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HARTFORD REGIONAL FARMERS' MARKET READIES FOR ANOTHER SEASON OF TRADITION AND NEW GROWTH

By Rick Masuga, DoAg Bureau of Development and Resource Preservation

The opportunity for Connecticut farmers to offer their products to thousands of customers every week is about to begin again as the Hartford Regional Farmer's Market (HRFM) prepares for another season.

As many as 3,000 customers flock to the market during in-season weekends looking for locally-grown plants, produce, nursery stock and other products in the 144 stalls rented by farms from all over Connecticut - many of which have been selling there for decades.

"The market has provided income for my family's farm since my grandparents came here on the boat," said Joe Geremia, the third-generation owner of Geremia Farms on the Wallingford-Cheshire border. "My Dad started bringing me there when I was a kid and it really helped shape who I am today."

Located near the intersection of Interstates 91 and 84 in the South Meadows section of the capital city, the market is the last remaining wholesale farmers' market in Connecticut. Famous for its spring plant sales, it grows increasingly busy in the weekends leading up to Mother's Day.

As the weather warms and seasonal produce becomes available, local farmers sell fruits and vegetables to other farmers, retail stores, farm stands, restaurants, or anyone wishing to buy in bulk. Items such as honey, eggs, maple syrup and greenhouse crops are available year-round.

The market is on the grounds of the 32-acre Hartford Regional Market - the largest, state/public operated perishable food distribution facility between Boston and New York. It is open seven days a week, but typically draws the most customers on weekend mornings.

"With the ever-growing interest in locally grown food, the market is becoming an increasingly popular retail attraction," said Joseph

Dippel, head of DoAg's Development and Resource Preservation Bureau. "We want all of our producers to be aware that now is the time to sign up and join us for another great season."

Dippel noted that some improvements have been made to the site recently, including re-paving of the parking lot. The Dept. of Agriculture also is developing a master plan to significantly renovate and expand the entire Regional Market site in order to increase retail sales.

Ideas being explored include creating an indoor public market, expanding the farmers' market, creating an indoor winter market, and expanding the retail component of the wholesalers' businesses.

The market is open seven days a week: Monday through Friday from 3 a.m. to 10 a.m. and weekends from 3 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There is no minimum requirement on number of days or hours that sellers must be there. Most tend to set up only on weekends, when the market is busiest.

Market stalls are 10-to-12 feet wide and 30 feet in length. Most are

uncovered, but a limited number of covered stalls are available under a high-roofed, open-sided pavilion.

Stalls may be rented for either four consecutive months or one-year time frames. Rental agreements begin on April 1st and end on the following March 31st.

Covered stalls are rented for \$320 for four months and \$620 for one year. Open stalls are \$275 for four months and \$350 for a one-year rental.

The market is operated by the state as a self-sustaining, non-profit venture which is fully funded by fees generated from its operation. It is overseen by the Connecticut Marketing Authority (CMA), which includes a nine-member board, an executive director, administrative and maintenance staff, and security.

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

| | LOW | HIGH |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| LETTUCE,bstn,12/4oz,CT | 15.00 | 17.00 |
| MACHE,3lb,PA | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| PEPPER,bl,or,11lb,DR | 24.00 | 28.00 |
| PEPPER,bl,rd,11lb,MX | 18.00 | 20.00 |
| RHUBARB,10lb,MI | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| TOMATO,12lb,vnrp,ME | 24.00 | 25.00 |
| TOMATO,chrry,5lb,,ME | 14.00 | 15.00 |

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

| | | Low | High |
|------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| 49-54 | 220-300 lbs | 83.00 | 88.00 |
| | 300-400 lbs | 83.00 | 86.50 |
| 45-49 | 220-300 lbs | 79.00 | 83.00 |
| | 300-400 lbs | 78.00 | 83.00 |
| Sows,US1-3 | 300-500 lbs | 67.50 | 74.00 |
| | 500-700 lbs | 77.50 | 82.00 |
| Boars | 300-700 lbs | 22.00 | 24.00 |

PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.march 5

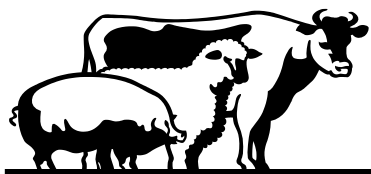
| | | Low | High |
|----------|----------|--------|--------|
| Gr US 1- | wt 20-30 | 290.00 | 300.00 |
| | wt 30-40 | 240.00 | 280.00 |
| Gr US 2- | wt 15-30 | 110.00 | 130.00 |

