

Agricultural Report

Connecticut Department of Agriculture
Dannel P. Malloy, Governor
Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner



Linda Piotrowicz, Editor
Wednesday, October 3, 2012

NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY FARMS PRESERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE

By Katherine Winslow, Farmland Preservation Program

In December 2011, Connecticut Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky announced designation of \$2 million of Community Investment Act funds for a pilot of the Community Farms Preservation Program (CFPP).

Established per Sec. 22-26nn of the Connecticut General Statutes, the CFPP is for farms that do not meet the criteria of the long-standing Farmland Preservation Program for reasons of size, soil quality, or location, but may contribute to local economic activity through agricultural production. Such farms typically have fewer than 30 acres of crop land, are active farms in food or fiber production, contain prime farmland soils and/or additional farmland of statewide importance, and have a demonstrated level of community support.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) received tremendous response from towns throughout Connecticut seeking to become prequalified for the pilot by the May 31, 2012, deadline. In fact, 21 towns in seven counties successfully completed the prequalification requirements, culminating in a cooperative agreement with DoAg to jointly purchase development rights (PDR) on qualified farms.

Another 13 towns have requested identification of additional farmland of local importance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Thus, 20 percent of the towns in Connecticut are prepared, or are in the process of preparing, for the ability to leverage state and/or federal funding for the preservation of important farmland soils on qualified working farms.

Of the towns qualified to participate in the pilot of CFPP, 10 farm applications in six counties statewide were submitted by the July 31, 2012, deadline and are being considered for funding. Nearly 700 acres are included in the pool of applications, which include a variety of active farm types such as dairy support crops, pasture for beef cattle and sheep, goat cheese making facilities, organic vegetables with a community supported agriculture (CSA) component, maple syrup, and Christmas trees.

As the funding request for the 10 farms exceeds the \$2 million

designated for the pilot, DoAg sought assistance from the NRCS to access federal funding through the Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP). A great effort was made by both DoAg and NRCS to enter a cooperative agreement for FRPP 2012 funding that would help enable DoAg to preserve as many qualified farms as funding will allow.

At this point, DoAg has visited all farms qualified for the pilot and prepared preliminary scores based on criteria set in consultation with the Farmland Preservation Advisory

Board. Configuration maps for each farm will be prepared and will outline the general restrictions and area to be included in the PDR.

Once confirmed with the farmer, Commissioner Reviczky and the designated town official will authorize appraisal of the farm. Once appraisals are in and reviewed, the town and DoAg will agree to an offer for the PDR. After the offer has been accepted by the farmer, DoAg will seek State Properties Review Board approval for the PDR, and obtain a survey and title work.

(continued on Page 3)



Beltane Farm, Lebanon, goat cheese dairy producing farm and local processing center (highest ranking farm in the pilot of the CFPP)

**WHOLESALE SEASONAL ITEMS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
CORN,Ornmntl,20/3s	25.00	30.00
GOURD,Shllck,1/2bu	27.00	27.50
PMPKN,Hwdn,36"bin	160.00	170.00
PMPKN,Hwdn,wht,36"bin	220.00	220.00
PMKN,Pie,1-1/9bu	14.00	15.00
PMKN,Pie,per lb	.22	.25
PMKN,Pie,24"bin	160.00	180.00
PMKN,mini,1/2bu	16.00	18.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

