

Agricultural Report

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CRUELTY TO CARING

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For the past 15 years, the Department of Agriculture (DoAg), with cooperation from the Department of Correction, has provided a sanctuary for the worst cases of abused, starved, and neglected horses and livestock in Connecticut.

The aptly named "*Second Chance*" Large Animal Rehabilitation Facility consists of 46 stalls in two barns, and fenced paddocks on the grounds of the York Correctional Institution in Niantic, CT.

Although the facility was initially constructed with the intent to rehabilitate horses, it has been frequently used to rehabilitate other livestock species and poultry.

Since the barn opened in 2003 more than 200 horses have gone through rehabilitation and found new homes. These include many different breeds of horses such as Gypsy Vanners, Quarter Horses, Arabians, Friesians, Paints, Thoroughbreds, and many others.

Currently there are three horses housed at the facility that are ready for adoption. All three of the horses are from Connecticut cruelty to animals cases.

One of the horses currently at the facility is a chestnut Quarter Horse gelding named Blaze—aptly named due to the large white blaze on his face. Blaze first came to the facility in 2014 with a pasture mate that unfortunately was very ill and did not recover. A year later Blaze was adopted to a new home, but eventually came back to the facility when DoAg learned that his new owner suffered hardship and could no longer afford to keep him.

Blaze is a real character and always brings a smile to your face with his constant antics. Because he is so well behaved, he is allowed to roam loose throughout the fenced-in grounds at the facility.

One day one of the agriculture workers noticed a lead rope missing on the stall door where they are kept. She walked out to find Blaze swinging the rope around like a cowboy about to rope a steer! This is just one of the many antics that Blaze has in his repertoire. Blaze is 22 years old and is able to handle light riding on trails or in the ring. He would be a great horse for someone who does occasional trail riding. He is fine for a beginning rider. Blaze gets along well with other horses.

Another one of the horses available for adoption is a mustang mare named Cheyenne. Cheyenne and her pasture mate were starved by their former owner. When DoAg's State Animal Control Officers were alerted, the two horses were seized through the usual means of a search and seizure warrant. The owner was subsequently charged with cruelty to animals. A civil proceeding ensued which ultimately granted ownership of the two horses to DoAg.

The two horses were rehabilitated and one of the horses has been adopted. Cheyenne however, remains at the facility and receives daily care from the inmates. The two mustangs originally came to Connecticut from the western U.S. through the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM periodically holds adoption events to place wild mustangs and burros. Cheyenne needs an experienced owner who is gentle and patient. She will make a good pasture companion, as she does get along with other horses.

The third horse is an Arabian mare named Isis. She was named after an Egyptian deity that used powerful magic to help people in need. Isis is the diva of the barn. She loves people



Blaze the Quarter Horse swings a rope at the "Second Chance" Large Animal Rehabilitation Facility in Niantic, CT.

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.84	.98
LARGE	.78	.92
MEDIUM	.71	.84

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.60	1.99
LARGE	1.59	1.89
MEDIUM	1.27	1.45
SMALL	.82	.92

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	61.00	64.50
boners 80-85% lean	56.00	60.50
lean 88-90% lean	51.00	58.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	114.50	117.50
Choice 2-3	112.50	114.50
Select 1-2	119.00	112.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Choice 2-3	80.50	83.50
Select 1-2	77.00	80.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Choice and 2-3	111.00	114.00
Choice 2-3	109.00	111.00
Select 1-2	104.50	105.50
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 98-130 lbs	70.00	76.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	245.00	260.00
110-130 lbs	235.00	255.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	65.00	80.00
160-200 lbs	55.00	72.00
200-300 lbs	55.00	65.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
20-40 lbs	135.00	170.00
40-60 lbs	180.00	210.00
60-80 lbs	205.00	225.00
80-100 lbs	225.00	255.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	185.00	210.00
130-180 lbs	210.00	250.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	265.00	300.00
150-250 lbs	300.00	350.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	57.00	60.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	49.00	54.00
	300-350 lbs	45.00	49.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	29.00	37.50
	500-800 lbs	40.50	44.50

DAIRY REPLACEMENTS

By the head.

SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-8 MONTHS)		
SUPREME	1400.00	1525.00
APPROVED	1025.00	1350.00
MEDIUM	750.00	1000.00
BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS)		
APPROVED	1175.00	1275.00
MEDIUM	775.00	825.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 72	30.00	31.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 88	30.00	31.00
APPLE, CORT, FNCY, 12-3LB, 2-1/2"	21.00	22.00
APPLE, GALA, #1, 12-3LB, 2-1/2"	21.00	21.00
APPLE, MAC, FCY, TRYPK, 125	16.00	18.00
APPLE, MAC, FCY, TRYPK, 138	16.00	18.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 88	30.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 100	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 64	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 72	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 80	24.00	24.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	22.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	26.00	26.00
FIDDLEHEADS, PER LB	7.00	8.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB LOOSE, MED	25.00	25.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB, MEDIUM	23.00	23.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZA, 50LB	14.00	14.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZB, 50LB	16.00	17.00
RHUBARB, OPNFIELD, 20 LB	36.00	36.00
TOMS, GHSE, ONVINE, 11 LB	16.00	16.00

BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC

Price Range. Per unit.

ASPARAGUS, CD, 11LB, BNCH, L	32.00	32.00
BLUEBERRY, FL, 12-6OZ, M	34.00	34.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, 45 LBS	28.00	28.00
CARROTS, CA, 48-1 LB, M-L	36.00	36.00
CUKES, 1/2 BU, 12	18.00	18.00
EGGPLANT, FL, 1-1/9	29.00	29.00
KALE, 12 BUNCHES	27.00	27.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, CA/AZ, 12-18OZ	42.00	42.00
MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	8.50	9.00

BOSTON SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

BOK CHOY, FL, 50 LBS	18.00	24.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, FL, 50 LB, M	14.00	15.00
CABBAGE, GRN, ORG, FL, 45LB, M/L	28.00	28.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, GA, 40 LB, M/L	18.00	20.00
COLLARDS, GA, 12 BNCH/CTN	12.00	14.00
CUKES, WAXED, FL, 1-1/9, M	22.00	24.00
DANDELION GRNS, NJ, 12	16.00	18.00
EGGPLANT, FL, 1-1/9, LARGE	14.00	15.00
ENDIVE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	18.00	20.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	18.00	20.00
KALE, MULTI, CA, 24	24.00	24.00
LEEK, NJ, 12 BNCHS/CTN	16.00	16.00
LETTUCE, BSTN GHS, CD, CLAM, 12-4	16.00	17.00
LETTUCE, RED/GRNLF, CA/AZ, 24	26.00	30.00
MACHE, GHS, PA, 3 LBS	12.00	13.00
MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	6.00	7.00
MUSTARD, CRLY, GA, 12	14.00	14.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, 60BN/CTN	20.00	20.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ, 60 BN	20.00	20.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, CA, BU	70.00	70.00
PEAS, SUGR SNP, GT, 10 LB	20.00	22.00
PEAS, SNOW, GT, 10 LB	24.00	26.00
PEPPERS, FL, 1-1/9, LARGE	18.00	18.00
POTATO, WHT, FL, 3/4-1-5/8", 50LB	60.00	65.00
POTATO, YLW, FL, 3/4-1-5/8", 50LB	63.00	65.00
RADISHES, CA, 24 BN/CRATE	14.00	15.00
SPINACH, FLAT, NJ, 24	12.00	12.00
SPINACH, SAVOY, CA, 24	20.00	24.00
SWISS CHARD, MX CLR, TX, 12	18.00	18.00
TOMS, CHRRY, FL, 12-1PT BSKT	13.00	14.00
TOMS, GRAPE, FL, 20 LB, LOOSE	18.00	18.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - May 21, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	40.00	45.00
61-75 lbs.	50.00	55.00
76-90 lbs.	65.00	70.00
91-105 lbs.	72.50	75.00
106 lbs. & up	82.50	87.50
Farm Calves	210.00	240.00
Starter Calves	30.00	35.00
Veal Calves	80.00	130.00
Feeder Heifers	n/a	n/a
Beef Heifers	55.00	100.00
Feeder Steers	70.00	85.00
Beef Steers	60.00	88.00
Feeder Bulls	80.00	100.00
Beef Bulls	81.00	86.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	1@	.02
Sows	1@	31.00
Butcher Hogs each	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	97.50	120.00
Lambs each	120.00	240.00
Goats each	100.00	300.00
Kid Goats each	85.00	140.00
Canners	up to	53.50
Cutters	60.00	64.00
Utility Grade Cows	65.00	70.00
Rabbits each	5.00	21.00
Chickens each	4.00	50.00
Ducks each	3.00	19.00

