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WATER PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT ESSENTIAL TO CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE

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Water is an essential resource to agriculture, the environment, and all residents. Protection and careful management of this resource is paramount.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture participates in statewide water planning efforts, working with representatives from state and federal agencies, water authorities, business and industry, and representatives of environmental groups, serving on two work groups of the state's Water Planning Council (WPC).

Created through Public Act 01-177, the WPC comprises commissioners or their designees from the departments of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Public Health (DPH), and Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA), along with the secretary or designee from the Office of Policy and Management.

The council exists to "address issues involving the water companies, water resources and state policies regarding the future of the state's drinking water supply" and to "identify issues and strategies which bridge the gap between the water supply planning process and water resources management in order that water can be appropriately allocated to balance competing needs while protecting the health, safety and welfare of the people of Connecticut and minimizing adverse economic and environmental effects."

The WPC's Water Planning Council Advisory Group (WPCAG) was created in 2007 through Public Act 07-4 to assist the WPC in researching and analyzing water industry issues. Per state statute, the WPCAG should balance consumptive and non-consumptive interests, and include representatives from the following:

1. Regional and municipal water utilities.
2. Investor-owned water utilities.
3. A wastewater system.
4. Agricultural interests.
5. Electric power generation interests.
6. Business and industry interests.
7. Environmental land protection interests.
8. Environmental river protection interests.
9. Boating interests.
10. Fisheries interests.
11. Recreational interests.
12. endangered species protection interests.
13. Members of academia with expertise in stream flow, public health and ecology.



This NRCS rainfall simulator demonstrates water runoff and penetration in relation to crop management using traditional till, conservation till, and no till.

The Connecticut Farm Bureau Association currently represents agricultural interests on the WPCAG, while the Connecticut Department of Agriculture serves on both the Water Company Lands and the Drought Plan/Model Water Use Ordinance work groups of the WPCAG, and regularly attends WPC and WPCAG meetings.

The Water Company Lands workgroup is charged with review and determination of the adequacy of current statutory/regulatory provisions to protect public water supplies and maintain Class I and II water company lands.

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**WHOLESALE GREENHSE PRODUCE
U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL**

	Low	High
CUCMBR,prsn,20lb,DR	34.00	35.00
LEEK,5kg,NT	16.00	19.00
PEPPR,bll,rd,11lb,MX	18.00	22.00
PEPPR,bll,yllw,1 ¹ / ₉ bu,CN	18.00	22.00
RHUBARB,6kg,NT	55.00	55.00
TOMATO,12lb,vn rp,ME	26.00	26.00
TOMATO,25lb,lg,ME	20.00	20.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

	Low	High
49-54	220-300 lbs	73.00 77.00
	300-400 lbs	75.00 78.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	65.00 71.00
	300-400 lbs	65.00 69.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	68.00 71.00
	500-700 lbs	70.00 74.00
Boars	300-700 lbs	17.00 18.00

PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.

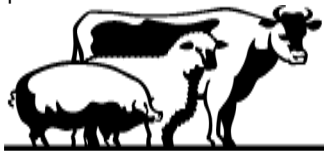
Gr US 1-	wt	Low	High
	20-30	270.00	290.00
	30-40		n/a
	40-50	190.00	190.00
	40-60	100.00	110.00
	60-80		n/a

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, January 13, 2014

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	25.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.	70.00	80.00
76-90 lbs.	75.00	85.00
91-105 lbs.	100.00	105.00
106 lbs. & up	115.00	117.50
Farm Calves	125.00	140.00
Starter Calves	28.00	38.00
Veal Calves	70.00	167.50
Open Heifers	71.00	95.00
Beef Steers	93.00	134.00
Beef Heifers	87.00	102.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	120.00
Stock Bulls	82.00	115.00
Beef Bulls	89.00	95.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	100.00	120.00
Kid Goats	1 at	100.00
Canners	up to	94.50
Cutters	95.00	100.00
Utility Grade Cows	101.00	105.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	30.00
Chickens each	3.00	17.50
Ducks each	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs	5.00	20.00
Lambs	225.00	250.00
Sheep	2 at	100.00



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
APPLE,brbrn,bu	20.00	20.00
APPLE,empr,xfcy,80ct	24.00	26.00
APPLE,hnycrsp,fcy,80ct	26.00	28.00
APPLE,mcntsh,12/3lb,fcy	15.00	16.00
APPLE,mcntsh,no1,140ct	16.00	16.00
CIDER,4/1gal	16.00	16.00
PARSNIP,18/1lb	23.00	23.00
PARSNIP,25lb	22.00	22.00
POTATO,10lb	2.50	2.60
POTATO,CHF,50lb	12.00	12.00
POTATO,rd,50lb,sz b	22.00	23.00
SQUASH,bttrnt,md,1 ¹ / ₉ bu	14.00	15.00
TURNIP,prpl,25lb	10.00	10.00
TURNIP,wht,bu	17.00	18.00