October 1, 2012

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

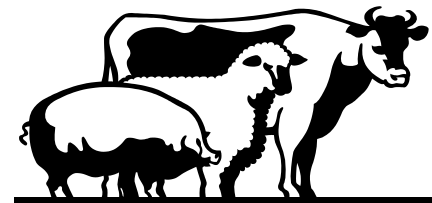
49-54	220-300 lbs	58.00-62.00
	300-400 lbs	58.00-62.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	55.00-57.00
	300-400 lbs	53.00-53.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	29.50-32.75
	500-700 lbs	31.50-35.25
Boars:	300-700 lbs	12.00-13.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, October 1, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	25.00	34.00
61-75 lbs.	40.00	45.00
76-90 lbs.	50.00	52.50
91-105 lbs.	55.00	57.50
106 lbs. & up	62.00	65.00
Farm Calves	75.00	77.50
Starter Calves	40.00	52.00
Veal Calves	85.00	140.00
Open Heifers	75.00	120.00
Beef Heifers	98.00	105.00
Beef Steers	76.00	78.00
Feeder Steers	82.00	127.50
Stock Bulls	97.50	130.00
Beef Bulls	83.00	115.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	80.00	260.00
Kid Goats	55.00	145.00
Canners	Up to	65.50
Cutters	66.00	70.00
Utility Grade Cows	71.00	74.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	4.00	22.00
Chickens each	3.00	17.00
Ducks each	5.00	18.00
Feeder Pigs	6 at	41.00
Lambs	100	170.00
Sheep	65.00	135.00



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**



	Low	High
APPLE,Cort bu,2-3/4,xfcy	34.00	34.00
APPLE,Gala,tote,8/5lb	34.00	34.00
APPLE,Hnycrsp,80ct,xfcy	70.00	75.00
APPLE,Mac,80ct,xfcy	38.00	38.00
BEAN,Grn,bu	16.00	18.00
BEAN,Crnbrry,bu	25.00	30.00
BROCCOLI,Cut,20lb	13.00	14.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	12.00	13.00
CABBAGE,Grn,bx	10.00	12.00
CABBAGE,Grn,bg 50lb	8.00	9.00
CABBAGE,Rd,50lb	16.00	16.00
CABBAGE,Svy,bx	14.00	14.00
CAULIFLWR,12ct	18.00	18.00
CIDER,4/1gal	23.00	23.00
CIDER 9 1/2gal	27.00	27.00
CORN,5dz	8.00	14.00
CUCMBR,Spr slct,1-1/9bu	18.00	20.00
CUCMBR,Pcklng,1/2 bu	15.00	15.00
EGGPLNT,1-1/9bu	8.00	12.00
GRAPE,Cncrd,8-1qt	22.00	24.00
LEEKs,12s	13.00	14.00
PEAR,Bosc,4/5bu	31.00	34.00
PEAR,Rd Anj,4/5bu	32.00	32.00
PEPPER,Grn blt,lg	9.00	9.00
PEPPER,Sn tn,1-1/9bu	5.00	8.00
PEPPER,Cbnll,1-1/9bu	8.00	9.00
POTATOES,10lb,szA	2.00	2.00
POTATOES,Rsst,90ct	11.00	12.00
SQUASH,Acrn,bu	12.00	13.00
SQUASH,Bttrcp,1-1/9	16.00	18.00
SQUASH,Bttrnt,1-1/9	12.00	13.00
SQUASH,Grn,1/2bu,fcny	12.00	14.00
SQUASH,Yllw,1/2bu,fcny	14.00	16.00
TOMATOES,Grp,12/1pt	6.00	10.00
TOMATOES,25lb,xl	15.00	15.00
TOMATOES,10lb,hrm,xl	20.00	32.00

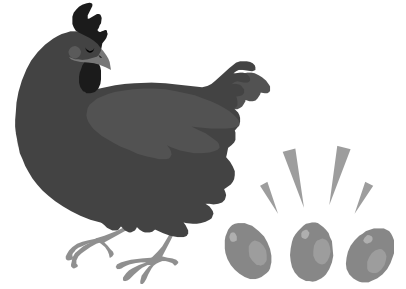
(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

