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THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S COMMODITIES UNIT: AN OVERVIEW

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The Agricultural Commodities Unit in the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Regulation and Inspection is responsible for a wide diversity of functions and programs.

These responsibilities may not enjoy the high visibility of other agency functions and programs, but are nevertheless important to the public, agricultural businesses, and the environment by assuring the safety and integrity of agricultural commodities offered for sale within the state.

The Agricultural Commodities Unit conducts inspection and enforcement activities associated with nine programs as follows.

1. The Commercial Feed Program regulates the manufacturing and distribution of animal feed and pet food, including registration of product labels to ensure against false or misleading information. Every product label must include a guaranteed analysis and ingredient statement for uniformity and to assist consumers in making informed purchasing decisions.

Last year, the program reviewed and registered 10,498 labels from 500 companies, and submitted 64 feed samples to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) for analysis to ensure they matched label claims.

The program also conducts complaint investigations for any feed product alleged to have caused injury or harm to animal health.

2. The Commercial Fertilizer Program regulates agricultural and nonfarm use fertilizers (home, garden, lawn, golf course, etc.) and requires registration of labels that must include net weight, brand, grade (percentage of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium), guaranteed analysis, name and address of registrant, and the sources from which the nutrients are derived.

In the last fiscal year, the program reviewed and registered 3,321 labels from 270 firms and submitted 62 samples to CAES for analysis to match against the label guarantees.

This program also requires firms distributing fertilizer in Connecticut to report the tonnage shipped into the state and the breakdown of the guaranteed nutrients in that fertilizer. This information is reported to the New England Agricultural Statistics Service for publication.

3. The Soil Amendment Program regulates the labeling of any substance intended to improve the physical or chemical characteristics of the soil. Labels must include the net weight, brand name, guaranteed analysis, list of all soil amending and inert ingredients, purpose of the product, directions for application, and name and address of the registrant.

The program presently has 265 products from 96 firms registered. Exempt from these statutes are animal or vegetable manures and composts that are not manipulated or changed from their original form.

4. The Agricultural Liming Material Program regulates products containing calcium and magnesium compounds capable of and used for neutralizing soil. These labels must include the name and address of the manufacturer or distributor, the brand name of the material, the type of agricultural liming material, the net weight, the minimum percentage of calcium oxide and magnesium oxide, and a statement of the finest of particles.

At present, the program has registered 73 registered products from 36 firms.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS:

Crude Protein (min.)	10.0%	Magnesium	(max.) 0.03%
Crude Fat (min.)	5.0%	Taurine	(min.) 0.06%
Crude Fiber (max.)	1.0%	Omega-6 Fatty Acids*	(min.) 0.70%
Moisture (max.)	82.0%	Omega-3 Fatty Acids*	(min.) 0.14%

*Not recognized as an essential nutrient by the AAFCO Cat Food Nutrient Profiles.

CALORIE CONTENT:

Metabolizable Energy as fed (Calculated) 1360 kcal/kg or 508 kcal/can

INGREDIENTS:

Salmon, Salmon Broth, Diced Carrots, Diced Red Peppers, Peas, Sunflower Oil, Torula Dried Yeast, Egg Product, Natural Flavor, Spinach Flakes, Guar Gum, Sweet Potatoes, Potassium Chloride, Brewers Dried Yeast, Sea Salt, Parsley, Menhaden Fish Oil, Flaxseed Oil, Sodium Ascorbate (source of Vitamin C), Dried Chicory Root, Dried Kelp, Oregano, Dried Blueberries, Dried Cranberries, Dried Apples, Iron Proteinate, Taurine, Sage, Zinc Proteinate, Beta Carotene, Yucca Schidigera Extract, Vitamin E Supplement, Choline Chloride, Cobalt Proteinate, Copper Proteinate, Manganese Proteinate, Thiamine Mononitrate, Folic Acid, Niacin, Sodium Selenite, d-Calcium Pantothenate, Vitamin D₃ Supplement, Pyridoxine Hydrochloride, Riboflavin Supplement, Vitamin A Supplement, Potassium Iodide, Vitamin B₁₂ Supplement, Biotin.

