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DOAG'S VOLUNTARY SMALL SHELL EGG PROCESSING PLANT INSPECTION PROGRAM

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) has established the Voluntary Small Egg Processing Plant Inspection Program to assist small egg producers wishing to sell eggs through wholesale channels.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulates egg grading at grading facilities and egg producers with flocks that exceed 3,000 birds. DoAg's voluntary program is for small chicken egg producers with flocks between 200 and 3,000 birds (or producers who pool their eggs) who do not meet USDA's minimum mandatory inspection size criteria.

The standards used in DoAg's program are based on existing DoAg statutes and regulations and are consistent with the USDA shell egg surveillance program standards.

DoAg's voluntary program allows participating egg producers to enter "approved" eggs into commerce. For the purposes of the Connecticut Food Code, eggs produced, graded, and labeled under DoAg's program are considered an "approved" food source and may be sold to restaurants and food service establishments. (Connecticut, like most states and USDA, exempts sales of eggs directly to consumers from regulatory oversight except for labeling and refrigeration.)

Egg grading at its most basic level involves examining eggs under certain lighting called "candling" to determine the condition of the egg. Candling reveals conditions such as excessive debris on the shell, cracks, leakers, blood spots, or mold growth within the shell. During candling, the candler rejects eggs which do not meet the standards based on their observations.

No lot of eggs is perfect, and no candler is perfect. USDA and DoAg standards allow for a certain percentage of eggs to have minor defects. These minor defects are not considered a public health issue unless the percentage of minor defects exceeds the standard.

Serious defects such as excessive debris on the shell, large blood spots, or leakers can be of public health significance, as they may allow easy entry of contamination such as Salmonella into the egg or may point to a problem in the sanitation of the coop environment or egg collection system or a failure in the washing, disinfection, or candling of the eggs.

DoAg's program includes standards for egg room sanitation and construction, and procedures for washing eggs (if washed) to prevent the entry of harmful bacteria through the shell.

In addition to inspecting for sanitary conditions, DoAg also must examine eggs graded by the producer to determine if they have been properly graded. This is done by candling a certain number of eggs, with the number examined based on lot size. The number must be statistically significant in order for DoAg's observations to be considered valid.

When the lot contains a small number of eggs, the number of eggs examined approaches the number of eggs in the lot. The minimum sample size is 100—or all the eggs if fewer than 100.

Depending on the nature of a defect detected during an inspection, as few as one defective egg could mean the lot fails. Failure of a lot results in the lot being put into "retention," which means it cannot be sold until it is re-graded and the condition(s) that resulted in the retention are corrected.

DoAg's program currently has four egg producers enrolled. These producers can sell eggs without restrictions into any wholesale or retail market including restaurants and food service establishments.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires shell egg producers with flocks of greater than 3,000 birds to have a Salmonella enteritis (SE) prevention program and conduct sampling to verify the programs' effectiveness.

DoAg operates the Connecticut Voluntary Salmonella Enteritis Reduction Program in partnership with the University of Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. It is available to egg graders using DoAg's Voluntary Small Shell Egg Processing Plant Inspection Program or those selling a significant number of eggs via retail, farmers' markets, farm stands, etc.

Although the Voluntary Salmonella Enteritis Reduction Program does not guarantee shell eggs to be free of SE contamination, the program does require a commitment from the producer to implement those management and monitoring practices most likely to prevent SE contamination.

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**WHOLESALE LETTUCE
U.S. GROWN**

	Low	High
BOST BIBB,24,NJ	14.00	16.00
GREEN LF,24,NJ	14.00	25.00
MESCLUN,3lb,CA	6.00	7.00
OAK LF,2.2lb,CA	10.00	12.00
RED LF,24,NJ	14.00	15.00
ROMAINE,24,NJ	14.00	14.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION
May 20, 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 20, 2013**

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	45.00	55.00
61-75 lbs.	75.00	92.00
76-90 lbs.	110.00	117.50
91-105 lbs.	120.00	125.00
106 lbs. & up	135.00	137.50
Farm Calves	140.00	142.50
Starter Calves	48.00	56.00
Veal Calves	75.00	180.00
Open Heifers	100.00	105.00
Beef Steers	89.00	123.00
Beef Heifers	89.00	106.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	127.50
Stock Bulls	90.00	112.50
Beef Bulls	88.00	107.00
Boars	1 at	6 cts
Sows	29.00	40.00
Butcher Hogs	85.00	90.00
Goats each	50.00	220.00
Kid Goats	30.00	60.00
Canners	Up to	83.50
Cutters	84.00	88.50
Utility Grade Cows	89.00	95.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	27.00
Chickens each	6.00	30.00
Ducks each	5.00	17.00
Feeder Pigs	1 at	115.00
Lambs	40.00	195.00
Sheep	30.00	85.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
ASPARAGUS,lb	3.29	4.50
CHIVES,1lb	8.00	8.00
LETTUCE,bibb,12/4oz	13.00	16.00
RHUBARB,10lb	35.00	35.00
SPINACH,flat,4lb	12.00	12.00
TOMATO,cherry 5lb	14.00	14.00
TOMATO,gnhs,loose,25lb	20.00	21.00

