

# Agricultural Report

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## DOMESTIC ANIMAL CONTROL WORKING GROUP

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The Department of Agriculture (DoAg)'s Domestic Animal Control Working Group has prepared legislation that has been submitted to the Connecticut General Assembly for the 2019 legislative session.

In August 2018, the Commissioner of Agriculture convened the working group to develop recommendations for legislation to:

1. Reduce the number of attacks by domestic animals which result in the death or serious injury of another animal or person, and
2. Mitigate the effects of disposal orders for such attacking domestic animals on municipalities and the state by shortening the process for appealing animal control officer disposal orders while ensuring due process for animal owners.

By the end of 2018, the working group had agreed on recommendations and the Department submitted those to the General Assembly's Environment Committee as a proposed bill for the 2019 legislative session.

After much discussion and consideration, the legislative recommendations of the working group included:

- Providing definitive guidance to Animal Control Officer (ACO)s pertaining to the factors to be considered when determining the need for a disposal or restraint order on a dog which has demonstrated an aggressiveness and/or a vicious propensity by biting or attacking people or other animals.
- Modernizes language and provides more specific situations when a dog may be killed during an attack on people, livestock or other domestic animals.
- Requires ACOs to consider the circumstances, nature of the attack(s) or bite(s), the viciousness of the attack(s) or bite(s), and the ability of owner's to control aggressive dogs in determining the type of order issued and conditions placed in restraint orders. It includes the provision for either the dog owner or keeper, or the victim to appeal the order.



- Requires the municipality and dog owner(s) to meet prior to initiating an appeal to the department. At this meeting the parties may address any disputed issues in the order.
- Provides for the process to issue restraint or disposal orders, notification of rights to appeal, and provides for the holding of a dog during the appeal of a disposal order.
- Rewrites the language of when an attacking dog or cat attacks another animal it may be subject to a restraint or disposal order, and the opportunity to appeal, similar to the rationale for an attack on a person.
- Adds the exemption of dogs, cats, and other animals owned by law enforcement, and service animals provided they are under the control of the person with the disability.
- Provides for the quarantine of animals which have been bitten by or have been exposed to potentially rabid animals and for the state veterinarian to determine the quarantine and management of animals bitten by or exposed to potentially rabid animals.
- Requires mandatory quarantine of biting dogs, cats, and ferrets for the purpose of observation for the clinical signs of rabies.

- Shortens the mandatory quarantine of biting dogs, cats, and ferrets from 14 days to 10 days, the length of time currently recommended by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians and the CDC.
- Adds a requirement that the quarantined dog, cat, or ferret be vaccinated for rabies at the end of the quarantine if it is not current with its rabies vaccination.

The group originated from a 2018 legislative proposal, House Bill No. 5367: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY WAYS TO PREVENT DOMESTIC DOG ATTACKS AND MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF ANIMAL DISPOSAL ORDER, introduced by the Environment Committee, but that proposal to create the working group never passed.

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**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.27	1.44
LARGE	1.21	1.35
MEDIUM	.96	1.09

**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	1.39
SMALL	.84	.94

**LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Hi Choice/Prime 3-4	117.00	121.00
Choice 2-3	113.00	116.00
Select 2-3	109.00	113.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4 individual	113.00	115.00
Choice 2-3	107.00	112.00
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing</b>		
breakers 75-80% lean	52.00	58.00
boners 80-85% lean	47.00	54.50
lean 88-90% lean	42.00	48.50
<b>CALVES - Graded bull</b>		
No 1 100-118 lbs	67.00	87.00
No 1 90- 98 lbs	40.00	40.00
No 2 106-118 lbs	70.00	77.00
No 2 98- 104 lbs	90.00	95.00
No 2 80- 92 lbs	15.00	40.00

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn**

Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3

90-110 lbs	210.00	245.00
110-130 lbs	175.00	210.00
130-150 lbs	145.00	187.00
150-200 lbs	135.00	140.00
Choice 1-2		
60-70 lbs, FANCY	275.00	300.00
70-80 lbs	225.00	239.00
80-90 lbs	190.00	225.00
Choice 2-3		
90-100 lbs	165.00	215.00
100-130 lbs	145.00	170.00
130-150 lbs	130.00	160.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3</b>		
80-120 lbs	92.00	120.00
120-160 lbs	75.00	105.00
160-200 lbs	65.00	85.00
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1</b>		
40-60 lbs	145.00	165.00
60-80 lbs	165.00	200.00
80-100 lbs	200.00	205.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1</b>		
80-130 lbs	185.00	220.00
130-180 lbs	215.00	255.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1</b>		
100-150 lbs	235.00	265.00
150-250 lbs	320.00	345.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Per cwt.