Portion of a pet food label showing guaranteed analysis and ingredient statement

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**WHOLESALE MUSHROOMS
PENNSYLVANIA**

	Low	High
ENOKI, 12/3.5oz	18.00	18.00
OYSTER, 5lb	18.00	20.00
OYSTER, 3lb	13.00	13.25
PRTBLA, lg, 5lb	9.50	11.00
SHIITAKE, lg, 3lb	14.00	14.50
WHITE, lg, 10lb	16.00	16.50

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION
May 13, 2013**

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	67.00-71.00
	300-400 lbs	57.00-62.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	65.00-66.50
	300-400 lbs	49.00-51.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	47.00-55.00
	500-700 lbs	51.50-55.00
Boars:	300-700lbs	15.00-16.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Middlefield, May 13, 2013**

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	50.00	55.00
61-75 lbs.	60.00	70.00
76-90 lbs.	145.00	150.00
91-105 lbs.	152.50	157.50
106 lbs. & up	160.00	170.00
Farm Calves	175.00	180.00
Starter Calves	48.00	52.00
Veal Calves	85.00	145.00
Open Heifers	82.00	100.00
Beef Steers	95.00	128.50
Beef Heifers	76.00	89.00
Feeder Steers	90.00	117.50
Stock Bulls	77.50	96.00
Beef Bulls	87.50	117.50
Boars	.4 cts	.5 cts
Sows	14.00	41.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	85.00	270.00
Kid Goats	n/a	n/a
Canners	Up to	81.00
Cutters	81.50	85.00
Utility Grade Cows	86.00	89.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	28.00
Chickens each	4.00	28.00
Ducks each	13.00	30.00
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Lambs	75.00	130.00
Sheep	50.00	70.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
ASPARAGUS, lb	3.29	3.50
BEAN SPRT, 10lb	5.50	6.00
CHIVES, 1lb	8.00	8.00
LETTUCE, Bibb, 12/4oz	13.00	16.00
TOMATO, 5lb, cherry	14.00	14.00
TOMATO, 15lb, vine ripe	20.00	20.00
SHIPPED IN		
APRICOT, 72ct, CA	38.00	38.00
ARUGULA, 2/1½bag, NJ	13.00	14.00
ASPARAGUS, 28lb, NJ	68.00	68.00
BEETS, 12s, NJ	20.00	20.00
BLUEBERRY, 12/6oz, GA	28.00	30.00
CILANTRO, 30s, NJ	20.00	20.00
ESCAROLE, 24s, NJ	21.00	22.00
LEEK, 12s, NJ	16.00	17.00
LETTUCE, Grn lf, 24ct, NJ	16.00	17.00
ONION, Vdlia, 40lb, GA, jbo	20.00	21.00
PEA, English, bu, GA	35.00	35.00
PEACHES, 25lb, loose	28.00	28.00
RADISHES, 24s, NJ	12.00	13.00
RHUBARB, 20lb, OR	28.00	30.00
SPINACH, flt 24s, NJ	13.00	13.00



HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET

May 11, 2013

Wholesale, lease tenants and/or farmers' market vendors

	Low	High
BEDDING PLNT, 48/flat	8.00	10.00
GERANIUM, 4"pot	3.00	3.00
HANGING BSKT, 10"	8.00	10.00
HANGING BSKT, mix, 10"	10.00	12.00
HANGING BSKT, mix, 12"	15.00	20.00
HERB PLNT, 3"pot	2.00	3/5.00
NEW GUINEA IMP, 4"pot	3.00	3.00
PRV WNNR, 4"pot	3.00	3.00
VEG PLNT, 48/flat	10.00	10.00

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.41-1.52
LARGE	1.35-1.46
MEDIUM	1.06-1.16

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

Per doz., USDA Grade A/Grade A white (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.25-1.29
LARGE	1.23-1.27
MEDIUM	1.05-1.09

