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GROW CONNECTICUT FARMS FIRST ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED APRIL 9, 2013

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Last month (in the [March 6, 2013 issue](#)) I told you a bit about what the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development has been doing since January 2012, and I explained that we were working with Governor Malloy's office to release the council's first annual report on its *Grow Connecticut Farms* strategic plan.

As chairman of the council, I am pleased and proud to share with you that [report](#), which was officially released last week. Sections of the executive summary are provided below for your convenient reference—but I encourage you dig into the entire 48-page document, available at www.CTGrown.gov/GovernorsCouncil.

This report is noteworthy for many reasons. First and foremost, it represents the input of hundreds of farmers and other stakeholders actively involved in Connecticut agriculture. The report's recommendations came from the information and feedback of producers and agribusiness people from large, medium, and small companies and organizations engaged in myriad sectors and subsectors of Connecticut agriculture.

The council has carefully listened to people specializing in fruits, vegetables, greenhouse, nursery, dairy, meat, poultry, aquaculture, tobacco, and more; using organic, conventional, integrated pest management, and other growing methods; involved in agricultural production, processing, distribution, sales, and marketing; with wholesale, retail, and community supported agriculture business models; representing for-profit and not-for-profit entities; and living and working in all eight of Connecticut's counties.

Along the way—and as work continues on *Grow Connecticut Farms*--council members have learned a great deal. At times, what we thought we knew about Connecticut agriculture wasn't necessarily the whole picture.

The process has helped sharpen our focus on concerns and issues that previously may have been on the periphery of our collective radar. Topics some anticipated would be of primary concern to many stakeholders actually were of less concern to the majority, while other priorities rose to the top.

The council spent many hours reviewing and discussing the feedback from stakeholders, and took great care in distilling that information to articulate the priorities and recommendations in this report. This is an excellent first step. But the hard work is far from done. In fact, it is just beginning.

After another full day of topic-focused meetings with stakeholders, held last month, the council is ready to break into working groups to address these priorities and recommendations in greater detail.

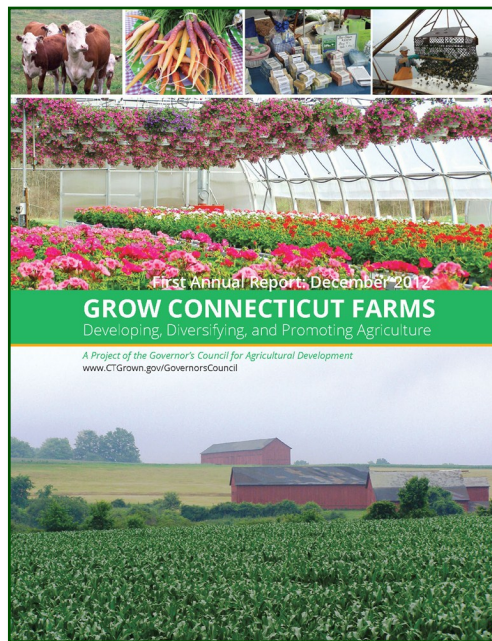
Twelve groups, each chaired by a different council member and implementing the expertise of key stakeholders, will work on specific topic areas, as shown on Page 16 of the report. The groups will identify steps needed to implement the recommendations made to date, and will develop additional recommendations in these topic areas as deemed necessary.

In some cases, this may require additional stakeholder input through further interviews, surveys, and listening sessions, while in others, it might warrant communication, education, and/or outreach efforts with policy makers, related agencies, and/or

partner organizations.

The working groups will report back to the full council at regularly scheduled meetings. This fall, the council will begin to assemble the working groups' current findings and suggestions into a second annual report, which will be released at the end of the 2013. The working groups will continue into 2014 and beyond, feeding additional information back to the council, which will issue regular updates.

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**WHOLESALE PEPPERS
U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL**

	Low	High
ANAHEIM, 1/2bu, MX	18.00	22.00
BELL, Grn, 1-1/9, FL	18.00	20.00
BELL, Rd, 1-1/9, MX	12.00	14.00
BELL, Yllw, 1-1/9, DR	24.00	28.00
CHERRY, Ht, 1/2bu, NC	39.00	40.00
CUBANELLE, 1-1/9, FL	22.00	24.00
JALAPENO, 1-1/9, FL	42.00	45.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION
April 15, 2013**