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, March 10, 2014

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

| | Low | High |
|---------------------|--------|---------|
| Bob Calves: | | |
| 45-60 lbs. | 20.00 | 25.00 |
| 61-75 lbs. | 40.00 | 45.00 |
| 76-90 lbs. | 47.50 | 50.00 |
| 91-105 lbs. | 60.00 | 65.00 |
| 106 lbs. & up | 75.00 | 85.00 |
| Farm Calves | 100.00 | 110.00 |
| Starter Calves | 22.00 | 30.00 |
| Veal Calves | 100.00 | 190.00 |
| Open Heifers | 120.00 | 140.00 |
| Beef Steers | 75.00 | 125.00 |
| Beef Heifers | 80.00 | 120.00 |
| Feeder Steers | 95.00 | 110.00 |
| Stock Bulls | 100.00 | 135.00 |
| Beef Bulls | 92.00 | 118.00 |
| Boars | 1 at | .02/lb. |
| Sows | 20.00 | 36.00 |
| Butcher Hogs | n/a | n/a |
| Goats each | 140.00 | 250.00 |
| Kid Goats | 10.00 | 25.00 |
| Canners | up to | 96.50 |
| Cutters | 97.00 | 101.00 |
| Utility Grade Cows | 102.00 | 109.00 |
| Replacement Heifers | n/a | n/a |
| Replacement Cows | n/a | n/a |
| Rabbits each | 8.00 | 35.00 |
| Chickens each | 5.00 | 35.00 |
| Ducks each | 9.00 | 22.50 |
| Feeder Pigs | n/a | n/a |



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

| | Low | High |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| APPLE, empire,exfcy, 80ct | 20.00 | 24.00 |
| APPLE,hnycrsp,US1,140ct | 15.00 | 16.00 |
| APPLE,mcntsh,12/3lb,fcy | 15.00 | 16.00 |
| APPLE,mcntsh,fcy,100ct | 17.00 | 17.00 |
| CIDER,9½gal | 18.00 | 18.00 |
| SQUASH,bttrnt,md,1½bu | 14.00 | 15.00 |



SHIPPED IN

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| ASPARAGUS,28lb,CA | 30.00 | 32.00 |
| BEAN,grn,bu,FL | 18.00 | 20.00 |
| HONEYDEW,5CT,CR | 12.00 | 14.00 |
| BRUSSEL SPRT,25lb,CA | 20.00 | 22.00 |
| CABBAGE,grn,50lb,GA | 17.00 | 19.00 |
| CELERY,2dz,FL | 15.00 | 16.00 |
| CORN,4dz,FL | 17.00 | 19.00 |
| DENDELION GREEN,12s,GA | 16.00 | 18.00 |
| EGGPLANT,1½bu,FL | 15.00 | 18.00 |
| JERUSLM ARTCHK,10ct,CA | 42.00 | 42.00 |
| KALE,12ct,GA | 18.00 | 18.00 |
| LEMON GRASS,30lb,CA | 40.00 | 52.00 |
| ROMAINE,24CT,CA | 15.00 | 20.00 |
| ORANGE,nvl,113ct,CA | 26.00 | 27.00 |
| PEACH,44ct,CH | 34.00 | 34.00 |
| PEAR,bsc,80ct,OR | 36.00 | 36.00 |
| PEANUTS 25 lb,raw,VA | 28.00 | 28.00 |
| SWEET POTATO,40lb,LA | 22.00 | 24.00 |



**WHOLESALE BROILER/FRYER PARTS
TRUCKLOTS**

Prices per pound

| | Low | High |
|---------------|------|------|
| BACK/NECK | .16 | .18 |
| BREAST,b/s | 1.70 | 1.75 |
| BREAST,w/rib | .90 | .91 |
| DRUMSTICK | .46 | .47 |
| GIZZARD | .75 | .80 |
| LEG | .64 | .65 |
| LEG,quarters | .41 | .42 |
| LIVER,5lb tub | .55 | .60 |
| TENDERLOIN | 1.70 | 1.75 |
| THIGH | .65 | .66 |
| WING | 1.32 | 1.33 |