SHIPPED IN

ANISE,24ct,AZ	30.00	34.00
ARUGULA,2lb,CA	9.00	9.00
BEAN,grn,bu,FL	28.00	32.00
CARROT,50lb,jbo,CA	19.00	21.00
CILANTRO,60s,TX	24.00	26.00
DATE,11lb,CA	55.00	55.00
GARLIC,col,30lb,CA	60.00	60.00
JERUSLM ARTCHK,10ct,CA	36.00	36.00
ONION,yllw,50lb,NY	12.00	17.00
ORANGE,nvl,113ct,CA	24.00	28.00
PEACHES,48ct,CH	38.00	38.00
PEPPER,ht chrry,1/2bu,NC	30.00	30.00
STRAWBERRY,8/1lb,FL	24.00	28.00
TANGERINE,80ct,FL	29.00	29.00



**RETAIL BEEF, USDA
NORTHEAST U.S. MAJOR SUPERMARKETS**

Prices per pound

	Low	High
BEEF SHORT RIB	4.99	5.49
BOTTOM ROUND ROAST	2.49	4.49
CORNED BEEF FLAT	4.49	5.49
CUBE STEAK	3.99	5.99
FILET MIGNON	14.49	14.99
GROUND,80-89%	3.49	4.69
NY STRIP STEAK	6.99	6.99
PORTERHOUSE STEAK	6.99	9.99
SIRLOIN STEAK TIPS	2.78	2.78
STEW MEAT	3.69	5.99
T-BONE STEAK	6.99	9.99

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

January 10, 2014
Average Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	86.00	90.25
boners 80-85% lean	81.50	86.25
lean 85-90% lean	75.00	80.50
CALVES graded bull		
No.1 95-120lbs	146.00	163.00
No 2 95-120lbs	122.00	144.25
No 3 80-120lbs	76.75	107.75
SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr		
High dressing	105.75	111.00
Avg.dressing	98.75	102.00
Low dressing	88.00	92.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm2-3	135.25	139.50
Ch2-3	129.00	133.00
Ch1-3	125.00	128.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS.		
HiCh/prm2-3	139.25	144.50
Ch1-3	133.50	138.00
Sel1-2	126.25	131.75
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/prm2-3	118.00	123.75
Ch 2-3	111.00	116.50
Sel1-2	114.25	118.25
VEALER 60-120lbs	25.75	51.25
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3		
40-60lbs	n/a	
70-80lb	197.00	207.00
80-110lbs	185.00	200.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3		
110-120lbs	n/a	
120-160lbs	98.00	112.00
160-180lbs	88.00	106.00
Bucks 120-160lbs	97.00	106.00
170-200lbs	90.00	112.00
200-240lbs	74.00	108.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est.		
40-60lb	145.00	157.00
60-80lb	160.00	190.00
80-100lb	185.00	200.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130lbs	182.00	217.00
130-140lbs	190.00	200.00
Bucks/Billies: 130-140lbs	270.00	305.00
140-180lbs	340.00	385.00

EASTERN PA GRAIN

January 13, 2014
Average price per bushel

BARLEY	3.10
CORN	4.30
OATS	3.35
SOYBEANS	12.71
WHEAT	6.30

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

XTRA LARGE	1.21	1.25
LARGE	1.19	1.23
MEDIUM	1.09	1.11

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	2.15	2.25
LARGE	2.11	2.00
MEDIUM	1.36	1.43

ADVERTISEMENTS

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3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

6-R. Hay, 1st and 2nd cutting. \$6/bale pick up. 860-537-1974.

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9. Sutorbilt 7.5 HP vacuum pump \$2,500. Boumatic receiver group and wash controls \$1,500. 1st cutting hay \$5/bale. 2nd cutting hay 6.50/bale.

11-R. Kinze Model DF, 4 row corn planter, 30" between rows, double frame, no till, excellent condition, \$5,000. Call 860-537-1974.

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From an agricultural standpoint, of most interest on this group right now is DPH's work in exploring approaches (legal or policy related) to improve DPH's ability to protect drinking water watershed lands that are not owned by a water company.

The Drought Plan/Model Water Use Ordinance work group was established to explore changes to the model water use ordinance, as well as to undertake necessary changes in revising the State of Connecticut's [Drought Preparedness and Response Plan](#), last revised in 2003.

