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COMMISSIONER REVICZKY ATTENDS NASDA MEETINGS AT WHITE HOUSE

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky and several colleagues from the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) met in the nation's capital recently with the President's Special Assistant for Agriculture and the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The regionally diverse group of NASDA members included Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture & Forestry and NASDA President Dr. Mike Strain, Indiana Director of Agriculture Ted McKinney, New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture Jeff Witte, and Reviczky, who currently serves as NASDA's Vice President.

"The group's meetings were focused on the need for a more vigorous partnership and role for the states in federal policymaking, and for full funding for federal mandates under which states act as co-regulators," Reviczky said.

With water quality being a critical tenet of EPA's mission, the group stressed the importance of volunteer, incentive-based nutrient management programs and the need for robust consultation and sufficient resources to assist in the maintenance and health of agriculture's most important resource.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt expressed his desire to work with NASDA and agricultural producers in areas of water, conservation and worker protection.

NASDA members discussed a variety of matters with Ray Starling, Special Assistant to the President
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SHELTON BOY WINS ANNUAL CABBAGE-GROWING CONTEST, PLANS TO JOIN FAMILY'S FARMING TRADITION

Sam Jones has spent his entire young life around his family's well-known Shelton farm, but he never raised his own crop until he grew a cabbage last spring as part of a national contest to spark children's interest in agriculture.

And even though last season's drought made for a little more work, the 20-pound cabbage Sam harvested earned him a \$1,000 savings bond for education when he was selected as the Connecticut winner of the 14th annual Bonnie Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Program.

Sam was chosen from more than 7,600 third-grade students across the state who received Bonnie cabbage plants to take home, nurture, and grow.

He received his prize earlier this month during an assembly at his school, Mohegan Elementary in Shelton.

"He was thrilled," said his mother, Christiana. "Sam wants to be a farmer when he grows up and will use the scholarship to learn more about farming."

Sam is part of the 7th generation at Jones Family Farms, where he grew up learning about farming from his father Jamie, grandfather Terry and great-grandfather Philip.

"Although he is surrounded by farming and growing plants, he took particular interest in growing the cabbage because it was his own crop," said Christiana,
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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	58.00	63.50
boners 80-85% lean	58.00	63.00
lean 88-90% lean	53.00	58.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	124.00	127.00
Choice 2-3	120.50	124.50
Select 1-2	115.50	119.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	104.00	104.00
Choice 2-3	90.00	95.00
Sel 1-2	82.00	87.50
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 112-130 lbs	132.00	145.00
No 1 96-105 lbs	162.00	162.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice 1-2		
40-50 lbs	250.00	270.00
50-60 lbs	252.00	267.00
60-70 lbs	245.00	255.00
70-80 lbs	250.00	262.00
80-90 lbs	240.00	250.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	110.00	130.00
160-200 lbs	100.00	125.00
200-300 lbs	70.00	92.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
20-40 lbs	115.00	135.00
40-60 lbs	140.00	165.00
60-80 lbs	160.00	197.00
80-100 lbs	200.00	220.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	180.00	200.00
130-180 lbs	215.00	245.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	220.00	265.00
150-250 lbs	285.00	315.00
SLAUGHTER WETHERS Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	270.00	305.00
150-250 lbs	345.00	390.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Avg dressing. Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	49.00	56.00
	300-350 lbs	50.00	58.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	41.00	51.00
Sows, US 1-3	300-500 lbs	30.00	37.00
	500-800 lbs	30.50	40.00
Boars	400-800 lbs	2.00	5.00

GREYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

April 4, 2017. \$ per lb or as marked.

Muscovy Ducks, Drakes	1.50	2.50
Leghorn Roosters, each	6.50	6.50
Peking Ducks, each	7.00	7.00
Red Fowl, 4-5 lbs	.50	.55
Red Fowl, 5-6 lbs	.60	.80
Rooster, Crossbred, 7-11 lbs	1.20	1.30
Banty hens, each	3.50	4.00
Banty roosters, each	5.00	6.00
Guinea fowl	3.10	4.00
Geese, 9-14, each	10.00	15.00
Pigeons, each	3.00	3.10
Bunnies, each	6.00	17.00
Chicks, each	.40	1.40
Doves, each	6.00	17.00
Turkeys, each	8.00	25.00
Broilers	.40	.70