SHIPPED IN

APRICOT,72ct,CA	30.00	32.00
ARUGULA,2/1½bag,NJ	13.00	14.00
ASPARAGUS,11lb,CN	30.00	33.00
BEETS,12s, NJ	16.00	18.00
BLUEBERRY,12/1pt,GA	36.00	36.00
CHERRIES,10rw,CA	40.00	45.00
COLLARD,bu,NJ	14.00	14.00
ESCAROLE,24s,NJ	14.00	18.00
LEEK,12s,NJ	16.00	17.00
LETTUCE,grn lf,24ct,NJ	14.00	15.00
NAPPA,1½bu,NJ	15.00	15.00
ONION,Vdla,jbo,40lb,GA	23.00	26.00
PEACHES,loose,25lb	28.00	30.00
RADISHES,24s,NJ	12.00	13.00



HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET

May 18, 2013

Wholesale, lease tenants and/or farmers' market vendors

	Low	High
BEDDING PLNT,48/flat	7.50	10.00
HERB PLNT,4"pot	3.00	2/5.00
HANGING BSKT,10"	7.00	10.00
HANGING BSKT,mix,10"	10.00	12.00
HANGING BSKT,mix,12"	15.00	25.00
PATIO TOMATO	5.00	10.00
SCNTD GERANIUM,6"pot	6.00	6.00
SUCCULENTS,4"pot	3/10.00	3/10.00
VEG PLNTS,48/flat	10.00	10.00

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.56-1.69
LARGE	1.50-1.63
MEDIUM	1.15-1.26

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.36-1.40
LARGE	1.34-1.38
MEDIUM	1.15-1.19

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCT.
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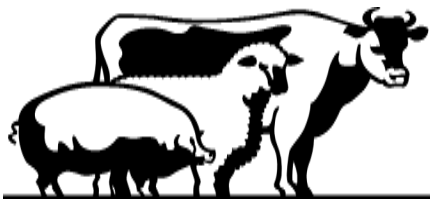
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Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean		76.75-80.25
boners 80-85% lean		75.50-79.50
lean 85-90% lean		72.25-76.25
CALVES: graded bull		
No.1 95-120lbs		164.00-187.00
No 2 95-120lbs		150.25-172.50
No 3 80-120lbs		100.25-141.25
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 Utl60-120lb		45.25-77.25
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: w/1&shrmgood/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 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 15, 2013, Lancaster, PA, per cwt.

Gr US 1-2	wt20-25	250.00-270.00
	wt 25-30	230.00-260.00
	wt 35-45	200.00-220.00
Gr US 2	wt20-30	160.00-130.00
	wt 30-40	190.00-220.00



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DOAG'S VOLUNTARY SMALL SHELL EGG PROCESSING PLANT INSPECTION PROGRAM (continued from Page 1)

Basic preventive measures include placement of SE clean chicks, intensive rodent control, cleaning and disinfecting between flocks, and monitoring the environment for the presence of SE.

Basic Voluntary Salmonella Enteritidis Reduction Program requirements include the following:

- Chicks and pullets purchased from SE negative breeder flocks.
- Cleaning and disinfection of the layer environment and egg handling equipment.
- Testing the environment twice for the presence of SE, shortly after chicks arrive and before laying begins.
- Maintaining an acceptable bio-security program to secure facilities from outside contamination risks and the introduction of SE.

To obtain more information about DoAg's voluntary shell egg inspection program, please visit the agency's website, www.CTGrown.gov (click on "Programs, Services, and Grants" at left of the page) or call 860-713-2513.

For information concerning poultry disease surveillance and prevention programs, National Poultry Improvement Plan programs, and the requirements for importing live birds or hatching eggs, please call DoAg at 860-713-2504.

CONNECTICUT LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As of May 20, 2013, the following bills had passed the state House of Representatives and Senate and currently await Governor Malloy's signature.

Raised House Bill No. 6313 AN ACT CONCERNING LOCALLY GROWN POULTRY IN CONNECTICUT FOOD MARKETS

Effective date: upon passage

By law, certain poultry processing facilities are approved to sell food to household consumers, restaurants, hotels, and boarding houses. This bill allows these facilities to sell poultry to retail food establishments (e.g., grocery stores) also.

The facilities must (1) meet applicable criteria for federal Food Safety and Inspection Service exemptions and (2) pass state Department of Agriculture inspections.

Under the law, "poultry" means any species of domestic fowl, including chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl, and game birds that have been raised for food production, breeding, exhibition, or sale.

This is Governor Malloy's bill that passed the state House of Representatives on 4/10/13 by a vote of 137-0, and passed the state Senate on 5/16/13 on the Consent Calendar by a vote of 36-0.

The bill awaits Governor Malloy's signature.

Substitute for Raised House Bill No. 6315 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESALE OF DOGS TO MILITARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

Effective date: upon passage.

This bill exempts from the pet shop licensing law people who acquire dogs to resell them to the military or a law enforcement agency for law enforcement or security work. Thus, these people will no longer be subject to the Department of Agriculture's pet shop regulations governing sanitation, animal health and welfare, and the protection of public safety.

