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BRASS CITY REGIONAL FOOD HUB BREAKS GROUND IN WATERBURY

Linda Piotrowicz, Director, Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation

The sun broke through the clouds Monday in Waterbury just as the lieutenant governor, mayor, and others drove their shovels into the soil to officially break ground on the Brass City Regional Food Hub—foreshadowing a bright future for a project that has been years in the making.

“This is one of my proudest days,” Susan Pronovost told dozens of supporters gathered on a cold mid-May morning to share in the celebration.

As executive director of Brass City Harvest, a nonprofit organization whose focus is on transforming the local and regional food system to provide everyone with equitable access to fresh Connecticut Grown food, she has spearheaded the vision for and design of a facility that will give Connecticut family farms an opportunity to wash their produce, enter new markets, and create value-added products.

“Two and a half years ago, my friend Susan Pronovost approached me to discuss a model for a regional food hub,” recounted Neil M. O’Leary, Waterbury’s 46th mayor, who was born in the city and has served its residents in a multitude of roles and responsibilities since. “Sue shared her thoughts on how a regional food hub could bring value to the City of Waterbury and its citizens.”

Mayor O’Leary spoke about the revitalization of the city’s south end, and how this initiative plays a key role in that effort. He pointed out that the project will help youth learn about and appreciate how food is grown and how it fuels healthy bodies and minds.

“I am so pleased to be here to celebrate the Waterbury Food Hub,” said Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz. “There are thousands of jobs involved in Connecticut agriculture and this project is going to help create 24 good-paying jobs,” she continued, speaking about agriculture’s economic contributions and benefits

as a whole.

“Our life here at Brass City Harvest revolves around agriculture and fresh food access,” explained Susan Pronovost.

“How do we create those networks within the state’s thousands of farms—mostly family owned farms—and how do we create markets for them and bring their products to the limelight to other states? How do we create markets domestically in this state, and how do we help them meet new sanitation requirements? That’s the purpose of this new food hub.”

Sharing Brass City Harvest’s mission to take care of the community’s less fortunate, she announced the organization produced or transferred from farm to people more than 100,000 pounds of fresh food in 2018.

She projected this new facility will triple that number, thanking the city, its elected officials, and all of the project’s funders and supporters, past and present, including the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg), its former commissioner, Steven K Reviczky, and current commissioner, Bryan P. Hurlburt.

DoAg has awarded Brass City Harvest two Agricultural Viability grants to support the project: \$41,500 in 2015 for design and planning, and \$48,000 in 2017 for construction of a commercial cooler inside the food hub.

DoAg regulatory staff also provided information on appropriate sanitation to help ensure farm products moving through the food hub meet current food safety requirements.

“Susan is just a force to be reckoned with,” proclaimed Commissioner Hurlburt. “We will have commerce here, and we will have farmers here, we will have consumers here. We will be able to do all of these things because one person had the great drive, vision, and energy to make it happen.”

He thanked the mayor for all of his support throughout the entire



State Rep. Geraldo Reyes, Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt, Brass City Harvest Executive Director Susan Pronovost, former Agriculture Commissioner Steven K Reviczky, and former State Rep. Jeffrey Berger at Brass City Regional Food Hub groundbreaking in Waterbury, CT.

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.51	.67
LARGE	.45	.59
MEDIUM	.43	.56

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.10	1.49
LARGE	1.01	1.39
MEDIUM	.83	.93
SMALL	.72	.82

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Choice 2-3	105.50	111.00
Select 1-2	103.00	104.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Choice 2-3	104.00	106.50
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	60.00	65.00
boners 80-85% lean	59.50	64.00
lean 88-90% lean	48.00	56.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 100-105 lbs	130.00	157.00
No 2 90-95 lbs	80.00	130.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
80-89 lbs	225.00	265.00
90-99 lbs	225.00	250.00
100-145 lbs	215.00	265.00
155-161 lbs	185.00	195.00
Choice 1-2		
50-56 lbs	227.00	262.00
60-69 lbs	215.00	245.00
70-79 lbs	215.00	245.00
80-89 lbs	200.00	235.00
Choice 2-3		
90-99 lbs	207.00	240.00
100-145 lbs	185.00	230.00
130-150 lbs	150.00	177.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Choice 2-3		
105-145 lbs	110.00	135.00
153-195 lbs	110.00	140.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
30-39 lbs	150.00	170.00
40-47 lbs	175.00	255.00
50-59 lbs	210.00	230.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
90-95 lbs	210.00	235.00
120-145 lbs	220.00	265.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
120-149 lbs	265.00	320.00
150-199 lbs	290.00	345.00
200-249 lbs	350.00	385.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
BARROWS AND GILTS		
U.S. 1	210-295 lbs	57.00 63.00
	301-329 lbs	59.00 62.00
U.S. 2	203-293 lbs	48.00 58.00
	304-345 lbs	52.00 59.00
Sows, US 1-2		
	303-330 lbs	46.00 54.00
	403-460 lbs	40.00 66.00
	506-556 lbs	56.00 65.00