The priorities identified for update by the WPCAG included the following, as summarized in the WPC's [2013 annual report](#):

1. Improve criteria for drought declarations to be more responsive to the most critical factors and to regional variations.
2. Incorporate private wells into the state's drought plan.
3. Better define roles of state agencies, municipalities and water utilities in the drought plan and develop mechanisms to foster better coordination.
4. Better define roles of various agencies in the implementation and enforcement of water use restrictions.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture also holds a seat on the Interagency Drought work group, chaired by the Undersecretary David LeVasseur from the Office of Policy and Management.

This group is made up of several state and federal agency representatives and meets periodically, especially during periods when there is potential for drought. Members review data and discuss conditions related to drought. When necessary, the group develops a statewide action plan for responding to drought conditions.

This year, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture also attended the following water planning events:

- A water summit hosted by State Representative John Hampton, in which dozens of stakeholders discussed development of a statewide water plan.
- Connecticut's first Source Water Collaborative event to introduce those interested in protecting drinking water sources to collaborative techniques for working toward that goal.
- DEEP's Nonpoint Source Phosphorous work group concerning the implementation of Public Act 12-155.

Connecticut's agricultural producers are in a unique position regarding these statewide water-planning efforts.

The quality of water from lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams, as well as that of groundwater wells, can significantly affect the health of agricultural crops, while at the same time, management decisions made by agricultural producers can have a significant effect on water quality and availability.

Connecticut's small geographic size, limited water supply, and strong demand for locally grown agricultural products make water conservation a necessity.

USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) offers a number of financial and technical resources to eligible landowners to assist with sustainable farm management. Some of those related to water management include the following:

- Field to Faucet fact sheet: <http://www.fieldtofaucet.org/AgFieldtoFaucet-BR-v3f.pdf>
- Field to Faucet checklist: <http://www.fieldtofaucet.org/SWC-AgFieldtoFaucet-Insert-v3d.pdf>
- NRCS technical assistance: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial>).

Additional resources from federal agency partners include EPA's flyer on runoff:

http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/Ag_Runoff_Fact_Sheet.pdf,

and information from the CDC on agricultural water use:

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/other/resources-agricultural.html>.

For more information about Connecticut's water planning efforts, please see http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2720&q=325644&deepNav_GID=1654.

NO REPORT NEXT WEEK

There will be no January 22, 2014, issue of the Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report.

The report is published every week, except the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas and two other weeks each year.

Next week is one of those two other weeks.

The next report will be issued on January 29, 2014.

GCAD SEEKS PRODUCER INPUT AT JAN 29 EVENT

The Governor's Council for Agricultural Development (GCAD) invites farmers and other agricultural stakeholders to a town hall style meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, in Old Judiciary Room of the State Capitol in Hartford.

Based on its work in 2013, the council identified four priority top areas in 2014, and formed a working group, co-chaired by council members, to address each one.

The Food Safety Modernization working group, led by GCAD members George Hindinger, Jason Hoagland, and Michael Keilty, will study FDA's rules proposed as part of the Food Safety Modernization Act, as well as examine other new food safety requirements affecting Connecticut agriculture, gather input from producers on concerns about those requirements, and identify any gaps and/or extraordinary costs for producers associated with complying with those food safety requirements.

The Infrastructure and Wholesale Markets working group, led by GCAD members Herb Holden and Shelly Oechsler, will gather producer input on wants/needs for processing, aggregation, storage, and associated business models, and identify/study models for cooperatives, nonprofits, public/private aggregation, storage, distribution, marketing, etc.

The Producer Education and Innovation working group, led by GCAD members Jamie Jones and Kevin Sullivan, will gather producer input on needs for research, development, and education; identify gaps in the delivery of those services; and identify potential partnerships for providing those services.

The Marketing working group, led by GCAD members Allyn Brown, Jim Guida, and Peter Orr, will identify the various Connecticut Grown product sectors and marketing messages, and identify potential partnerships for dissemination of those messages.

To help the working groups accomplish these tasks, the council is inviting farmers and other agricultural stakeholders to a meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, in Old Judiciary Room of the State Capitol in Hartford, to provide input on and learn more about these issues. Lunchtime presentations will include updates from the council on a variety of initiatives related to its work over the past two years.

The day's schedule is as follows:

- 8:00 a.m. Check in, light refreshments
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome from Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky
- 8:45 a.m. Food Safety Modernization
- 10:30 a.m. Infrastructure and Wholesale Markets
- Noon Lunch, council updates
- 1:15 p.m. Producer Education and Innovation
- 3:00 p.m. Marketing

This event is free and open to all, but space is limited and online registration by January 27, 2014, is required. To reserve a seat, go to [www.planetReg.com/GCAD Agricultural Town Hall Meeting](http://www.planetReg.com/GCAD_Agricultural_Town_Hall_Meeting). (If you do not have Internet access, call 860-713-2501 for assistance.)

For more information about the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development, please see www.CTGrown.gov/GovernorsCouncil.



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