<b>SLAUGHTER HOGS</b>			
52-56	200-300 lbs	50.00	64.00
	300-375 lbs	52.00	66.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	47.00	59.00
	300-375 lbs	51.00	54.00
	350-400 lbs	39.00	43.00
<b>Sows, US 1-3</b>			
	300-500 lbs	12.00	38.00
	500-800 lbs	12.00	40.00

**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, DELICATA, 1/2 BU, L	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
TOMS, GHS,25LBS,VINERIFE,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, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 125	24.00	26.00
APPLE, FUJI, PA, XFCY, 80	36.00	36.00
APPLE, FUJI, PA, XFCY, 88	36.00	36.00
APPLE, GALA, PA, XFCY, 80	36.00	36.00
APPLE, GALA, PA, XFCY, 88	36.00	36.00
BRUSSEL SPROUTS, CA, 25 LB	36.00	44.00
CABBAGE, GRN, FL, 50 LB, M/L	24.00	30.00
CABBAGE, RED, FL, 50 LB, M/L	38.00	40.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHEd, 24	23.00	24.00
CUKE, LNG SDLS, CD, GHS, CTN	14.00	18.00
KALE, GA, CTN, BNCH, 12	33.00	35.00
LETTUCE,BSTON,GHS,CD,12-4OZ	18.00	18.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, AZ/CA, 24	20.00	25.00
LETTUCE,GRNLF,AZ, 24'S	20.00	25.00
MESCLUN MIX, AZ/CA, 3 LBS	6.50	8.00
MUSHROOM, OYSTER, 3 LB CTN	13.00	14.00
ONION, YELLOW, NY, 50 LB, M	15.00	16.00
ONION,RED GLOBE, NY, 24- 2 LB	20.00	21.00
PARSNIPS, MI, 20 LBS, M	22.00	26.00
POTATOES,RUSSETT, 50 LB,70'S	20.00	23.00
SPINACH, FLAT, CA, BNCH, 24	25.00	28.00
SWEET POTATOE, NC,40 LB CRT	20.00	20.00
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 4, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	17.50	25.00
61-75 lbs.	22.50	25.00
76-90 lbs.	27.50	30.00
91-105 lbs.	35.00	40.00
106 lbs. & up	45.00	50.00
Farm Calves	n/a	n/a
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	67.50	150.00
Feeder Heifers	65.00	105.00
Beef Heifers	62.00	90.00
Feeder Steers	n/a	n/a
Beef Steers	63.00	110.00
Feeder Bulls	65.00	102.50
Beef Bulls	64.00	72.00
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	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	60.00	100.00
Lambs each	105.00	250.00
Goats each	115.00	245.00
Kid Goats each	180.00	200.00
Canners	up to	56.00
Cutters	57.00	60.00
Utility Grade Cows	61.00	64.00
Rabbits each	5.00	27.00
Chickens each	6.00	25.00
Ducks each	7.00	14.00
Pigeons	8.00	29.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT**

Price per ton, small squares. February 1, 2019

<b>ALFALFA/GRASS</b>		
PREMIUM	320.00	400.00
GOOD	270.00	310.00
FAIR	160.00	185.00
<b>GRASS HAYS</b>		
PREMIUM	340.00	380.00
GOOD	240.00	310.00
FAIR	195.00	250.00
STRAW	295.00	340.00

**DAIRY CATTLE**

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

<b>FRESH COWS</b>		
APPROVED	800.00	1100.00
MEDIUM	500.00	800.00
<b>SPRINGING COWS (7-9 MONTHS):</b>		
APPROVED	700.00	1000.00
<b>SHORT BRED COWS (1-3 MONTHS):</b>		
APPROVED	725.00	950.00
MEDIUM	550.00	675.00
<b>SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):</b>		
APPROVED	700.00	1025.00
MEDIUM	350.00	650.00
<b>BRED HEIFERS (1-6 MONTHS):</b>		
APPROVED	525.00	750.00
MEDIUM	450.00	550.00
<b>SHORT BRED HEIFERS: (1-3 MONTHS)</b>		
APPROVED	550.00	550.00
<b>OPEN HEIFERS:</b>		
200-600 lbs		
APPROVED	250.00	410.00
MEDIUM	170.00	185.00
600-900 lbs		
APPROVED	410.00	585.00
900-1200 lbs		
APPROVED	550.00	600.00

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DoAg believed this working group was a good idea and therefore decided to create its own working group with a similar framework as the Environment Committee's proposed working group. The working group membership consists of:

- The Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee
- DoAg's Director of Regulatory Services
- A dog bite victim or representative of dog bite victims
- A representative of the Connecticut Humane Society
- A representative of a nonprofit organization which represents rescuing of animals
- A representative of a veterinarian practice
- The chief elected official of a municipality
- Two municipal Animal Control Officers
- One representative of a municipal police department

The working group met once a month in August, September, October, and November to conclude their proposal by the end of the year.