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

March 107 2014

Average Dressing

| | | |
|---|------------|---------------|
| SLAUGHTER COWS: | | |
| breakers 75-80% lean | 92.00 | 96.75 |
| boners 80-85% lean | 88.25 | 93.50 |
| lean 85-90% lean | 82.50 | 87.50 |
| CALVES graded bull | | |
| No 1 95-120lbs | 222.00 | 256.50 |
| No 2 95-120lbs | 203.50 | 237.00 |
| No 3 80-120lbs | 149.50 | 210.00 |
| SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr | | |
| High dressing | 115.50 | 122.50 |
| Avg.dressing | 107.25 | 112.25 |
| Low dressing | 93.50 | 104.00 |
| SLAUGHTER HEIFERS | | |
| HiCh/Prm2-3 | 144.25 | 149.00 |
| Ch1-3 | 134.00 | 137.75 |
| Sel1-2 | 116.50 | 119.75 |
| SLAUGHTER STEERS. | | |
| HiCh/prm2-3 | 147.50 | 152.50 |
| Ch1-3 | 141.75 | 147.00 |
| Sel1-2 | 132.75 | 136.25 |
| SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS | | |
| HiCh/prm2-3 | 129.00 | 133.00 |
| Ch2-3 | 120.00 | 122.00 |
| Ch1-2 | 113.00 | 116.50 |
| Vealers-60-120lbs | 38.00 | 68.75 |
| SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3 HAIR | | |
| 40-60lbs | 200.00 | 235.00 |
| 60-80lb | 220.00 | 234.00 |
| 80-110lbs | 208.00 | 230.00 |
| SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3 | | |
| 80-110lbs | | n/a |
| 120-160 | 96.00 | 106.00 |
| 160-200 | 88.00 | 90.00 |
| Bucks | 125-140lbs | 90.00 98.00 |
| | 160-200lbs | 70.00 90.00 |
| | 210-250lbs | 70.00 94.00 |
| SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est. | | |
| | 40-60lb | 150.00 192.00 |
| | 60-80lb | 165.00 197.00 |
| | 80-110lb | 183.00 200.00 |
| Nannies/Does: 110-130lbs | 167.00 | 192.00 |
| | 130-180lbs | 172.00 217.00 |
| Bucks/Billies: 125-150lbs | 230.00 | 280.00 |
| | 150-200lbs | 300.00 357.00 |

EASTERN PA GRAIN

Average price per bushel

| | |
|----------|-------|
| BARLEY | 3.22 |
| CORN | 4.96 |
| OATS | n/a |
| SOYBEANS | 14.38 |
| WHEAT | 6.93 |

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

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

| | | |
|------------|------|------|
| XTRA LARGE | 1.41 | 1.45 |
| LARGE | 1.39 | 1.43 |
| MEDIUM | 1.19 | 1.23 |

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

| | | |
|------------|------|------|
| XTRA LARGE | 2.37 | 2.48 |
| LARGE | 2.31 | 2.41 |
| MEDIUM | 1.45 | 1.55 |
| MEDIUM | 1.45 | 1.55 |

ADVERTISEMENTS

The Connecticut Week Agricultural Report offers affordable classified advertisements for your farm-related needs. See Page 4 for details and rates, or call Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2588 for more information.

Advertisements of 35 or fewer words for job openings at Connecticut farms may be placed for up to four weeks for free in the report's new CT FARM EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION SECTION.

CT FARM EMPLOYMENT SECTION

26-R. Mid-size farm looking for farm manager to assist small fruit and vegetable crop management. Minimum 3 years practical agricultural work experience required- combination of crop and livestock production. 4 year college degree preferred. 860-683-0266.

28-R. Farm in Canton offering part-time work Apr-Oct. All positions are learning opportunities! If you want to spend your summer growing food, getting fit, working hard, and feeling great - contact Tara 860-881-2280.

31-R. Spring Farm Apprentice Position available mid-April start date. Housing, food and stipend. Learn all aspects of running 200-member CSA Vegetable Farm Share and Grass-fed Beef farm business. Learn more at: www.devonpointfarm.com or call 860-974-9004.

32-R. Help wanted, seeking farm educator for spring field trips, April - June, Community Farm of Simsbury, educational organic farm in Simsbury, contact Cori Behm, cbehm@communityfarmofsimsbury.org, 860-217-0453, per diem rate, www.communityfarmofsimsbury.org

33-R. Part time summer help experienced with operating New Holland round and square balers, etc. Four Winds Farm, 860-886-0716.

FOR SALE

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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.

8-R. Corn silage stored in corn pit. Augur Farm. 203-530-4953.