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CONNECTICUT LEGISLATIVE UPDATE*(continued from Page 3)*

Under current law, anyone acquiring a dog or cat for resale must obtain a pet shop license from the agriculture commissioner. A violation is a Class B misdemeanor, subject to a fine of up to \$1,000, up to six months imprisonment, or both.

This is a Connecticut Department of Agriculture bill that passed the state House of Representatives on 4/10/13 by a vote of 142-0, and passed the state Senate on 5/16/13 on the Consent Calendar by a vote of 36-0. It awaits Governor Malloy's signature.

Raised Senate Bill No. 881

AN ACT CONCERNING FARM WINERIES

Effective date: upon passage.

By law, a farm winery permittee must grow, on land he or she controls, an average crop of at least 25 percent of the fruit used to make the permittee's wine.

Generally, an "average crop" is the average yield of the permittee's two largest annual crops for the preceding five years. But during the first seven years after the farm winery permit is issued, the average crop is calculated as three tons of grapes for each vineyard acre farmed, which can be a lower threshold.

This bill specifies that the seven-year exemption period does not start over if the farm winery property is transferred or sold during the seven-year period.

The bill passed the state Senate on the Consent Calendar by a vote of 36-0 on 5/8/13, and passed the state House of Representatives on 5/15/13 by a vote of 133-0. It is Public Act 13-30. The bill awaits Governor Malloy's signature.

Raised Senate Bill No. 806

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION

Effective date: upon passage.

This bill expands the allowable uses for municipal agricultural land preservation funds. Specifically, it allows a municipality to use the funds to acquire an agricultural land owner's rights to build any residence or farm structure on agricultural land. It also allows the municipality to accept these rights as a gift.

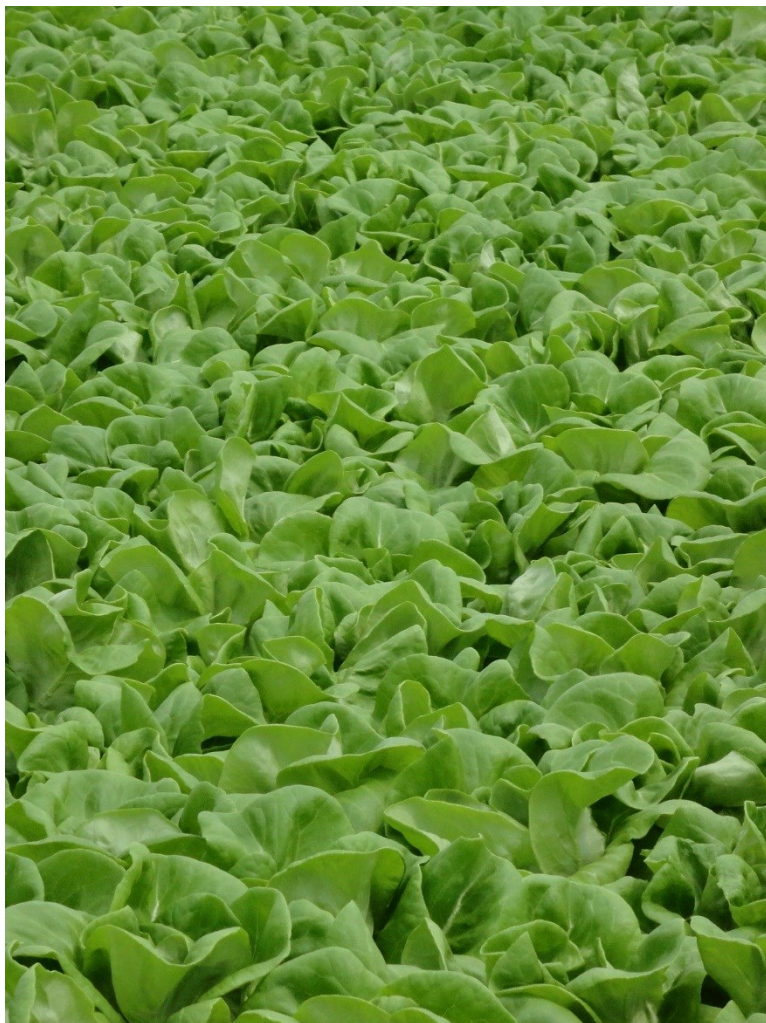
By law, a municipality may establish an "agricultural land preservation fund" for the purposes of (1) acquiring the development rights of agricultural land and (2) preserving agricultural land.

"Development rights" are the agricultural land owner's rights to develop, construct on, sell, lease, or improve the land for uses that make the land no longer agricultural. But it does not include the owner's rights to construct residences for people directly incidental to farm operation and other farm structures, among other things (CGS § 7-131q). The bill also makes technical changes.

This Connecticut Department of Agriculture bill passed the state Senate on the Consent Calendar on 4/24 by a vote of 34-0 and passed the state House of Representatives on 5/20 by a 136-0 margin. It awaits Governor Malloy's signature.

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