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CELEBRATING THE SEASON WITH CONNECTICUT'S FARM FAMILIES



Hopkins Farm, Killingworth/Erick Hopkins

The Dept. of Agriculture asked Connecticut's farm families to post their winter photos on the agency's Facebook page, and we received dozens of responses. The photos that follow are just a sample of the beauty and diversity found on the state's more than 6,000 farms. On behalf of the entire agency staff, Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky wishes the Connecticut agricultural community a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year!



Race Hill Farm, Roxbury/Laura Wehman Miller



Cranberry Hill Farm, Ashford/Sherry Simpson



Simon Says Stable, Coventry/Erin Elizabeth

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.67	1.81
LARGE	1.63	1.77
MEDIUM	1.14	1.27

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	2.21	2.32
LARGE	2.20	2.31
MEDIUM	1.37	1.47
SMALL	.76	.86

LANCASTER, PA, LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	53.00	58.50
boners 80-85% lean	52.00	58.50
lean 88-90% lean	45.00	51.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	116.50	122.50
Choice 2-3	111.00	115.50
Select 1-2	103.50	111.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Choice 2-3	82.00	84.00
Sel 1-2	73.00	81.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 2-3	110.00	114.50
Choice 2-3	106.00	110.50
Select 1-2	100.00	105.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 120-130 lbs	90.00	90.00
No 1 96-118 lbs	120.00	130.00
No 1 90-94 lbs	112.00	112.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice 2-3		
90-110 lbs	160.00	185.00
110-130 lbs	135.00	167.00
130-150 lbs	130.00	140.00
150-200 lbs	120.00	122.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	80.00	100.00
160-200 lbs	70.00	94.00
200-300 lbs	75.00	82.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
20-40 lbs	120.00	137.00
40-60 lbs	135.00	155.00
60-80 lbs	160.00	185.00
80-100 lbs	170.00	195.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	170.00	215.00
130-170 lbs	210.00	240.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
80-100 lbs	210.00	225.00
100-150 lbs	245.00	265.00
150-250 lbs	275.00	325.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	55.00	67.00
	300-400 lbs	55.00	64.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	48.00	61.00
	300-400 lbs	45.50	58.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	500-700 lbs	40.00	45.00
Boars	400-600 lbs	5.00	5.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4 OZ	16.00	18.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 80	30.00	30.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 88	30.00	30.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, NG, LOOSE	18.00	18.00
APPLE, CRTLAND, 12-3 LB, 2-1/2	22.00	23.00
APPLE, GALA, US FANCY, 88	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GALA, US FANCY, 100	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GALA, US FANCY, 125	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, FCY, 64	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, FCY, 72	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, #1, 12-3LB	24.00	24.00
APPL, HNYCRSP, XFCY, TRAY, 80	60.00	60.00
APPL, HNYCRSP, XFCY, TRAY, 88	60.00	60.00
APPL, HNYCRSP, XFY, TRAY, 100	32.00	32.00
APPL, HNYCRSP, FCY, TRAY, 80	32.00	32.00
APPL, HNYCRSP, FCY, TRAY, 88	32.00	32.00
APPL, HNYCRSP, NG, LOOSE	40.00	40.00
APPLE, LADY, XFCY, 1/2BU, 2-1/8"	22.00	22.00
APPLE, MACOUN, XFCY, 72	34.00	34.00
APPLE, MACOUN, XFCY, 80	34.00	34.00
APPLE, MACOUN, XFCY, 88	34.00	34.00
APPLE, MACOUN, XFCY, 100	26.00	26.00
APPLE, MACOUN, NG, LOOSE	24.00	26.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 72	30.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 88	30.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 100	21.00	21.00
APPLE, MAC, NG, LOOSE	18.00	18.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 72	23.00	23.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 80	23.00	23.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 125	20.00	20.00
APPLE, RED DEL, #1, 12-3LB	24.00	24.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEET, CHIOGGA, 25 LB, M-L, LSE	14.00	14.00
BEETS, GOLD, 25 LB, M, LOOSE	14.00	14.00
BEETS, RED, 25 LB, M, LOOSE	7.00	7.00
BEETS, RED, 25 LB, M-L, LOOSE	14.00	14.00
BRUSSELSPROUTS, 25 LB, CTN	43.00	43.00
CARROTS, S-M, 10-5 LB FILM	14.00	14.00
CARROT, L, 25LB SACK, LOOSE	10.00	11.00
CIDER, 4- 1 GALLON	21.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	22.50	25.00
CORNSTALKS, 5 BUNDLES	7.00	8.00
CRNBRY, LATEHOWE, M, 24-120Z	28.00	28.00
ORNMNTL CORN, 3/BN, 20	40.00	50.00
ORNMNTL GOURD, 20 LBS	15.00	15.00
ORNMNTL GOURD, SHEL, 1/2BU	22.00	24.00
ORNMNTL GOURD, SHEL, BU	32.00	35.00
PARSNIP, M, 20LB FILM, LOOSE	22.00	23.00
PARSNIP, M, 20LB FILM, 18-1LB	23.00	24.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, M-L, BUSH	20.00	24.00
SQUASH, ACORN, L, 1-1/9	18.00	18.00
SQUASH, ACORN, M, 1-1/9	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, M, 1-1/9	15.00	16.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, M, 1/2 BU	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, M, 1-1/9	16.00	18.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, M, 1-1/9	15.00	16.00
STRAW BALES, MINI, EACH	6.00	6.00
STRAW BALES, STD, EACH	8.00	10.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - December 18, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	35.00	40.00
61-75 lbs.	60.00	65.00
76-90 lbs.	75.00	80.00
91-105 lbs.	82.50	85.00
106 lbs. & up	87.50	95.00
Farm Calves	97.50	255.00
Starter Calves	26.00	30.00
Veal Calves	70.00	120.00
Feeder Heifers	75.00	120.00
Beef Heifers	64.00	83.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	100.00
Beef Steers	80.00	97.00
Feeder Bulls	85.00	95.00
Beef Bulls	86.00	88.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	2@	.01
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	1@	35.00
Feeder Pigs each	25.00	40.00
Sheep each	52.00	127.50
Lambs each	55.00	215.00
Goats each	130.00	300.00
Kid Goats each	55.00	180.00
Canners	up to	51.75
Cutters	52.00	54.00
Utility Grade Cows	55.00	58.00
Rabbits each	5.00	23.00
Chickens each	3.00	21.00
Ducks each	3.00	13.00