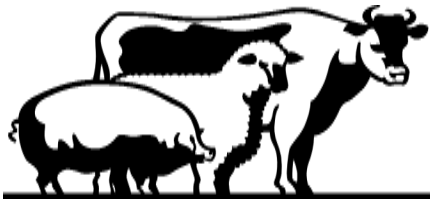
Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	61.00-63.00
	300-400 lbs	60.00-62.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	56.00-59.00
	300-400 lbs	58.00-59.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	46.00-50.00
	500-700 lbs	49.00-53.00
Boars:	300-700lbs	16.00-17.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Middlefield, April 15, 2013**

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	40.00	45.00
645-60 lbs.	85.00	100.00
61-75 lbs.	125.00	140.00
76-90 lbs.	145.00	150.00
91-105 lbs.	155.00	160.00
106 lbs. & up	165.00	170.00
Farm Calves	42.00	50.00
Starter Calves	105.00	135.00
Veal Calves	81.00	101.00
Open Heifers	75.00	104.00
Beef Steers	90.00	103.00
Beef Heifers	100.00	112.00
Feeder Steers	87.50	115.00
Stock Bulls	88.00	115.00
Beef Bulls	1 at	10.00
Boars	1 at	27.00
Sows	1 at	75.00
Butcher Hogs	90.00	250.00
Goats each	25.00	70.00
Kid Goats	Up to	78.50
Canners	79.00	82.5
Cutters	83.00	86.50
Utility Grade Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	6.00	30.00
Rabbits each	5.00	34.00
Chickens each	5.00	19.00
Ducks each	60.00	135.00
Feeder Pigs	45.00	75.00
Lambs	30.00	140.00



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
BEAN SPRT, 10lb	6.00	6.00
LETTUCE, Bibb, 12/4oz	13.00	16.00
POTATO, Chef, 50lb	10.00	10.00
POTATO, Rd, 10/5lb, A	14.00	14.00
POTATO, Rsst, 90ct	10.50	11.00
RUTABAGA, 50lb	13.00	14.00
TOMATO, 11lb, on vine	22.00	23.00
TOMATO, loose, 25lb	17.00	17.00

SHIPPED IN

ARUGULA, 2/1½ bag, NJ	13.00	14.00
ASPARAGUS, 28lb, CA	48.00	50.00
BEAN, grn, bu, FL	20.00	20.00
BLUEBERRY, 12/6oz, FL	36.00	39.00
CORN, 5dz, FL	20.00	22.00
DANDLN GRN, bu, NJ	18.00	20.00
LEEK, 5kg, grnhs, NT	24.00	30.00
LEMON, 140ct, CA	22.00	24.00
PEA, English, bu, GA	40.00	40.00
PEANUT, 25lb, VA	28.00	28.00
RHUBARB, grnhs, 6kg, NT	44.00	44.00
SQUASH, grn, 1/2bu, fl	8.00	12.00



NEW ENGLAND CUT FLOWERS

April 15, 2013
Wholesale, Boston

	Low	High
ANEMONE, bnch10	12.00	14.00
CALLA, wht, lng, bnch5	25.00	27.00
FORSYTHIA, bnch	10.00	10.00
GARDENIA, blm	5.50	5.50
GERBERA, stm	1.25	1.25
HYDRANGEA, bnch5	27.00	27.00
LILY, Asiatic, bnch	12.00	12.50



NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

April 9, 2013

Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons (delivered)

XTRA LARGE	1.56-1.64
LARGE	1.42-1.53
MEDIUM	1.11-1.19

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

April 15, 2013

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers	75-80% lean		
	73.00-76.00	77.00-78.00	70.00-72.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	73.00-75.00	76.00-79.00	67.00-72.00
Lean	88-90% lean		
	68.00-71.00	72.00-74.00	58.00-67.00
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Graded Bull Calves			
No.1	90-125lbs	185.00-207.00	
No.2	80-120lbs	170.00-180.00	
No.3	75-105lbs	120.00-150.00	
SLAUGHTER BULLS	Yield Grade 1		
	900-2280lbs	89.00-93.00	
HOLSTEIN HEIFERS			
No.1	80-100lbs	110.00-135.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Trad. Markets			
Wooled & Shorn Choice & Prime 2-3			
	40-50lbs	200.00-210.00	
	50-70lbs	174.00-200.00	
	70-90lbs	182.00-195.00	
	90-110lbs	165.00-188.00	
Wooled & Shorn Good & Choice 3-4			
	40-50lbs	215.00-220.00	
	50-60lbs	200.00-215.00	
	60-100lbs	178.00-182.00	
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh			
	110-120lbs	70.00-85.00	
	120-150lbs	64.00-82.00	
	180-200lbs	58.00-66.00	
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh			
	110-120lb	48.00-67.00	
	120-200lbs	44.00-60.00	
Bucks			
	160-200lbs	50.00-70.00	
	215-250lbs	42.00-48.00	
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel. 1, by the head, est. wt.			
	40-60lbs	102.00-177.00	
	60-80lbs	130.00-165.00	
	70-90lbs	n/a	
	90-110lbs	140.00-167.00	
Nannies/Does:	110-120lbs	137.00-140.00	
	120-150lbs	142.00-165.00	
Bucks/Billies:	130-150lbs	170.00-187.00	
	150-170lbs	196.00-227.00	
Sel. 2	130-150lbs	142.00-167.00	

PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN SUMMARY

April 15, 2013
Central Pennsylvania

Corn No 2 (per bu)	6.83
Wheat No 2 (per bu)	7.48
Oats No 2 (per bu)	4.57
Soybeans No 2 (per bu)	13.42
Ear Corn (per ton)	n/a

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

April 15, 2013

Per doz., USDA Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	0.96-1.10
LARGE	0.94-0.98
MEDIUM	0.92-0.96

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29-R. Best fertilizer to perk up your hay lot! Dry chicken manure, call for delivery, 860-537-1974.

31-R. Round Bales WRAPPED HAYLAGE, 4x4, \$25 and up. 860-234-1605.

39-R Round Hay Bales, stored inside. Net wrapped 1st cut, few 2nd. Call 203-530-4953.

40-R IH 986 \$8,500. JD 4520 \$8,500. 6310 4X4 with 640 self leveling loader, 6,000 hours \$24,000. 02 New Holland 575 baler with thrower \$12,000. New Holland 315 Baler with thrower \$5,000. New Holland 311 Baler \$4,500. XBX 520 Case IH like new \$8,000. 256, 258 Rakes, JD 660 Rake, Kuhn 4 Star letter, 2 IH 4 bottom semi-mount reset plows, 15,000 pto generator \$2,100, IH and JD front and rear weights. 10 ft brillion seeder, IH 450 3 bottom reset plow. Call 203-530-4953.

42-R. 1-8 and 3-10 Frame Beehives. Complete wood, new, \$150/each. Hay elevator 20'-\$100. Fransgard Logging Winch, with 3 chokers, new, never used, \$3,000. Landpride Forward 5' Tiller, \$2,200-used twice. Landpride posthole digger-2 bits, used twice, \$1,400. Demco Boom Sprayer, 18' with Marker, 110 gal, \$2,500. Valby 6" woodchipper, \$3,500. 5' Woods Finish Mower with extra blade, \$600. 860-423-1347 house, 617-308-3015 cell.

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47. Miller offset harrow Model 4HG3488, excellent condition. 860-982-2371.

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This is an exciting time to be involved in Connecticut agriculture, and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the state's agriculture commissioner and as the chairman of this vital, germane, and hard-working council as we work with you on a holistic, long-range, strategic plan for Connecticut agriculture. A comprehensive, unified plan for all subsectors, focusing on shared priorities and goals, is just the tool agriculture needs to establish itself as a model industry in this state—one that provides residents a wealth of health, environmental, employment, and economic benefits.

Thank you for your interest, input, and collaboration on this exciting and groundbreaking project. If you have any questions or feedback for the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 860-713-2501.

Excerpts from the Executive Summary of Grow Connecticut Farms [First Annual Report](#)

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE: OVERVIEW

Connecticut agriculture contributes between \$2.72 billion and \$4.6 billion in economic activity—\$1,000 to \$1,300 per resident—and employs as many as 28,000 people, according to two recent economic impact studies. It is a diverse industry that produces a wide array of products and enhances the quality of life for all who live in or visit our state.

THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Governor's Council for Agricultural Development was reorganized through Public Act 11-189, which streamlined the council and tasked it with two specific charges:

1. 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...by 2020, to not less than five per cent of all money spent by such residents on food.
2. Make recommendations concerning the **development, diversification, and promotion** of agricultural products, programs, and enterprises ...and ... provide for an **interchange of ideas** from the various commodity groups and organizations represented.

The newly structured council was filled through appointments by Governor Malloy and legislative leaders, and met for the first time in January 2012.

