN SUMMARY

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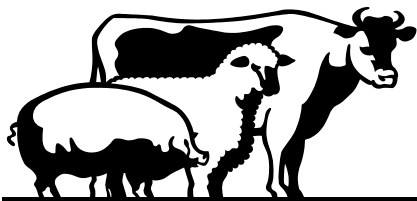
Eastern/Central Pennsylvania

Corn No 2 (per bu)	6.60-7.62
Wheat No 2 (per bu)	7.80-9.10
Oats No 2 (per bu)	3.25-4.90
Soybeans No 2 (per bu)	12.73-13.51
Ear Corn (per ton)	185.00-215.00



Woolled & Shorn Good & Choice 1-3

55-60lbs	n/a
60-80lbs	120.00-134.00
80-90lbs	114.00-132.00
90-110	106.00-120.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
100-120lbs	68.00-8000
120-160lbs	68.00-88.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
100-160lbs	56.00-66.00
160--180lb	58.00-68.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
45lb-	96.00
55lbs	106.00
60-65lbs	124.00-135.00
70-75lbs	108.00-128.00
80-100lbs	110.00-134.00
Nannies/Does: 100-125lbs	124.00-137.00
130-140lbs	122.00-140.00
Bucks/Billies: 135-145lbs	158.00-175.00
160lbs	184.00



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AGVOCATE WORKSHOP NOV 29 IN CANTERBURY

The next AGvocate Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2012, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., at the Canterbury Town Hall.

At this session, attendees will hear about several recent studies designed to provide more tools to towns for supporting a vibrant and diverse agricultural community. There will also be an opportunity for AGvocate towns to share information and provide updates on the progress of their agricultural committees or commissions. The agenda includes:

- A report and presentation from Nate Kelly, ACIP, senior planner with the Horsley Witten Group on "Zoning for Small Business in Rural Communities," a study undertaken by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Protection to help towns better manage accessory business in rural areas to help residents and farmers supplement their income, preserve farm and forest operations, and protect neighbors from unintended impacts.
- A brief discussion of "Zoning Regulations and Ordinances for Livestock: Guidance and Recommendations for Connecticut Municipalities," a document prepared by the Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council.
- An announcement and update on the "MBAg – Mastering the Business of Agriculture" education series being provided by Paula Stahl through the Last Green Valley.

This workshop is free and is open to all interested parties. For more information, please contact John Guskowski, AGvocate program manager, at agvocate@outlook.com or 860-455-8251.

GOVERNOR MALLOY TOURS FARMS

Governor Dannel P. Malloy toured several farms in eastern Connecticut on November 13, 2012.

First, he visited Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm in Preston, recipient of one of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg)'s Agricultural Viability Grants (photos below by James Molodich). There he learned more about the farm's participation in the voluntary State Poultry Slaughter Inspection Program and purchased a Connecticut Grown turkey for his Thanksgiving dinner.

He then went to see Woodmansee Farms in Preston and White Oak Farm in Stonington, both beneficiaries of DoAg's new [Farm-land Restoration Program](#). The program, conceived by Governor Malloy himself, is designed to bring fallow farmland back into production. So far, about 50 farms have enrolled in the program.



**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FOR AG DEVELOPMENT
HOLDS TOPIC-FOCUSED MEETINGS**

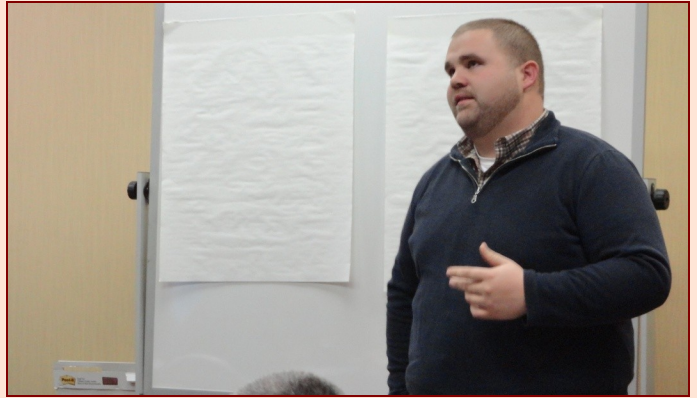
As part of its development of the first-ever holistic, strategic plan for Connecticut agriculture, the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development conducted a group of facilitated topic-focused meetings on November 7, 2012, at the Four Points by Sheraton in Meriden. Stakeholders with expertise in specific areas were invited to brainstorm and help develop ideas for the council to consider as potential recommendations for the plan, *Grow Connecticut Farms*, which will be presented to Governor Malloy in January.



Left: DoAg Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky, Governor's Council chairman, welcomes attendees.

Top right: Council member Herb Holden addresses participants in Session A, which focused on farm-to-institution channels and infrastructure.

Bottom right: Facilitator Seth Lerman from USDA NRCS leads Session A participants through brainstorming and idea prioritizing.



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