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**OVERVIEW OF THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S LICENSING UNIT**

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The Department of Agriculture is not commonly viewed as an agency that has significant licensing functions and, to even those familiar with the agency, it might be surprising that more than 13,000 individual licenses and registrations are issued annually through its Licensing Unit in the Bureau of Regulation and Inspection.

License and agricultural product registration functions are overseen by this bureau primarily because of the interdependency of these functions with the department's regulatory inspection and enforcement responsibilities.

More than two dozen different types of licenses are issued to conduct business activities regulated by the department. They include licenses required for various aspects of dairy production, processing, and sales; for livestock and poultry production, purchases, sales, and animal movement; and for seed labeling for those firms selling seed within the state.

In addition, the department's state Animal Control Division regulates pet shops, commercial kennels, grooming facilities, training facilities, and animal importers, all of which are required to be licensed.

The Licensing Unit also issues registrations for a variety of agricultural products such as animal feeds, including those for pet foods, as well as livestock feeds, fertilizers, agricultural liming materials, and soil amendments.

Fees generated from licenses and registrations issued by the department currently total over \$1 million on an annual basis. This fact begs a number of questions: Why are licenses and registrations required and do they have any purpose? Why are fees charged and how are the individual fees determined? And finally, from the perspective of those that have to write a check to the state to conduct their business operation: Does having their business licensed with the Department of Agriculture benefit them in any way?

All licenses and registrations issued by the department are mandated by state statute as is their corresponding fee structure. In other words, the agency does not have the authority or discretion to determine who or what will be licensed or registered or to determine the fee structure. Over the years, the

Connecticut legislature has determined what agricultural business activities should be licensed and regulated.

The common perception is that consumers are the sole beneficiaries of government regulation of businesses that provide them with products and services. However the benefits extend beyond the consumer and are more far reaching in the case of licensed and regulated agricultural related businesses.

In many instances, it is intended to benefit both the consumer and the producer and, in some, is intended for the most part to benefit the producer, by regulating businesses with which they interact and products they purchase as inputs into their operation.

Licensing and the associated regulatory oversight provide another benefit for business entities by creating a level the playing field in which they operate.

On an even broader scope, expanding consumer confidence in the quality and safety of agricultural products—especially food products—benefits producers, processors, and allied industries by driving increased demand for those products, resulting in a multiplying effect for the entire agricultural economy.

Purchasing decisions by today's educated consumers are significantly influenced by their confidence in the safety, wholesomeness, and truth in labeling of food products, and that confidence is bolstered by their awareness of regulatory oversight over those products along the entire chain from farm to table.

The interdependency of licensing and regulatory oversight can be illustrated by describing the multitude of licenses and registrations that are required by the department for all the entities involved with just one product—milk—starting with the dairy farm.

The seed that the farm purchases for crops comes from a licensed seed labeler. Seed is randomly sampled and submitted for analysis to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station to assure that it meets label claims. Both grain products purchased for feed and fertilizer products purchased for crop production are registered, randomly sampled, and analyzed to assure that their composition meets what is claimed.

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*DoAg performs random inspections of milk tankers for cleanliness and structural integrity*

**WHOLESALE PEPPERS  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
BELL,grn,1-1/9,md	8.00	9.00
BELL,grn,1-1/9,xlg	15.00	18.00
BELL,suntn,1-1/9,lg	8.00	10.00
CHRRY,ht,1/2bu	16.00	16.00
CUBNELL,1-1/9,xl	16.00	16.00
CUBNELL,rd,1-1/9bu,lg	20.00	20.00
JALPNO,1/2bu	15.00	16.00
PBLANO,1-1/9 bu,lg	16.00	18.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	69.00-74.00
	300-400 lbs	75.00-79.50
45-49	220-300 lbs	68.50-71.00
	300-400 lbs	68.50-71.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	76.00-79.00
	500-700 lbs	82.50-85.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	n/a

**PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS**

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.  
September 4, 2013

Gr US 1-	wt20-40	100.00	130.00
Gr US 2	wt15-20	140.00	140.00
	wt20-30	70.00	95.00
	wt30-40	60.00	90.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, September 30, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	24.00	28.00
61-75 lbs.	32.00	38.00
76-90 lbs.	47.50	50.00
91-105 lbs.	55.00	62.00
106 lbs. & up	66.00	72.00
Farm Calves	75.00	120.00
Starter Calves	24.00	30.00
Veal Calves	90.00	150.00
Open Heifers	112.50	135.00
Beef Steers	84.00	121.50
Beef Heifers	87.00	112.50
Feeder Steers	80.00	115.00
Stock Bulls	120.00	140.00
Beef Bulls	93.00	111.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	1 at	54.00
Butcher Hogs	1 at	45.00
Goats each	70.00	150.00
Kid Goats	22.50	55.00
Canners	up to	83.50
Cutters	84.00	88.00
Utility Grade Cows	89.50	92.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	1 at	\$1,250
Rabbits each	5.00	25.00
Chickens each	3.00	13.00
Ducks each	5.00	15.00
Feeder Pigs	35.00	40.00
Lambs	60.00	215.00
Sheep	70.00	180.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
APPLE,crtlnd,12/3lb,fcy	22.00	24.00
APPLE,gala,8/5-lb,tote,	25.00	25.00
APPLE,gala,bu	24.00	25.00
APPLE,hnycrsp,bu	45.00	55.00
APPLE,mcn,96ct,xfcy	34.00	38.00
APPLE,mcntsh,xfcy,96ct	26.00	28.00
BEAN,grn,bu	16.00	18.00
BEAN,pole,bu	20.00	24.00
BEAN,wax,bu	24.00	30.00
BEETS,12s	18.00	18.00
BEETS,gldn,12s	24.00	24.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	20.00	20.00
CABBAGE,grn,12ct	12.00	12.00
CAULIFLOWER,12ct	16.00	16.00
CIDER,4/1gal	16.00	16.00
COLLARD,12s	12.00	14.00
CORN,5dz	8.00	14.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu,md	8.00	10.00
GRAPE,cncrd,8/1qt	22.00	24.00
KALE,12s	12.00	13.00
PARSNIP,25lb	24.00	24.00
PEAR,bosc,3/5bu	26.00	30.00
PEAR,rd d'anj	26.00	32.00
SQUASH,dlcata,1/2bu	18.00	18.00
SQUASH,grn,fcy,1/2bu	8.00	10.00
SQUASH,grn,md,1/2bu	6.00	8.00
SQUASH,yllw,fcy,1/2bu	8.00	10.00
SWISS CHARD,12s	14.00	16.00
TOMATO,chrry,12/1pt	14.00	16.00
TOMATO,fld grwn,20lb	16.00	20.00
TOMATO,grp,12/1pt	10.00	16.00
TOMATO,hrlm,gnhs,10lb	28.00	32.00
TOMATO,plm,25lb	15.00	20.00
TOMATO,plm,cn25lb	10.00	10.00



**WHOLESALE SEASONAL ITEMS  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
CORN,ornmntl,20/3s	35.00	35.00
CORN,stalks	5.00	5.00
PUMPKIN,cndrll,xl,36"bin	285.00	285.00
PUMPKIN,jbo,hwdn,36"bin	180.00	200.00
PUMPKIN,lg,pie,36"bin	240.00	260.00
PUMPKIN,mini,24"bin	500.00	500.00
PUMPKIN,pie,1-1/9bu	18.00	18.00
PUMPKIN,pie,24"bin	175.00	200.00
SQUASH,acrn,1-1/9bu,md	15.00	18.00
SQUASH,bttrnt,1-1/9 bu,lg	16.00	20.00

**PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

September 27, 2013

Average Dressing

<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>		
breakers 75-80% lean	74.50	78.00
boners 80-85% lean	71.50	75.00
lean 88-90% lean	66.50	71.00
<b>CALVES graded bull</b>		
No.1 95-120lbs	123.75	144.00
No 2 95-120lbs	110.25	127.25
No 3 80-120lbs	66.25	88.50
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr</b>		
High dressing	100.50	105.25
Avg. dressing	88.75	94.75
Low dressing	77.75	88.75
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>		
HiCh/Prm3-4	117.75	120.75
Ch2-3	113.00	115.25
Sel2-3	102.00	103.00
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
HiCh/prm3-4	124.00	127.00
Ch2-3	121.00	124.75
Sel2-3	114.00	117.50
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>		
HiCh/prm3-4	106.00	109.75
Ch 2-3	99.75	103.75
Sel1-3	93.00	97.00
VEALER 60 120lbs	20.00	47.50
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3</b>		
40-60lbs		n/a
70-80lbs	155.00	162.00
80-90lbs	152.00	156.00
90-110lb	144.00	155.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh</b>		
100-120lbs	54.00	60.00
120-160lbs	54.00	70.00
Bucks 140-150lbs		n/a
160-200lbs		n/a
200-250lbs		n/a
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est. wt.</b>		
40-60lbs	105.00	130.00
60-80lbs	120.00	148.00
80-100lbs	142.00	162.00
100-120lbs	160.00	170.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130lbs	130.00	142.00
130-150lbs	155.00	188.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	158.00	187.00

**EASTERN PA GRAIN**

September 30, 2013

Average price per bushel

BARLEY	3.00
CORN	4.53
OATS	3.22
SOYBEANS	12.70
WHEAT	6.87

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

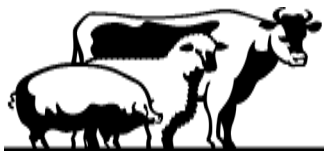
Per doz., USDA Grade A/Grade A white in cartons  
(volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.22	1.26
LARGE	1.20	1.24
MEDIUM	1.02	1.06

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.71	1.81
LARGE	1.63	1.74
MEDIUM	1.23	1.32





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### A SOLEMN REMINDER TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY, ANIMALS, AND SELF AGAINST INSECT-BORN DISEASES

*Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner*

Oftentimes events can shape our lives and our actions. This is one of those times.