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, 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	18.00	18.00
APPLE, MAC, 138, #1	18.00	18.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 125	18.00	19.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 138	18.00	19.00
ASPARAGUS, 28 LB, BNCH	85.00	85.00
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	27.00	27.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB, LSE	30.00	32.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, M-L	20.00	20.00
TOMS, GHS, 25 LB, S-M	25.00	25.00
TOMS, GHS, CHERRY, 10 LB	24.00	24.00
TOMS, GHS, ON VINE, 11 LB	17.00	18.00

SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 88	32.00	32.00
APPLE, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 100	28.00	29.00
APPLE, GLD DEL, PA, XFCY, 125	29.00	29.00
APPLE, FUJI, PA, XFCY, 80	36.00	36.00
APPLE, FUJI, PA, XFCY, 88	36.00	36.00
BLUEBERRIES, GA, 12-1 PT	20.00	24.00
BROCCOLI, CTN, CA, 14'S	23.00	27.00
CABBAGE, GRN, FL, 50 LB	13.00	16.00
CABBAGE, RED, FL, 50 LB, M/L	22.00	26.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, FL, 40 LB, M/L	18.00	23.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHED, 24	22.00	24.00
CAULIFLOWER, CA, 12's	44.00	50.00
CUKE, LNG SDLS, CD, GHS, CTN	7.00	8.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24'S	18.00	18.00
KALE, GA, CTN, 12'S	13.00	16.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, NJ, 24S	16.00	17.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, NJ, 24S	14.00	18.00
LETTUC, GRNLF, NJ, 24S	14.00	18.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	6.50	8.00
MUSHROOM, PORTABELLA, 5 LB	9.00	10.50
ONION, GREEN LEEK, CA, 12S	20.00	24.00
RADISHES, NJ, CRT, BNCH, 24S	14.00	15.00
RHUBARB, 10 LB. CRTN	20.00	20.00
SPINACH, SAV, NJ, 1.3 BU, LSE	16.00	17.00
SQUASH, ZUCCHINI, FL, 1/2 BU, S	10.00	14.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, GA, 1/2 BU, S	12.00	15.00
SWEET POTATOES, NC, 40 LB	27.00	30.00
SWISS CHARD, RED, CA, 24's	18.00	18.00

BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC

Price Range. Per unit.

CABBAGE, GRN, 45 LB CRT	30.00	30.00
CABBAGE, RED, 45 LB CRT	36.00	36.00
CUKE, LNG SDLS, CD, GHS, CTN	14.00	14.00
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	26.00	26.00
MESCLUN MIX, 3 LB, CRT	9.50	10.00
PEPPERS, RED, 11 LB, CRT	32.00	32.00
PEPPERS, YELLOW, 11 LB, CRT	32.00	32.00
PEPPERS, ORANGE, 11 LB, CRT	32.00	32.00
SPINACH, FLAT, 4 LB, CRT	13.50	13.50
SQUASH, ZUCCHINI, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
SWEET POTATOES, 40 LB, CRT	35.00	40.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - May 13, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	25.00
61-75 lbs.	50.00	55.00
76-90 lbs.	70.00	75.00
91-105 lbs.	80.00	110.00
106 lbs. & up	112.50	135.00
Farm Calves	150.00	210.00
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	70.00	135.00
Feeder Heifers	92.50	100.00
Beef Heifers	57.50	66.00
Feeder Steers	67.50	75.00
Beef Steers	66.00	82.00
Feeder Bulls	75.00	135.00
Beef Bulls	67.00	87.00
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	65.00	195.00
Lambs each	107.50	245.00
Goats each	115.00	260.00
Kid Goats each	60.00	75.00
Canners	up to	56.00
Cutters	64.00	68.00
Utility Grade Cows	57.00	60.00
Rabbits each	5.00	15.00
Chickens each	4.00	23.00
Ducks each	7.00	17.00

DAIRY CATTLE

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

FRESH COWS		
SUPREME	1375.00	1450.00
APPROVED	1000.00	1200.00
MEDIUM	600.00	875.00
SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):		
SUPREME	1300.00	1500.00
APPROVED	800.00	1250.00
MEDIUM	575.00	825.00
BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS):		
SUPREME	1275.00	1500.00
APPROVED	800.00	1200.00
MEDIUM	575.00	800.00
SPRINGING COWS		
APPROVED	950.00	1125.00
MEDIUM	625.00	925.00
OPEN HEIFERS:		
500-599 lbs		
APPROVED	300.00	375.00
MEDIUM	200.00	285.00
620-675 lbs		
APPROVED	400.00	560.00
MEDIUM	300.00	375.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. May 10, 2019

ALFALFA/GRASS		
PREMIUM	390.00	450.00
GOOD	250.00	295.00
FAIR	195.00	200.00
GRASS HAYS		
PREMIUM	370.00	395.00
GOOD	240.00	280.00
FAIR	160.00	185.00
STRAW	260.00	330.00

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process and emphasized the project is an example of what is possible when people get together with a common vision to make it happen.