27-R. Bally Walk-in-Cooler 18'x24', 11' high, L'il Orb doughnut machine--\$4,500 for both (you must remove cooler from barn) 860-673-3550 days/860-675-3666 until 9pm.

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34-R. Commercial Boer Goat Herd, 20 does & buck, get started or add to your herd proven producers that work well together, selling as a group. ctmeatgoats@gmail.com or 860-668-6217.

MISCELLANEOUS

10-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

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DoAg is committed to ensuring that all products sold as Connecticut Grown are in fact produced in-state. The department has received complaints from both sellers and customers about products being sold as locally-grown when in fact they were purchased from wholesalers who brought them in from another state.

All non-Connecticut Grown products must be properly identified through a sign, poster, flyer, etc. at the point of purchase. The sign must indicate the state from which the product originates.

Vendors may be subject to farm visits, including without notice, by staff of DoAg, CMA or another designated official to verify production. Failure to allow a farm visit will result in the immediate dismissal from the market and forfeiture of all rental fees. Vendors found in violation will be treated as trespassers and removed from the market.

DoAg Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky also is currently proposing legislation to step up enforcement of the Connecticut Grown regulations by fining violators up to \$100 a day.

"I feel very strongly about maintaining the integrity of our premium Connecticut Grown products that support our local farmers and their families," Reviczky said. "Farmers work very hard to raise and cultivate their crops to be brought to market. We cannot allow them to face dishonest competition from someone who may have just backed their truck up to a loading dock and is improperly selling those products as local."

Applications for the farmers' market are available at www.ct.gov/doag. More information is available by contacting Dippel at 860-713-2530/ joseph.dippel@ct.gov, or Rick Macsuga at 860-713-2544/ richard.macsuga@ct.gov.

Please visit the Regional Market's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/HartfordRegionalMarket



WINNERS OF 2013 CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL JOURNALISM AWARDS

DoAg Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky joined more than 30 Connecticut agricultural organizations in presenting the annual Connecticut Agricultural Journalism Awards to ten state journalists at the State Capitol on March 19.

The awards are given by the nonprofit Connecticut Agricultural Information Council, a coalition of state farming groups, to recognize excellence in reporting on agricultural issues published, broadcast or webcast in the state. They are presented each year during Connecticut Agriculture Day at the Capitol.

The 2013 winners are:

Jason J. Marchi - Best Feature Story/Magazines, *Élan*, Summer 2013 edition: *Made in the Shade?*

John Charlton - Best Series/Television, Fox 61 CT: *Cicadas*, May-June 2013.

Mike Patrick, Best Feature Story/Daily Newspapers, Waterbury Republican-American: *Looking for City's Agricultural Past*, June 30, 2013.

Judy Benson - Best Feature Story/Daily Newspapers, The Day of New London: *Weathering Changing Times*, Sept. 2, 2013.

Steve Grant - Best Feature Story/Daily Newspapers, Hartford Courant: *Plants, Gardens Under Attack*, July 14, 2013.

Jan Ellen Spiegel - Best Feature Story/Web, The CT Mirror: *Bringing Local Food to Schools: A Tough Nut to Crack*, April 23, 2013.

John Dankosky (Catie Talariski, Tucker Ives, Lydia Brown - Best

Feature Show/Radio, WNPR: *Where We Live, Where We Farm - Live from Holcomb*, September 26, 2013.

Laura Modlin - Best Feature Story/Weekly Publications, The Fairfield Sun: *How Facebook Saved the GMO Labeling Bill*, June 13, 2013.

Colin McEnroe Show - (Colin McEnroe, Chion Wolf, Betsy Kaplan), Best Feature Show/Radio, WNPR Colin McEnroe Show: *Connecticut Farms are Thriving*, May 14, 2013.

Mara Lavitt - Best Photography, Weekly Publications: *Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report, Cranberry Meadows Farm*, Sept. 25, 2013.

DOAG SEIZES DISEASED POULTRY IN PLAINVILLE

Inspectors and animal-control officers from DoAg on March 14 seized 193 diseased chickens and turkeys from a Plainville address where the majority of the poultry were found living in the house with two occupants.

An investigation into a January complaint about sick and dead poultry found the North Washington Street house to be in extremely unsanitary conditions, with poultry and an excessive amount of manure throughout the house.

Most of the flock was infected with laryngotracheitis, a respiratory disease that is not a threat to humans but is highly-contagious between poultry.

The birds were humanely euthanized and the occupants, who said they raised poultry as a hobby, were evicted. A criminal investigation will determine if they are to be charged with animal neglect.



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