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LB CTN	14.00	14.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4 OZ	16.00	16.50
APPLE, CORTLND, XF, 12-3LB	21.00	21.00
APPLE, MAC, #1, 120	18.00	19.00
APPLE, MAC, #1, 140	18.00	19.00
APPLE, MAC, FCY, 2-1/2", 12-3LB	18.00	18.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON	19.00	21.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	21.00	22.50
PARSNIPS, 20 LBS	23.00	23.00
PARSNIPS, 18- 1 LB SACKS	22.00	22.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZA, 50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZB, 50LB	16.00	18.00
POTATO, RNDRED, NG, SZA, 50LB	13.00	13.00
POTATO, RNDWT, #1, CHF, 50LB	13.00	13.00
POTATO, RNDWT, #1, 10 LB FILM	2.25	2.50
POTATO, RUSST, #1, 10OZ, 50LB	12.00	13.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, SZB, 50 LB	11.00	11.00
POTATO, YELLOW, #1, SZA, 50LB	13.00	22.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, CHEF, 50LB	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES, GHSE, 25 LBS	15.00	15.00
TOMATO, GHS, ONVINE, 11 LBS	20.00	20.00
TOMATOES, GHS, CHERRY, 5LB	10.00	14.00
TOMS, GHS, CHRRY, 8-10 OZ	20.00	24.00

NORTHEAST RETAIL DAIRY REPORT

\$ per lb or as noted.

BUTTER, 1 LB	2.49	3.49
CHEESE, NAT., 8 OZ	1.99	3.50
CHEESE, NAT., 1 LB	3.99	3.99
CHEESE, SHRED, 8 OZ	1.99	3.00
CHEESE, SHRED, 1 LB	3.99	3.99
COTTAGE CHEESE, 1 LB	1.66	2.29
CREAM CHEESE, 8 OZ	.85	2.50
FLAVORED MILK, 1/2 GALLON	2.49	2.49
ICE CREAM, 48-64 OZ	1.99	4.99
MILK, GALLON	3.69	3.69
MILK, ORG., 1/2 GALLON	3.99	3.99
MILK, ORG., GALLON	4.99	4.99
SOUR CREAM, 16 OZ	1.50	2.00
YOGURT, GREEK, 4-6 OZ	.69	1.00
YOGURT, GREEK, 32 OZ	3.49	4.50
YOGURT, GREEK, ORG., 4-6 OZ	.88	1.25
YOGURT, 4-6 OZ	.33	.60
YOGURT, 32 OZ	2.49	4.99
YOGURT, ORG., 32 OZ	3.50	3.50

NORTHEAST RETAIL APPLE REPORT

\$ per lb or as noted.

APPLES, BRAEBURN, ORG.	.69	2.29
APPLES, FUJI	1.49	1.49
APPLES, FUJI, ORG.	1.29	3.99
APPLES, GALA, ORG.	1.45	3.99
APPLES, GALA, ORG., 3 LBS	3.99	5.99
APPLES, GALA, ORG., 5 LBS	4.99	4.99
APPLES, GRANNY SMITH, ORG.	1.45	2.99
APPLES, GOLD DEL, ORG.	1.45	1.99
APPLES, HONEYCRISP	2.49	2.49
APPLES, MAC, ORG., 3 LBS	3.98	3.98
APPLES, PINK LADY	1.49	1.49
APPLES, PINK LADY, ORG.	1.98	2.99
APPLES, PINK LADY, ORG. 3 LB	2.99	5.99
APPLES, RED DEL, ORG.	.69	1.99
APPLES, RED DEL, ORG., 3 LBS	2.89	3.99

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - April 24, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	35.00	40.00
61-75 lbs.	50.00	55.00
76-90 lbs.	70.00	75.00
91-105 lbs.	80.00	85.00
106 lbs. & up	90.00	92.50
Farm Calves	95.00	210.00
Starter Calves	45.00	55.00
Veal Calves	70.00	145.00
Feeder Heifers	95.00	107.50
Beef Heifers	80.00	107.00
Feeder Steers	70.00	112.50
Beef Steers	78.00	118.00
Feeder Bulls	68.00	87.00
Beef Bulls	80.00	92.50
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	1@	55.00
Sows	1@	21.00
Butcher Hogs	46.00	56.00
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	105.00	120.00
Lambs each	120.00	280.00
Goats each	80.00	300.00
Kid Goats each	65.00	160.00
Canners	up to	66.50
Cutters	67.00	70.00
Utility Grade Cows	71.00	75.50
Rabbits each	10.00	30.00
Chickens each	7.00	25.00
Ducks each	7.00	16.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDAPer doz. Grade A and Grade A white
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.86	1.05
LARGE	.80	.94
MEDIUM	.58	.71

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGSPer doz. Grade A brown in
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.20	1.32
LARGE	1.17	1.29
MEDIUM	.83	.95
SMALL	.63	.64

NEW HOLLAND, PA FEEDER PIGS

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

US1-2		
20-30 lbs	170.00	210.00
30-40 lbs	110.00	160.00
50-60 lbs	140.00	160.00
60-80 lbs	120.00	160.00
US 2		
20-30 lbs	100.00	170.00
30-40 lbs	150.00	160.00
40-50 lbs	90.00	90.00
50-60 lbs	110.00	110.00
60-80 lbs	100.00	115.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per small square. April 10, 2017.