Throughout the meetings the working group had lengthy discussions on topics such as domestic animal quarantines, restraint/disposal orders, exposure to rabies, location of incidents, dog bite severity levels, ACO training hours, and on/off property incidents.

During the 2015 legislative session, DoAg submitted a proposal, House Bill No. 6732: AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPEAL OF RESTRAINT AND DISPOSAL ORDERS ISSUED BY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS, which would have shifted any appeal of quarantine, disposal or restraint orders concerning certain dogs, cats or other animals to the Superior Court rather than to the Commissioner of Agriculture, but the bill did not pass.

Currently, DoAg is the final decision maker for appealed domestic animal restraint or disposal orders. When a domestic animal incident occurs within a municipality it is handled by the ACO in which the animal and owner resides.

Under current law, depending on the severity of the incident, a municipal ACO can issue a restraint or disposal order for the domestic animal. The owner and town may attempt to mediate the restraint or disposal order. If a deal is not met and the order continues, the owner can appeal the ACO's order to the Department.

If the order is appealed the case is then heard by a Hearing Officer within DoAg who will conduct an administrative hearing and consider the facts of the case as presented by both parties. Once a hearing is complete, the Hearing Officer will make its recommendations to the Commissioner of Agriculture who then makes a final decision on whether the order stays or can be thrown out.

### CORRECTION

Due to an editorial error, the Legislative Preview article in the January 30, 2019 issue of the Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report inaccurately described the provisions of Public Act No. 15-101, An Act Authorizing Herd Shares Within the Production of Milk and Raw Milk Products and the Manufacture of Cheese for Personal Consumption.

Public Act No. 15-101 amended C.G.S. §22-129(c) to provide a regulatory exception by which persons may enter into a shared animal ownership agreement for an interest in a milk-producing animal and to allow for the transfer or exchange of raw milk between persons who are parties to the same shared animal ownership agreement.

However, the provisions of the Public Act do not limit the maximum number of either cattle, sheep or goats that can be subject to a shared animal ownership agreement.

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### 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](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](mailto:Erin.Windham@ct.gov).

**HARVEST NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW EARLY REGISTRATION EXTENDED**

Due to the polar vortex, the early registration deadline with discounted pricing to attend the Harvest New England Agricultural Marketing Conference and Trade Show has been extended until February 8, 2019. The conference will take place at Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center in Sturbridge, MA, from February 27-28, 2019. A full conference registration includes nearly 30 breakout sessions, two general sessions, a New England Farmers' Market Managers Seminar, and a full trade show over two days. For more information and online registration go to [www.harvestnewengland.org](http://www.harvestnewengland.org).

**GROWING WRAPPER TOBACCO RESEARCH MEETING**

The CT Agricultural Experiment Station will hold their annual research meeting for those interested in research regarding growing wrapper tobacco in the Connecticut River Valley on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 9:00 a.m at the East Windsor Scout Hall, 28 Abbe Road, East Windsor CT. CT and MA pesticide re-certification credits will be available. Additional information is available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CAES/DOCUMENTS/Events/Tobacco-Research-Meeting.pdf?la=en>.

**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 is due by Thursday, March 1, 2019. To register go to <http://ctaginforcouncil.org/index.html>.

**FAA GRANTS FOR GROWING**

FFA and Tractor Supply Company are partnering for the Grants for Growing (G4G) competitive grant program that provides funding to FFA Chapters to support the development or improvement of agricultural projects that enhance the classroom experiences for students through chapter engagement activities. FFA chapters may apply for up to \$5,000 through the G4G program. Applications must be received by February 11, 2019. FFA advisors interested in applying for a grant can visit <http://www.FFA.org/grantsforgrowing>.

**CT NOFA WINTER CONFERENCE**

The Connecticut Northeast Organic Farming Association will hold their annual Winter Conference on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Housatonic Community College, 900 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, CT. The conference will include speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. The event will also include a Farm and Food Job Fair from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. to connect farmers and food businesses with help for the year ahead. For additional information go to [www.ctnofa.org/winterconference](http://www.ctnofa.org/winterconference).



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