A couple weeks ago I received word that a dear friend of ours had died suddenly from a tick-borne disease called Ehrlichiosis, which is caused primarily by the bite from a lone star tick. His wife asked that I please use his death to educate others.

The disease is extremely rare in Connecticut, with the highest incidence rates in New England reported to be in New Hampshire, at just 1.0 to 3.3 cases per million persons. Incidence rates increase along the eastern seaboard and in the southeastern and south-central United States.

Since the CDC began requiring national reporting of the disease in 1999, cases have increased steadily from 200 in the year 2000, to a high of 961 cases in 2008, and 740 cases in 2010. The annual fatality rate over the same period has averaged about 1.6 percent.

The infection has a one- to two-week incubation period, and the signs and symptoms can include fever, headache, chills, malaise, muscle pain, gastrointestinal symptoms, confusion, conjunctival injection (red eyes).

There chance of rash is a 60 percent in children and only 30 percent in adults.

Symptoms can be more severe in immune compromised individuals, and while cases have been reported in every age group, incidence rates increase substantially for adults 60 and older.

The disease, as in other tick-borne diseases, can also afflict our pets.

While it may come as a surprise that a tick-borne disease with its roots in the southeastern and south-central United States can be fatal to someone in Connecticut, it should come as no surprise that tick-borne illnesses are of serious concern here, where we have been struggling with the devastating effects of Lyme disease for many years.

Now is a good time to remind ourselves and family members to take precautions to prevent these diseases.

When in brushy or wooded areas, wear repellent containing at least 20% DEET or permethrin-treated clothing. Check for ticks and shower soon after being outdoors. Be sure pets are continually treated for ticks and check them daily for the insects.

Ticks should be removed using tweezers, pulling straight upward gently so as not to break off the mouth of the tick off, which can in the skin. Once a tick is removed, the area should be cleaned thoroughly. Contact your physician even if you do not see a rash.

For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/ticks](http://www.cdc.gov/ticks).

**OVERVIEW OF DOAG'S LICENSING UNIT***(continued from Page 1)*

Livestock dealers and commission sales stables with whom the farm may purchase or sell cattle are licensed. The dairy farm itself is licensed as a milk producer—routine sanitation inspections are conducted, milk samples undergo laboratory analysis to assure standards are met, as are water samples, and certain herd health and animal care standards are required and enforced.

The bulk milk tanker that arrives at the farm to transport milk to the processor is registered with the department and milk tankers are inspected randomly for cleanliness and structural integrity. The driver of the milk tanker is licensed as a milk examiner after being certified by department inspectors because he/she determines the amount of milk in the farm tank, its temperature, and obtains a sample of the milk for transport to the receiving plant for laboratory analysis.

The receiving plant's laboratory that analyzes the incoming bulk milk for the presence of antibiotic residues, as well as the milk plant itself, is licensed and inspected.

Two other entities subject to inspection and requiring licensing are all stores selling milk in the state (dairy store license) and firms purchasing milk for re-sale (milk subdealer license).

Occasionally the department is faced with something new and unexpected in the realm of licensing and registration. That occurred this year as a result of legalizing the use of marijuana for medical purposes through the passage of Public Act No. 12-55, *An Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana*. Now the department is registering fertilizers, mostly from firms based in California, marketed specifically for use in growing marijuana.

The following is a summary of licenses and registrations issued by the Department of Agriculture for Fiscal Year 2013:

Animal Importers 128, Bulk Milk Tankers 68, Cheese Manufacturers 25, Commercial Kennels 274, Commission Sales Stables 1, Dog Training Facilities 127, Egg Processing Plants 4, Equine Auctions 1, Feed 521, Fertilizer 288, Fur Breeders 1, Grooming Facilities 375, Poultry Dealers 80, Livestock Dealers/Brokers 33, Milk Dealers 80, Milk Examiners 136, Milk Producers 123, Milk Subdealers 95, Pet Shops 103, Poultry Slaughter Facilities 2, Raw Milk/Cheese Manufacturers 5, Retail Dairy Stores 2,945, Retail Raw Milk Producers 18, Seed Labelers 79 and Swine Garbage Feeders 3.

The Department of Agriculture transitioned the majority of its licenses to the state's E-License system back in 2010. This was a collaborative effort among the departments of Agriculture, Consumer Protection and Public Health.

In addition to being able to verify licenses issued by our agency, anyone can look online at <https://www.elicense.ct.gov/> for the license status of individuals and companies in more than 100 job and business categories such as electricians, plumbers, home improvement contractors, veterinarians, livestock dealers, etc. The goal is to reduce a reliance on manually entering data each licensing renewal cycle.

License renewals will be processed electronically and, hopefully one day soon, renewals will be able to be completed over the internet. The online service provides a valuable resource for Connecticut residents and reduces the amount of staff time, paper, and postage spent hand processing thousands of license applications and renewals each year.

For more information about agricultural licenses in Connecticut, please contact the Department of Agriculture's License Unit at 860-713-2512 (weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), or send us an e-mail at [AGR-DLAllusers@ct.gov](mailto:AGR-DLAllusers@ct.gov).



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