Former Representative Jeffrey Berger of the 73rd District recalled his involvement on the project as chairman of the General Assembly's Finance, Revenue, and Bond Commissioner.

"We put the paperwork together, we sold the project, not only as a City of Waterbury project but a statewide project, regional project, jobs project, and doing the right thing for those who are really in need."

Senator Joan V. Hartley, 15th District, said the project represents so much of the South End and City of Waterbury coming together, and heralded Susan Pronovost for her ability to secure funding from many different sources and connect a diversity of stakeholders around a common cause to benefit the community.

"Every penny that we invest with Susan is going to be leveraged to the 1,000th degree. She knows how to write a grant, she knows how to leverage, and she knows how to connect."

"You hear these conversations about food deserts," Senator Hartley continued. "Well it is true that how we eat is how we live...but it's going to make fresh food, locally grown, available to a community that heretofore didn't have that."

State Representative Gerry Reyes, 75th District, spoke of growing up a quarter mile away and learning how to play baseball on the very site of the new food hub.

"What I've seen this neighborhood go through, the ups and downs, I can't thank everyone who's involved, but Brass City Harvest. This is just a great, great day for the City of Waterbury and the South End."

"This is completely a food desert. We need to go through and re-educate and continue the education process, emphasizing the medical aspects. Because if you are eating better, you are going to feel a lot better."

HUD Field Office Director Suzanne Piacentini explained that HUD is not only about housing first but urban development that includes strengthening the community through good jobs and access to good food and healthcare.

"You have it all here, coalescing perfectly," she said about the Brass City Regional Food Hub project.

Father Sullivan delivered a reading from the Bible and then blessed the site with holy water from the Jordan River during a moment of silence.

The event culminated with all speakers taking a ceremonial shovel of soil to mark the official start of construction.

For more information about Brass City Harvest and the Brass City Regional Food Hub, visit www.brasscityharvestwtby.org.



Mayor Neil M. O'Leary, Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, Waterbury Alderman Sandra Martinez-McCarthy, Former State Rep. Jeffrey Berger, and State Rep. Geraldo Reyes at Brass City Regional Food Hub groundbreaking in Waterbury, CT on May 13, 2019.

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AG JOB CONNECTION

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NRCS CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Connecticut, has announced the availability of funds for competitive grants through the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) Program.

The program aims to spark the development and adoption of cutting-edge conservation technologies and approaches for farmers and other landowners.

CIG is a voluntary program intended to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production. Under CIG, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds are used to award competitive grants to non-federal governmental or nongovernmental organizations, Tribes, or individuals.

Projects may include on-farm pilot projects and field demonstrations and are funded to accelerate the transfer and adoption of promising technologies to landowners to address critical natural resource concerns.

Projects must involve EQIP-eligible agricultural producers or landowners, and at least 50% of the total cost must come from non-federal matching funds, including in-kind contributions.

Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on June 14, 2019. For more information go to <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ct/programs/financial/cig>.

GREENHOUSE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL CONFERENCE

Growers of greenhouse crops are invited to learn more about planning and forecasting for success with biological controls, proper identification of aphids and thrips, biological controls at DS Cole, supplemental food and their applications, and grower case studies.

The conference will be held June 19, 2019 at the Jones Auditorium at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington St, New Haven, CT. Five pesticide recertification credits available. The fee for this conference is \$25. The registration deadline is June 14, 2019. To register contact Leanne Pundt at 860-626-6855 or leanne.pundt@uconn.edu.

NRCS EQIP/AMA APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 17, 2019

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications from agricultural producers for financial assistance to improve farm conservation operations.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program for those engaged in livestock, forestry, or agricultural production – including organics. EQIP offers financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land.

The Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to voluntarily address issues such as water management, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into farming operations.

Although NRCS accepts applications year-round, they are

holding a second batching date for current year funding. To be eligible, you must ensure your application is submitted to your local NRCS office by May 17, 2019.

For more information visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ct/programs/financial/> or contact your local USDA Service Center: Danielson 860-779-0557; Hamden 203-287-8038; Norwich 860-887-3604; Torrington 860-626-8852; Windsor 860-688-7725.

SERVSAFE MANAGER CERTIFICATION

A ServSafe Manager Certification course will be offered by CLiCK on Monday, May 20, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The course will be held at 41 Club Road, Windham, CT.

The cost of the class is \$150 per person. If you are a Connecticut farmer the class is free courtesy of a Farm Viability Grant provided by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

For more information visit <https://clickwillimantic.com> or call 860-786-7907. To register email Rachel LaPorte at rachael.clickwillimantic@gmail.com.

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