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION
AND VA CATTLE SUMMARY**

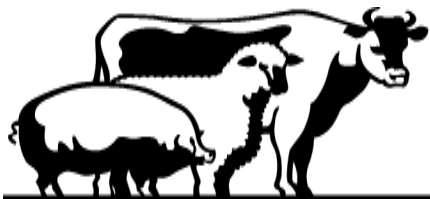
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	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
breakers 75-80% lean			
76.75-80.25			
boners 80-85% lean			
75.50-79.50			
lean 85-90% lean			
72.25-76.25			
CALVES: graded bull			
No.1	95-120lbs		164.00-187.00
No 2	95-120lbs		150.25-172.50
No 3	80-120lbs		100.25-141.25
SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr 1			
High dressing			99.25-104.50
Avg.dressing			91.00-96.00
Low dressing			80.75-86.75
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS high			
Ch/prm3-4			122.50-124.50
Ch 1-3			117.00-120.50
Sel 1-2			110.50-115.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS-			
Ch/prm2-3			124.00-126.75
Ch1-3			101.50-105.25
Sel 1-2			84.75-98.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS			
Ch/prm3-4			108.00-112.25
Ch 2-3			101.50-105.25
Sel 1-2			94.75-98.50
FEEDER STEERS med/lg1			
300-400lbs			170.00-180.00
400-500lbs			151.00-164.00
500-600lbs			137.50-156.00
600-700lbs			129.00-149.50
700-800lbs			123.50-136.00
800-900lbs			114.00-114.00
1000-1100lbs			n/a
VEALERS Ut160-120lb			58.50-81.25
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: wt&shrngood/ch3-4			
40-60lbs			190.00-212.00
60-80lbs			168.00-190.00
80-90lbs			162.00-174.00
90-110lbs			154.00-174.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh			
100-110lbs			66.00-76.00
130-160lbs			56.00-82.00
160-180lbs			54.00-66.00
Bucks	140-160lbs		64.00-110.00
	160-180lbs		68.00-97.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by the head, est. wt.			
40-60lbs			130.00-155.00
60-80lbs			142.00-160.00
80-90lbs			137.00-182.00
90-110lbs			132.00-147.00
Nannies/Does: 100-125lbs			120.00-137.00
	130-150lbs		138.00-168.00
Bucks/Billies: 120-150lbs			197.00-205.00
	150-180lbs		166.00-250.00

PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS

May 1, 2013, Lancaster, PA, per cwt.

Gr US 1-2	wt45-55	180.00-230.00
Gr US 2	wt20-30	220.00-126.00
	wt 30-40	185.00-220.00



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NEW CONNECTICUT GROWN RADIO SPOTS

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USDA FARM PAYMENTS TO RESUME MAY 8

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) recently announced that farm payments temporarily suspended due to sequestration—including payments for the 2011 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE), the Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) and the Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC)—were scheduled resume May 8, 2013.

On March 4, 2013, FSA began a temporary suspension of FSA program payments in order to assess the impact of sequestration and determine the least-disruptive process possible for carrying out required cuts.

Program sign-up periods currently underway have the following enrollment deadlines:

- 2013 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program: June 3
- 2011 SURE: June 7
- 2013 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program: August 2

Contact your nearest FSA office with questions or for more information.

(from FSA 5/8/13 news release)

FREE SITE ASSESSMENTS AVAILABLE TO SPECIALTY CROP/AGRITOURISM FARMS

Connecticut specialty crop farms engaged (or planning to engage) in agritourism are encouraged to apply for a free assessment package that includes a 2-3 hour on-farm interview; evaluation of current status, assets, needs and goals; recommendations to help grow or expand your enterprise; and follow-up to ensure steady progress.

Each package is valued at \$500 to \$700 and is offered by the Rhode Island Center for Agriculture Promotion and Education (RICAPE) and New England FarmWays, with support from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.

To apply, email two to three paragraphs about your farm and why this assessment would be of value to your business to ricape@cox.net (put "Site Assessment" in the subject line). Then complete the survey found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/agritourism2013> to help RICAPE assess your interests and business. The deadline to apply is May 31, 2013.



Shoppers at the farmers' market at the Hartford Regional Market Saturday morning. Mother's Day weekend is often the busiest market day of the year.

(photo by Sue Muldoon Images)

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Fertilizers, soil amendments, and agricultural liming material ingredients must comply with regulations that require all ingredients in these commodities to have undergone risk-based assessments demonstrating the metals in them generally do not pose harm to human health or the environment.

5. The Seed Program regulates agricultural and vegetable seeds. State statutes require each container of agricultural and vegetable seed sold in Connecticut to have an attached label or tag. Requirements differ depending on whether it is a seed mixture for lawn or turf, agricultural field crop seed, or vegetable seed.

