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REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) has regulatory oversight over a wide range of agricultural commodities sold and/or produced in the state.

It is not surprising to most that DoAg's Bureau of Regulatory Services regulates the safety of food products including dairy products and now produce.

However, the role of the bureau's Food Safety and Agricultural Commodities unit in regulating other commodities of importance to farming operations and consumers may be surprising.

The diverse functions and programs administered by the Food Safety and Agricultural Commodities Unit may not enjoy the high visibility of other DoAg functions and programs but are, nevertheless, important to the public, agricultural businesses, and the environment.

The staff of DoAg's Food Safety and Agricultural Commodities Unit assures the safety, integrity and truth in labeling of agricultural commodities offered for sale within the state.

In addition to enforcing the Produce Safety Rule of FDA's Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), the Food Safety and Agricultural Commodities Unit conducts inspection and enforcement activities associated with nine other programs mandated by state and/or federal laws and regulations.

The Commercial Feed Program regulates the manufacturing and distribution of animal feed and pet food. One function of this program is to register product labels to insure that false or misleading information is not provided.

A guaranteed analysis and ingredient statement must be provided on every label so there is uniformity of all labels facilitat-

ing consumers in making an informed purchasing decision.

Last year 12,208 labels from 606 companies were reviewed and registered. Eighty-eight samples of feed were submitted to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) for analysis to ensure compliance with label claims.

Investigations are also conducted for any livestock feed or pet food product complaint that may be injurious to animal health.

DoAg is midway through the Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS) grant from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). There are 11 program standards which serve as the basis to evaluate and improve aspects of feed regulation in Connecticut. Through this grant, DoAg is able to enhance the safety of animal feed, pet food, pet treats, and animal supplements in Connecticut and nationwide.

The Commercial Fertilizer Program regulates agricultural and nonfarm use fertilizers (home, garden, lawns, golf courses, etc.).

The Fertilizer Program requires registration of labels that must include net weight, brand, grade (percentage of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium), the guaranteed analysis, name and address of registrant, and the sources from which the nutrients are derived.

In the last fiscal year, 3,540 labels from 320 firms were reviewed and registered. Sixty-eight samples were submitted to CAES for analysis match against the label guarantees.

Also under the Fertilizer Program, firms that distribute fertilizer in Connecticut are required to report the tonnage shipped into Connecticut and the breakdown of the guaranteed nutrients in that fertilizer. This information is reported to the Fertilizer Institute and the University of Missouri for publication.



Wayne Nelson of DoAg's Food Safety and Agricultural Commodities Unit sampling feed.

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.10	1.27
LARGE	1.04	1.18
MEDIUM	.81	.94

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.85	1.95
LARGE	1.77	1.89
MEDIUM	1.25	1.35
SMALL	.84	.94

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing, Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Choice/Prime 3-4	120.00	130.00
Choice 2-3	115.00	120.00
Select 2-3	105.00	112.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4 individual	116.50	125.00
Choice 2-3	112.00	114.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	54.00	58.00
boners 80-85% lean	49.00	53.50
lean 88-90% lean	43.00	49.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 90- 130 lbs	35.00	50.00
No 2 98- 128 lbs	35.00	48.00
No 2 86- 96 lbs	25.00	30.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3