Alfalfa- Premium	350.00	350.00
Good	185.00	265.00
Grass Hays- Premium	270.00	300.00
Good	180.00	250.00
Alfalfa/Grass- Premium	335.00	345.00
Good	185.00	255.00
Straw	85.00	125.00

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for Agriculture, Agricultural Trade and Food Assistance.

Those topics included Farm Bill priorities, the Food Safety Modernization Act, international trade, and the confirmation of Sonny Perdue as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and subsequent appointment of a deputy secretary and undersecretaries.

"This was an excellent opportunity to establish working relationships with members of the new administration," Reviczky said. "We are all committed to advancing American agriculture."

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Left: (L-R) Indiana Director of Agriculture Ted McKinney; EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt; Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture & Forestry and NASDA President Dr. Mike Strain; Commissioner Reviczky; New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture Jeff Witte.

Page 1: (L-R) McKinney; Witte; Reviczky; Strain; NASDA CEO Barbara Glenn; Ray Starling, Special Assistant to the President for Agriculture, Agricultural Trade and Food Assistance.

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who helps manage the farm.

Sam planted the 2-inch cabbage seedling – one of more than 1.5 million supplied by Bonnie to students across the country - in a small garden bed next to his family's driveway.

During frosty spring nights he had to remember to cover it, his mother said, and to uncover it when the sun was out in full force.

Last season's drought also required Sam to keep on the ball with watering.

"When he harvested it in early June, Sam was happy to see his cabbage was over 20 pounds!," Christiana said.

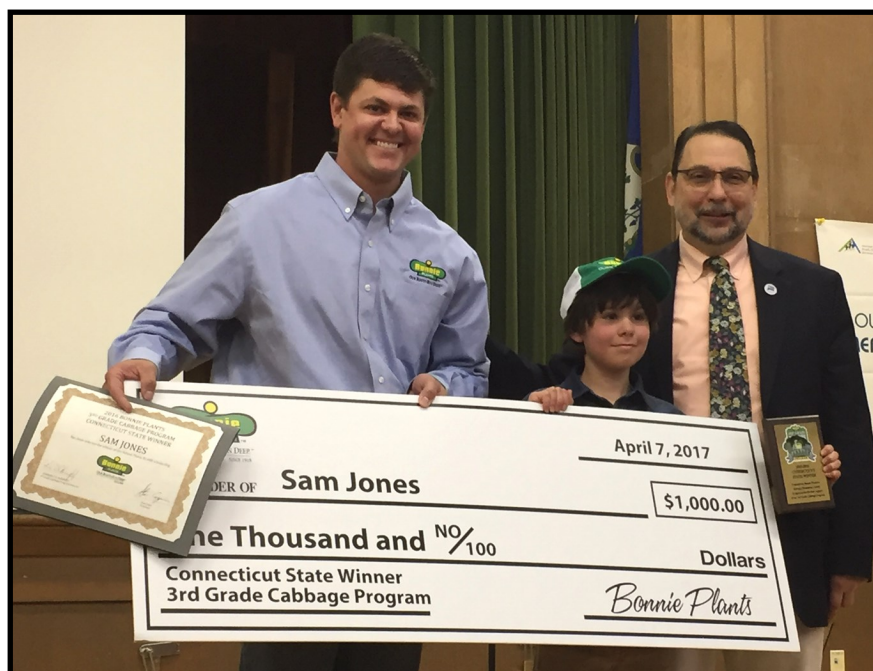
Sam, who will turn 10 this week, also decided to donate 10 percent of his award to the CT Agricultural Experiment Station because, as Christiana quoted her son: "Their scientists expand our knowledge of plants and help other farmers."

More than 1.5 million students took part in the Bonnie Plants program last year.

Teachers from each participating class select the student who has grown the best cabbage, based on size and appearance.

That student's name is then entered in a statewide drawing, and state winners are randomly selected by the head agriculture official in each of the 48 participating states.

"This program is a great way to expose young students to farming and agriculture and I encourage every elementary school in Connecticut to consider participating," said Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky, who (above right) helped present Sam with his award at the school assembly.



Information on joining the Bonnie Plants program is available at <http://bonniecabbageprogram.com/>



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