Auction open Monday, May 28-Memorial Day

HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET FARMERS' MARKET FLOWERS

Price published is \$/unit listed.

PERENNIAL, 1 GAL	9.00	10.00
PERENNIAL, 2 GAL	12.00	12.00
HANGER, FLOWER, 10"	15.00	20.00
HANGER, FLOWER, 11"	12.00	15.00
HNGR, FLWR, 11", 2 FOR	25.00	25.00
HANGER, FLOWER, 12"	20.00	25.00
COMBO POTS, 6", EA	7.00	7.00
ASSTD 4.5" POTS, EA	3.50	3.50
ASSTD 4.5" POTS, TRAY	30.00	30.00
ASSTD 4" POTS, TRAY	20.00	20.00
48 PLANT FLAT, EA	10.00	20.00
48 PLT FLAT, 3 FOR	25.00	25.00
WINDOW BOX	15.00	15.00
WINDOW BOX, 2 FOR	25.00	25.00
GERANIUMS, /TRAY	25.00	25.00
GERANIUMS, 2 TRAYS	45.00	45.00
VEG PLTS, 6 PK, EA	2.00	2.00
HIBISCUS PLT, EA	25.00	25.00

BOSTON MARKET CUT FLOWERS

Wholesale price. \$/unit listed.

ASTILBE, 10/BN, NL, M	14.00	14.00
CALLA, STD, NL, EA	3.00	3.50
GLADS, CA, 10/BN, L	13.50	13.50
HYACINTH, NL, 5/BN, L	5.50	7.50
LILAC, NTRL, /BN, NENG, L	17.50	17.50
LILAC, NTRL, /BL, NENG, L	90.00	90.00
LILYOVALLY, NENG, L, 25	10.00	10.00
PEONY, SEMDBL, NJ, 10, L	25.00	25.00
RANUNCULUS, CD, 10, L	20.00	20.00
SNAPDRGN, NENG, 10/, L	12.50	13.50
SWEETPEA, NL, 10/BN, L	13.50	15.00
SWEETWILL, CA, /BN	7.50	7.50

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and follows the workers around showing off whenever she gets the chance. She is always seeking attention of her human caretakers. Her nickname is Icy or Ice. She was seized along with a number of other Arabian horses that were mistreated and malnourished. All of the other horses from the case have been placed. Isis is green broke to ride but requires an experienced rider.

Prior to 2003, DoAg did not have a facility or the workable means to house and rehabilitate large animals that it seized in cases of cruelty to animals.

Fortunately, construction of the original 22-stall barn facility had just been completed when, in July of 2003, its purpose and need became a reality. An unexpected "grand opening" occurred as a result of DoAg seizing 27 horses, a mule and a cow from an owner that was the subject of an animal cruelty investigation.

As in other animal seizures, the investigation into this case generated sufficient evidence of malnutrition and neglect for DoAg to successfully apply to the court for a search and seizure warrant that provided the legal basis to remove and take custody of the animals. The rescued animals were cared for and rehabilitated back to health at the newly opened facility and then placed with new owners.