90-110 lbs	195.00	230.00
110-130 lbs	160.00	215.00
130-150 lbs	140.00	170.00
150-200 lbs	135.00	152.00
Choice 1-2		
60-70 lbs, FANCY	305.00	357.00
70-80 lbs	225.00	255.00
80-90 lbs	190.00	227.00
Choice 2-3		
90-100 lbs	160.00	207.00
100-130 lbs	140.00	185.00
130-150 lbs	120.00	155.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	90.00	120.00
120-160 lbs	70.00	105.00
160-200 lbs	60.00	95.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	160.00	170.00
60-80 lbs	170.00	197.00
80-100 lbs	187.00	220.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	185.00	210.00
130-180 lbs	210.00	235.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	230.00	255.00
150-250 lbs	290.00	350.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
52-56	200-300 lbs	55.00 60.00
	300-350 lbs	59.00 64.00
	350-400 lbs	54.00 56.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	46.00 56.00
	300-350 lbs	47.00 56.00
	350-400 lbs	45.00 50.00
Sows, US 1-3		
	350-500 lbs	18.00 26.00
	500-725 lbs	30.00 37.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, GHS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, CRTLND, XFCY, 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE, CRTLND, XFCY, 88	30.00	30.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 80	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 100	26.00	26.00
APPLE, MAC, 125, #1	16.00	17.00
APPLE, MAC, 138, #1	16.00	17.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 100	22.00	22.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 125	18.00	19.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 138	18.00	19.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	19.00	19.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	21.00	21.00
POTATOES, RED, 50 LB, #1, SZ A	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
TOMS, GHS, 25LBS, VINERIPE, S-M	13.00	13.00
TOMS, GHS, ONVINE, 11LBS, S-M	28.00	28.00
TOMS, GHS, CHERRY, 10 LB	26.00	26.00

SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 88	32.00	32.00
APPLE, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 100	28.00	28.00
APPLE, FUJI, PA, XFCY, 80	36.00	36.00
APPLE, FUJI, PA, XFCY, 88	36.00	36.00
APPLE, GALA, FCY, 80	21.00	21.00
APPLE, GALA, FCY, 88	19.00	20.00
BRUSSEL SPROUTS, CA, 25 LB	36.00	44.00
CABBAGE, GRN, FL, 50 LB, M/L	24.00	26.00
CABBAGE, RED, FL, 50 LB, M/L	34.00	38.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	23.00	24.00
CUKE, LNG SDLS, CD, GHS, CTN	13.00	15.00
KALE, GA, CTN, BNCH, 12	16.00	18.00
LETTCE, BOSTON, GHS, CD, 12-4OZ	18.00	18.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, AZ/CA, 24	16.00	22.00
LETTCE, GRNLF, AZ, 24'S	16.00	21.00
MESCLUN MIX, AZ/CA, 3 LBS	6.50	8.00
MUSHROOM, OYSTER, 3 LB CTN	13.00	14.00
ONION, YELLOW, NY, 24- 2 LB, M	15.00	16.00
ONION, RED GLOBE, NY, 20- 2 LB	16.00	17.00
PARSNIPS, MI, 20 LBS, M	22.00	26.00
POTATOES, RUSSETT, 50 LB, 70'S	23.00	24.00
SPINACH, FLAT, CA, BNCH, 24	25.00	28.00
SWEET POTATOE, NC, 40 LB CRT	18.00	18.00
TURNIP, PRPL TOP, BNCH, 12	24.00	24.00

BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC

Price Range. Per unit.

CABBAGE, 45 LB, CRT, M-L	33.00	33.00
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	37.00	37.00
MESCLUN MIX, 3 LB, CRT	9.50	9.50
ONION, YELLOW, 50 LB, M/L	25.00	25.00
PEPPERS, RED, 11 LB, CRT	26.00	28.00
PEPPERS, YELLOW, 11 LB, CRT	26.00	28.00
PEPPERS, ORANGE, 11 LB, CRT	28.00	30.00
POTATOES, RUSSETT, 50 LB, 70'S	30.00	30.00
POTATOES, RED, 50 LB, #1, SZ A	29.00	29.00
SPINACH, BABY, 4 LB, CRT	13.50	13.50
SQUASH, ACORN, BU, CRT, M	24.00	24.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, BU, CRT, M	28.00	28.00
SWEET POTATOES, 40 LB, CRT	36.00	36.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - February 11, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	5.00	10.00
61-75 lbs.	10.00	12.00
76-90 lbs.	15.00	17.50
91-105 lbs.	20.00	25.00
106 lbs. & up	35.00	40.00
Farm Calves	65.00	70.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	60.00	155.00
Feeder Heifers	65.00	105.00
Beef Heifers	59.00	100.00
Feeder Steers	62.50	117.00
Beef Steers	100.00	115.00
Feeder Bulls	55.00	95.00
Beef Bulls	47.00	62.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	50.00	75.00
Sheep each	100.00	180.00
Lambs each	120.00	210.00
Goats each	122.50	350.00
Kid Goats each	35.00	210.00
Canners	up to	57.00
Cutters	58.00	61.00
Utility Grade Cows	62.00	65.00
Rabbits each	5.00	26.00
Chickens each	3.00	17.00
Ducks each	5.00	15.00
Pigeons	3.50	4.50