October 1, 2012

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers	75-80% lean		
	73.00-77.00	80.00-83.00	n/a
Boners	80-85% lean		
	70.00-75.00	79.00-83.00	n/a
Lean	88-90% lean		
	62.00-68.00	69.00-72.50	55.00-58.00
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Graded Bull Calves			
No.1	95-125lbs	85.00-105.00	
No.2	95-115lbs	65.00-85.00	
No.3	80-125lbs	45.00-60.00	
Slaughter bulls	945--1895lb	90.00-96.00	
Holstein Heifers No.1	90-110lb	100.00-140.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:			
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	50-60lbs	150.00-168.00	
	60-70lbs	146.00-162.00	
	70-80lbs	128.00-148.00	
	80-85lbs	128.00-148.00	



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown eggs in cartons, delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.82-1.90
LARGE	1.74-1.82
MEDIUM	1.33-1.40

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

October 1, 2012

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, per dozen. (Range)

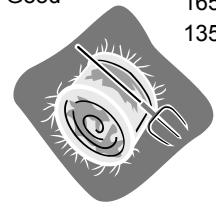
EXTRA LARGE	1.36-1.40
LARGE	1.34-1.38
MEDIUM	1.07-1.11

PENNSYLVANIA HAY REPORT

October 1, 2012

Prices per ton.

Alfalfa, Premium	240.00-400.00
Alfalfa, Good	150.00-175.00
Mixed Hay, Premium	235.00-395.00
Mixed Hay, Good	160.00-230.00
Timothy, Premium	240.00-310.00
Timothy, Good	165.00-200.00
Straw	135.00-220.00



90-110lbs	124.00-140.00
110-130lbs	n/a
Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
50-60lbs	n/a
60-70lbs	n/a
70-80lbs	n/a
90-130lbs	n/a
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
130-155lbs	38.00-50.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
110-155lbs	54.00-64.00
160--200lb	58.00-60.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
40- lbs	98.00
50-lbs	100.00-104.00
70-75lbs	124.00-150.00
Nannies/Does:90-125lb-n/a	
130lbs	n/a
130-160lb	n/a
Bucks/Billies: 100-140lbs	180.00-222.00
150-165lbs	167.00-185.00

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

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

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com.

4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

10-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.

122-R. High Quality Christmas Trees: Fraser-Canaan-Balsam-Nordman-Concolor-Blue Spruce-Meyer Spruce-Discounted Commercial Grades available also! Hartikka Tree Farms (800)508-5099 www.treeman2.com

137-R JD 450 B Bulldozer, \$5,000. Dresser 520 B Payloader, \$14,000. Case W-11 one yard payloader, new motor, \$12,000. JD 6310 4X4 with 640 loader, \$23,000. NH 575 Baler with thrower, \$12,000. NH 311 Baler with chute and hitch, \$4,500. JD 660 Hay Rake all new teeth, \$1,600. NH 258 Hydraulic Drive Rake, \$3,000. 203-530-4953.

138-R Round Bales, first cut net wrapped for horses or cows. Picked up \$50 each. 203-530-4953.

139-R Piglets-Yorkshire-Landrace cross, White clean, 7 weeks old. \$80/each 860-668-2181.

141-R Wooden apple boxes 1 1/9 bu, 2000,\$4. Eastern apple box 400, new, \$3, 1/2 bushel basket, \$4. Call Doug 860-657-4172.

143-R Rain Flo 2550 plastic mulch layer, auto row trak and double drip asking \$3,300. Rain Flo water wheel planter all options plus extra wheels and spikes and 2 custom wheels, asking \$3,000. IH 450 3btm auto reset plow asking \$3,500, 860-951-8021.

144 Stationary goat milking/grooming stand, \$20.00. Clippers for grooming-ig and trim, \$25 each. Portable and wall mount hay racks, \$10 each. Milk weighing scale with stainless steel pail, \$50. Beeswax solar wax melter, \$60. For information or sale please call 860-485-9529.

145-R Christmas greens, wreaths, roping, kissing balls, many sizes and varieties. Samples gladly shown. 203-457-1344.