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GROW CONNECTICUT FARMS FIRST ANNUAL REPORT*(continued from Page 3)***2012 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

The council's 2012 recommendations to the Department of Agriculture are as follows:

1. Study infrastructure gaps and opportunities for the aggregation, light processing, and distribution of Connecticut Grown products.
2. Develop and invest in a comprehensive marketing strategy for Connecticut agriculture.
3. Create an agriculture-friendly energy policy that includes agricultural net metering for power production and transmission, and qualification of agricultural anaerobic digestion projects for zero-emissions renewable energy credits (ZRECs).
4. Strengthen the state Department of Agriculture and improve coordination among all agencies regulating agricultural businesses.
5. Perform a comprehensive review of agricultural labor issues and develop initiatives that provide an adequate workforce for Connecticut farm businesses.
6. Increase weight limits on truck loads to be consistent with surrounding states.
7. Establish a bridge between the state departments of Agriculture and Education through a dedicated agricultural education coordinator, and develop ways to integrate agriculture into Connecticut's K-12 curriculum.

Each recommendation is presented in greater detail in Section 4.

ACIDIFIED FOODS PROCESSING PROGRAM APR 20

Processing Acidified Foods in the Farm Kitchen, a cooperative effort of CFBA, UConn Extension, DoAg, and RMA/USDA, will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the Tolland Agricultural Center in Vernon.

The program will provide farmers a basic overview of processing acidified foods for market in Connecticut, including state regulations and statutes, basic principles of safe food handling, water testing, record-keeping, and how to safely harvest and store produce. There also will be a demonstration of proper canning techniques. \$50/CFBA members; \$65/non-members.

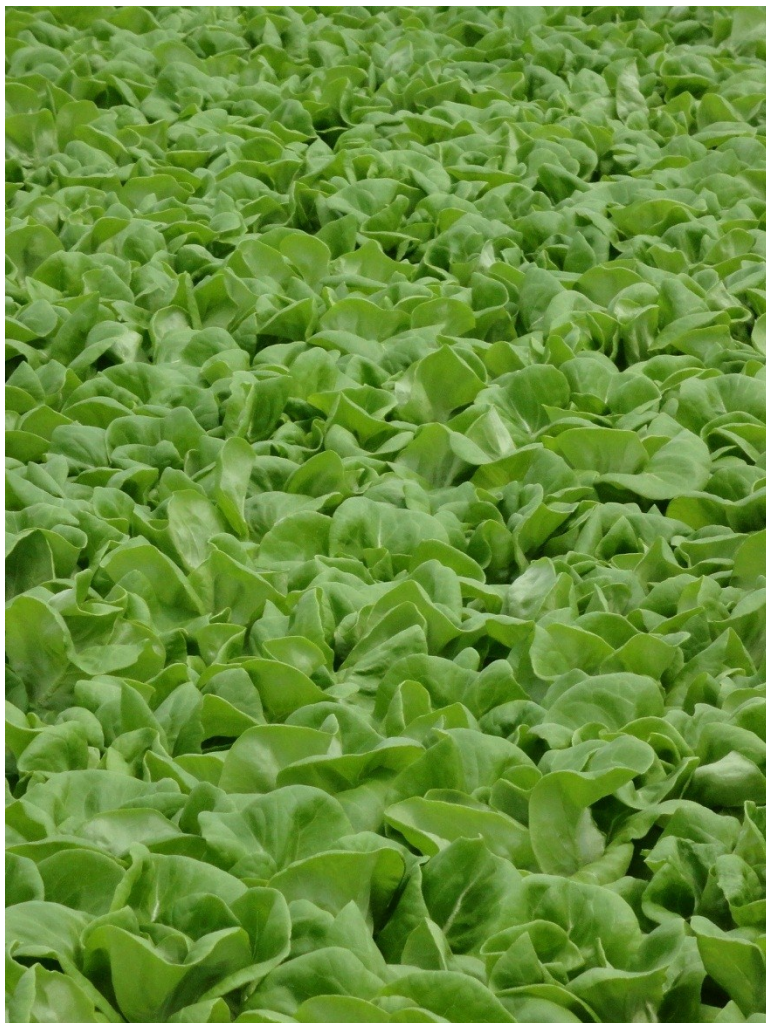
For more info or to register, please call 860-768-1100 or visit <http://www.cfba.org/conference.htm?id=dsajnjz0>.

DOAG CT GROWN TENTS AVAILABLE APR 24-25

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's popular Connecticut Grown logo tents will be offered to Connecticut farmers and agricultural associations from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 24 and 25, 2013, at the [Hartford Regional Market](#), 101 Reserve Road in Hartford. Tents are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis and must be purchased and picked up at the specified location and time. Tents cannot be reserved in advance.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is subsidizing half the cost of each \$282.00 tent as a service to the state's farmers and agricultural associations. The buyer's share for each tent is \$142.00, with a limit of four per farm or association.

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