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. February 8, 2019

ALFALFA/GRASS		
PREMIUM	325.00	350.00
GOOD	270.00	330.00
FAIR	140.00	180.00
GRASS HAYS		
PREMIUM	340.00	365.00
GOOD	210.00	330.00
FAIR	155.00	205.00
STRAW	270.00	270.00

DAIRY CATTLE

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

FRESH COWS		
APPROVED	700.00	1125.00
MEDIUM	400.00	775.00
SPRINGING COWS (7-9 MONTHS):		
MEDIUM	400.00	675.00
SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	600.00	925.00
MEDIUM	400.00	600.00
BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	500.00	725.00
MEDIUM	400.00	500.00
OPEN HEIFERS:		
100-300 lbs		
APPROVED	275.00	285.00
300-600 lbs		
APPROVED	500.00	550.00
600-900 lbs		
APPROVED	500.00	610.00

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The Seed Program regulates agricultural and vegetable seeds. The state statutes require each container of agricultural and vegetable seed sold in Connecticut to have a label or tag attached to it.

The requirements differ depending on whether it is a seed mixture for lawn or turf, agricultural field crop seed, or vegetable seed. Last year, 320 vegetable seed and 15 turf and agricultural seed samples were submitted to CAES for germination and analysis.

DoAg presently has 80 registered seed labelers. The administrator of the Seed Program is also responsible for enforcement in Connecticut of the Federal Seed Act.

The Soil Amendment Program regulates the labeling of soil amendments. Soil amendments are defined as any substance intended to improve the physical or chemical characteristics of the soil.

The labels are required to have the net weight, a brand name, a guaranteed analysis, a list of all soil amending and inert ingredients, the purpose of the product, directions for application, and, lastly, the name and address of registrant.

DoAg presently has 486 products from 195 firms registered. Exempted from these statutes are animal or vegetable manures, compost, and pesticides that are not manipulated or changed from their original form.

Another program is that of Agricultural Liming Materials. An agricultural liming material is defined as a product containing calcium and magnesium compounds capable of and used for neutralizing soil.

The label must have the name and address of the manufacturer or distributor, the brand name of the material, the type of agricultural liming material, the net weight, the minimum percentage of calcium oxide and magnesium oxide, and a statement of the finest of particles. At present there are 114 registered products.

The Controlled Atmosphere Storage Program is a certificate program that monitors apple producers who store their produce under refrigeration and low oxygen conditions to extend the shelf life of apples.

This past season, five orchards were registered and 64 inspections of controlled atmosphere rooms were conducted. This resulted in eight certificates being issued for compliance with controlled atmosphere storage requirements.

The Small Poultry Processor Inspection Program is for poultry growers in the state with their own slaughter operations.

To participate, producers must slaughter fewer than 5,000 turkeys or fewer than 20,000 total poultry species.

Poultry producers must also meet the requirements of the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act and any applicable provision of the Code of Federal Regulations. There are presently two firms registered in this program.

The Shell Egg Inspection Program is for egg producers that have more than 200 but fewer than 3,000 birds.

It involves egg room sanitation inspection and the quarterly audit of shell egg grading to insure the proper size and grade is being assigned to the eggs.

There are currently two registered egg producers in the program. Compliance with the requirements of this program creates additional opportunities for relatively small egg producers to market their eggs.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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.