No Auction on Christmas Day.
Next auction will held Wednesday,
Dec. 27, and will run as usual
on Mon., Jan. 1, 2018.

WEEKLY NATIONAL WHOLESALE EGG PRODUCTS

FROZEN EGGS, 30 LB/UNIT	Trucklot pricing.		
Prices are f.o.b. Shipper Dock Basis. Listed in \$/lb.			
WHOLE EGGS, /LB	.98	1.08	
WHITES, /LB	.42	.55	
SUGAR YOLK, /LB			
(MIN 43% SOLIDS)	1.74	2.00	
SALT YOLK, /LB			
(MIN 43% SOLIDS)	1.77	2.00	
DRIED EGGS, 30 LB/UNIT	Partial or Trucklot pricing. \$/lb.		
WHOLE EGGS, /LB	.98	1.08	
WHITES, /LB	.42	.55	
SUGAR YOLK, /LB			
(MIN 43% SOLIDS)	1.74	2.00	
SALT YOLK, /LB			
(MIN 43% SOLIDS)	1.77	2.00	
BREAKING STOCK	Prices are \$/dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb minimum. Packaging varies. Eastern Region.		
BREAKING STOCK	.91	1.02	
CHECKS	.83	.86	

WHOLESALE ORGANIC CERTIFIED EGGS

Price per carton.

EGGS, BROWN SHELL		
XLARGE, DOZEN	2.61	3.60
XLARGE, 1/2 DOZEN	1.80	1.95
EGGS, BROWN SHELL		
LARGE, DOZEN	2.30	3.50
1/2 DOZEN	1.71	1.90



Greenbacker's Brookfield Farm/Melissa Greenbacker Dziurgot



**Pinchbeck's Tree Farm, Guilford/
Tom Pinchbeck**



**Syme Family Farm, Broad Brook/
Jennifer Syme**



**Finnegan's Farm West, New Milford/
Bill and Amy Finnegan**



**Maple View Farm, Granby/
Kate Burrell Bogli**

CT HOP GROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, JAN. 13

The CHGA's 2nd annual meeting will be held at the J. DeFrancesco & Son farm, 43 Augur Road In Northford. Registration opens at 11:30 a.m. and presentations begin at noon, including how to dry, condition, and store hops to preserve quality; a demonstration of a hop dryer; how to build your own hop dryer; and a discussion about malting barley and diversifying with brewing grains. Presentations will be followed by a beer tasting of brews made with Connecticut hops and other ingredients and a buffet dinner. The CHGA annual board meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP by Jan. 5 to cthopgrowers@yahoo.com Cost is \$20 per member and \$25 for non-members.

FOR SALE

- 1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com
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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.

WANTED

- 108-R. Town of Granby – Request for Proposals. The Town of Granby is seeking Proposals for the purchase or lease of 125 acres of property for agricultural use. The property contains approximately 85 acres of tillable, prime farmland soils and is located at 107 East Street. Proposals will be accepted no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2018. Detailed information is available from the Town of Granby at www.granby-ct.gov or by calling 860-844-5318.
- 110-R. Livestock wanted: Dairy cattle, heifers of any age, beef cows, bulls, steers, feeder cattle, veal, groups of sheep and goats. RyanM01@comcast.net or 860-655-0958. If no answer, leave message. All calls returned.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 6-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-Tetreault Realty (860) 644-5667.



Phoenix Farm, Cromwell/John Whitney



Hop Culture Farms & Brew Co., Colchester/Samuel Wilson



Fenton River Farm, Willington/Michelle Battles



Cloverleigh Farm, Mansfield/Susan Mitchell



Killingworth Cranberries, Pine Meadow Bog/Keith Bishop

Colchester/Douglas Wray

FARM TRANSITION GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE IN FEBRUARY, WORKSHOPS OFFERED

Applications and guidelines for the Dept. of Agriculture's Farm Transition Grant program are available online and must be submitted by February 14.

The program provides grants to up to \$49,999, and applicants must provide a 1 to 1 match. Funding priorities for 2018 include:

- On-farm improvements to comply with the Produce Safety Rule of the Food Safety Modernization Act, and meeting food safety requirements for advanced positioning in the marketplace.
- Strengthening infrastructure to meet changing climate conditions.
- Processing Connecticut Grown products to increase

year-round market availability and farm viability.

- Diversification of existing farm operations into new and emerging crops and/or product lines.

Three workshops on how to write a project plan and apply for the grant will be offered on **Jan. 11, 1– 2:30 p.m.** at the Litchfield County Extension Center, 843 University Drive, Torrington; **Jan. 17, 11 a.m.– Noon** at the Middlesex County Extension Center 1066 Saybrook Rd, Haddam and **Feb. 1, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** at the CT Farm Bureau Assoc., 78 Beaver Road, Wethersfield.

Please RSVP your name, email, and phone number 24 hours prior to the meeting date to Mark.Hood@ct.gov or 860-713-2530.

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