Since 2003, the facility has expanded with the addition of a second barn with 24 stalls. A welcome improvement provided in the newest barn is a veterinary treatment area in which some equipment, including stocks for the safety of both animals and workers, was generously donated by Dr. Thor Hyyppa who also donated rubber stall mats.

The increased housing capacity from the addition of the second barn has proven necessary on a number of occasions. Notably, in 2015, DoAg seized approximately 75 dairy goats from a farm. Because some of the does were pregnant, the goat herd expanded in short order to approximately 100 animals. Most recently, in 2016, DoAg seized 32 horses in a cruelty case which were brought to the Niantic facility for rehabilitation.

Inmates assist DoAg staff in caring for the horses by grooming, feeding, watering, turning them out in their paddocks, and cleaning their stalls. Inmates involved in the program report they benefit from the experience of having to take care of animals that can't take care of themselves.

Inmate self-worth often improves from the experience, and the animals get the care and support they need. The inmates work alongside an agricultural worker employed by DoAg who provides training and direction for the inmates to ensure their safety, as well as the safety of the horses.

When new horses arrive, they are examined and treated by a veterinarian. Recommendations are made as to feeding, turnout, and other needs on a case-by-case basis. The horses are handled by the agricultural worker for the first few days to make sure they are safe for the inmates to handle. The animals are fed twice daily unless otherwise needed. As their condition improves, rations are adjusted as instructed by the attending veterinarian.

There has never been a horse that was medically healthy that did not put on weight while it was housed at the facility. The workers and inmates do an amazing job.

Additional information and adoption applications are available through the DoAg website or by calling 860-713-2506.

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AG JOB CONNECTION

45-R. Strong Family Farm, Vernon's 501 (c)3 community farm is looking for a PT Executive Director and PT Store Manager. For more information go to <http://www.strongfamilyfarm.org>.

FSPCA PREVENTIVE CONTROLS FOR HUMAN FOOD CERTIFICATION TRAINING

The University of Connecticut (UConn) will host a Food Safety Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA) Preventive Controls for Human Food (PCHF) Certification training course June 12 through June 14, 2018. The course is for food manufacturers and others who must take this course to comply with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) PCHF Rule.

The FDA regulation for *Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk Based Preventive Controls for Human Food* is intended to ensure safe manufacturing/processing, packing, and holding of food products for human consumption. The regulation requires that certain activities must be completed by a preventive controls qualified individual who has successfully completed training in the development and application of risk-based preventive controls.

This course, which was developed by the FSPCA and is taught by FSPCA Lead Instructors, is the standardized curriculum recognized by FDA. To complete the course and receive a certificate, a participant must be present for the entire workshop and participate in the exercises. Course dates and times:

- Tuesday, June 12, 2018: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 13, 2018: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 14, 2018: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Upon completion of this 20-hour course, the trainee will become a FDA-recognized "Preventive Controls Qualified Indi-

vidual" (PCQI). The course will cover the following:

- How to create a Food Safety Plan that meets the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) requirements.
- How to conduct a Hazard Analysis, and differentiate between prerequisite programs and risk based preventive controls.
- Guidelines for choosing Critical Limits, setting up monitoring programs, and implementing corrective actions when deviations occur.
- Documentation for all aspects of the PCHF-required Food Safety Plan including verification and validation activities, monitoring, corrective actions, and records review.

The cost of registration is \$425 per person which includes PCHF textbook, participant workbook, individually numbered certificate of completion, continental breakfast, coffee/tea, lunch, afternoon snack, and parking.

The course, which is sponsored by UConn Extension in cooperation with the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension System, will be held at the UConn Floriculture Greenhouse, Room 101, 1395 Storrs Road, Storrs, CT 06269.

For more information and to register online using a credit card go to www.cahnrcconference.uconn.edu. Online registration ends June 1. Walk-in registrations are not permitted. No refunds will be given after June 1. If you have questions about registration, wish to pay by check, or are an individual with a disability and need accommodations please email Diane Hirsch at diane.hirsch@uconn.edu or call 203-407-3163.

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