11-R. Promix 3.8 CuFt For Sale. BX \$27.45, Biofungicide \$28.35, Picked Up NESEED East Hartford, CT. 860-724-1240.

12-R. For sale 2 coolers, working condition, Copeland compressor, single phase 208-230 volts. 19 feet by 20 feet 7 foot 6 inches high \$750. 15 feet by 22 feet 8 feet high \$1,250. Located in East Windsor Conn. Call Glenn (860) 930-4331 or Karl (860) 268-5931.

13-R. Quality hay for sale. \$4.00/bale. 203-453-9865. Leave Message

14-R. 1 Rain-Flo 2600 series II mulch layer. Row track, raised bed, drip. Like new \$3,500. Call 203-623-2694

15-R. 30 kW, 3-Phase PTO generator on trailer. \$2,400. Please call 860-657-6550 or belltownorchards@snet.net.

16. 4' x 5' 2nd cutting mixed grass round silage bales. 860-250-8502.

WANTED

6-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.

17. For Farmall C 2 bottom plow model #C294 plow shares old number IH 510348 R21. Call 203-259-0380.

AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL REGISTRATION OPEN

The Connecticut Agricultural Information Council (CAIC) invites agricultural non-profits, agricultural producer associations, agricultural cooperatives, federal and state agricultural agencies, and Connecticut municipalities to register for Ag Day at the Capitol.

Ag Day will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the North Lobby and Hall of Flags at the Capitol in Hartford, CT. The snow date is March 21, 2019. Registration and payment to participate in Ag Day is due by Thursday, March 1, 2019.

CAIC is also accepting nominations for the Connecticut Outstanding Young Farmer and Ag Journalism awards until February 15, 2019. For more information, contact Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov. To register for Ag Day at the Capitol go to: <http://ctaginfocouncil.org/index.html>.

EXHIBIT AT THE 2019 BIG E

The Connecticut Building at the Big E offers a unique opportunity for agricultural businesses, non-profits, and other entities with an agricultural mission to showcase the diversity of Connecticut agriculture. The 2019 Big E is scheduled to run from September 13–29, 2019. Connecticut Day will take place on Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) is accepting vendor applications for the agriculture booth spaces in the Connecticut Building with the purpose of providing Connecticut farms, small agricultural businesses, and agricultural non-profit organizations the opportunity to market and promote their products and/or service. Applications are available at www.ctgrown.gov and are due by Friday, March 29, 2019.

Please call 860-713-2538 or email Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov to receive the application or more participation information.

POLLINATOR HABITAT CONFERENCE

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station will hold a pollinator habitat conference on March 14, 2019 (snow date March 15, 2019) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT. The focus will be the diversity of pollinator habitats in New England, the diversity of bees living in those habitats, and the range of resources, including nectar, pollen, and nesting resources, needed by the bees.

The cost is \$30 if registered in advance (\$40 at the door) and includes lunch and snacks. Pesticide Recertification Cred-

its in all categories and credits for Accredited Organic Land Care Professional are offered. For more information go to www.ct.gov/caes/pollinators.

DOAG ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FARMERS' MARKET AT THE REGIONAL MARKET

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) is now accepting applications for the Farmers' Market at the Regional Market. The 2019 farmers' market season runs from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. Stall use agreements are available for periods of three months up to one year.

Applications and information can be found on DoAg's website at https://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/regional_market/2018/Farmers_Market_Application_2019.pdf. For more information or questions, please contact Erin Windham at 860-713-2543 or Erin.Windham@ct.gov.

HARVEST NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

Harvest New England and the New England State Departments of Agriculture are excited to once again host the Harvest New England Agricultural Marketing Conference and Trade Show.

The conference will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center in historic Sturbridge, Massachusetts, on February 27-28, 2019. Twenty- six breakout sessions, two general sessions, a New England Farmers' Market Managers Seminar, and a full trade show with nearly 100 vendors are planned over two days. For additional information and online registration go to www.harvestnewengland.org.

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