Last year, the program submitted 363 vegetable seed and 15 turf and agricultural seed samples to CAES for germination and analysis. Presently the program includes 96 registered seed labelers. The administrator of the Seed Program is also responsible for enforcement in Connecticut of the Federal Seed Act.

6. The Controlled Atmosphere Storage Program is a certificate program that monitors apple producers who store their produce under refrigeration and low oxygen conditions to extend shelf life.

This past season, the program registered five orchards and conducted inspections of 64 controlled atmosphere rooms, resulting in the issue of eight certificates for compliance with controlled atmosphere storage requirements.

7. The Small Poultry Processor Inspection Program is a relatively new program for poultry slaughter operations who are also poultry growers. To participate, producers must slaughter not more than 5,000 turkeys or 20,000 thousand total poultry, and also must meet requirements of the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act and any applicable provision of the Code of Federal Regulations.

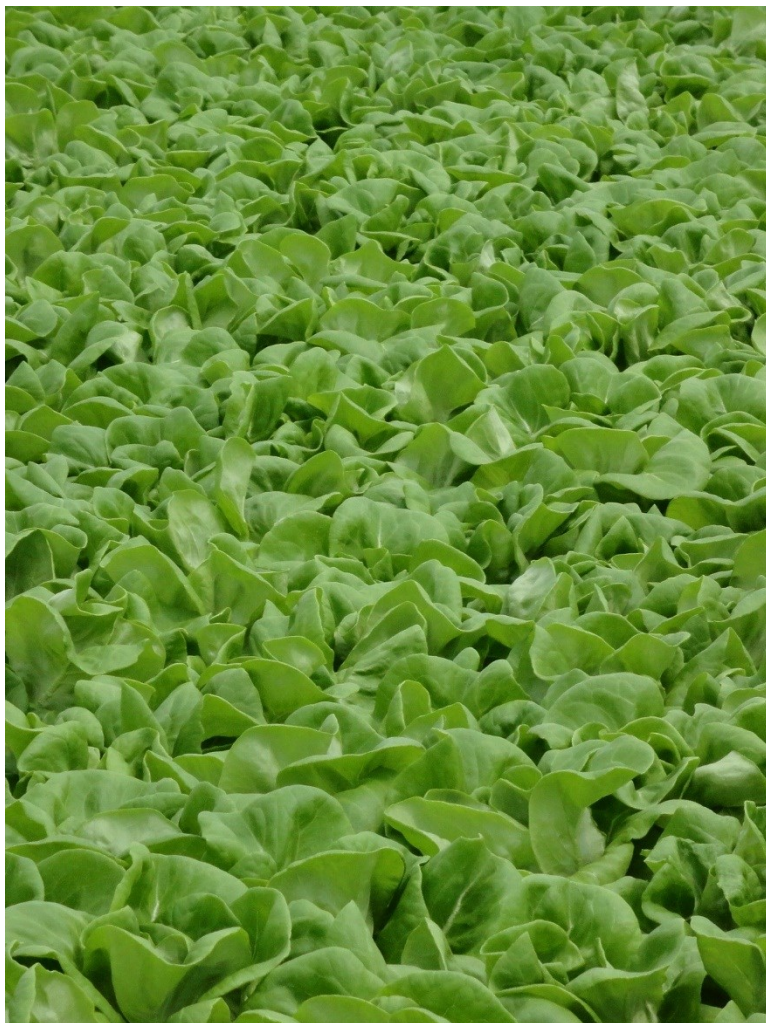
The program currently has two registered firms.

8. The Shell Egg Inspection Program is for egg producers with more than 200 but fewer than 3000 birds, and involves egg room sanitation inspection and the quarterly audit of the shell egg grading to ensure the proper size and grade is being assigned to the egg.

There are currently four registered egg producers in the program. Compliance with program requirements creates additional opportunities for relatively small egg producers to market their eggs to restaurants and food service establishments.

9. Last but not least, the Agricultural Commodities Unit is involved in the Connecticut Invasive Plant Species Working Group Counsel, which focuses on identification and locations of invasive species in Connecticut, along with best methods of control or removal.

These programs are important to the safety of Connecticut's farmers, livestock, and agricultural businesses, and that of the state's residents and environment. For more information about the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Commodities Unit, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/DoAqCommodities> or call 860-713-2513.



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