146. Savanna cross meat goats, does, 7 mos., \$125. ea. 860-537-1974.

147. Single horse size hay wagon, perfect for farm stand display or hay rides, 7' x 5' oak body, excellent condition, \$900. Draft horse forecart, \$750. Belt driven cordwood saw with belt \$250. Antique grain cradle-needs glue, \$75. Powell planter, 3 pth, \$150. JD 4' bush hog 3 pth, \$400. King Cutter 5' bush hog-trailer, new condition, \$700. Cast iron cook stove made in Bridgeport for sailing ship, \$1,000. DeMaria Farm, Kensington. 860-828-6724 after dark.

MISCELLANEOUS

7-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-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

11-R. Lily's LLC Appraisal Services specializes in Estates, Commercial & Industrial, Residential, Agricultural, Conservation Easements and Reevaluation Appraisals. Call Lori Longhi at 860-463-9997.

142-R NORTHEAST HIGHLAND CATTLE ASSOCIATION fall show, Mallory Arena, Big E fairgrounds, West Springfield, Massachusetts, October 13, 2012, 10AM. Public welcome. Free admission. Need info call 860-423-4995.

COMMUNITY FARMS PRESERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE (continued from Page 1)

DoAg's intent is to record deeds on land records to preserve the farms through PDR within 18 months of a farmer signing the agreements to sell the development rights. Applications will be processed in the order in which they are ranked based on CFPP criteria.

DoAg is off to a successful start with the CFPP and encourages towns not currently eligible to contact DoAg. If a town has completed eligibility requirements, it is in a position to act, with DoAg's help, to protect important farmland resources—right at the time the farmer is ready, and when funding beyond the pilot becomes available.

Participation in the program is voluntary. Interested farmers and towns are encouraged to discuss CFPP eligibility with Program Director Joseph Dippel or Property Agent Katherine Winslow by phone at 860-713-2589 or in writing to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Farmland Preservation Program, 165 Capitol Avenue, G8A, Hartford, CT 06106.



Beltane Farm, Lebanon, goat cheese dairy producing farm and local processing center (highest ranking farm in the pilot of the CFPP)

SURE SIGN-UP PERIOD OPENS OCT 22

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) sign-up period for the 2011 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program will open October 22, 2012. Under the 2008 Farm Bill, SURE authorizes assistance to farmers and ranchers who suffered crop losses caused by natural disasters occurring through September 30, 2011.

To be eligible for SURE, a farm or ranch must have:

1. At least a 10-percent production loss on a crop of economic significance;
2. A policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for all economically significant crops;
3. Been physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Without a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may be eligible if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster.

Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

Farmers and ranchers interested in signing up must do so before the June 7, 2013 deadline.

For more information on the 2011 SURE program, visit any FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov/sure.

NEW USDA TOOLS FOR ORGANIC PRODUCERS



The USDA has developed a guide to organic and organic-related programs, and is implementing a department-wide training program to improve service to current and prospective organic stakeholders. USDA has also developed a toolkit that helps farmers and businesses answer the question, "is organic an option for me?"

In response to requests from the organic community, USDA developed these materials to help connect current and prospective organic operations with appropriate USDA resources.

These efforts are designed to make USDA staff better equipped to help current and prospective organic customers:

- Obtain technical and financial assistance
- Insure crops and livestock
- Access and fund research
- Secure loans
- Develop conservation practices
- Find current organic price information
- Access local, regional, and international markets

Get the guide to organic and organic-related USDA programs at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5100093>.

For more information about USDA's National Organic Program, go to <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/organicinfo>.

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL LISTENING SESSIONS

The Governor's Council for Agricultural Development is developing the first-ever strategic plan for Connecticut agriculture. As part of the information-gathering phase of that effort, the council is conducting four listening sessions in late September and early October to obtain input from agricultural stakeholders in Connecticut.

The first three listening sessions occurred September 19 in Norwich, September 20 in Windsor, and September 27 in New Haven. CT-N coverage of the Norwich session can be viewed at <http://ct-n.com/ondemand.asp?ID=8186>.

The fourth and final session will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2012, at the [Litchfield County Extension Office](#) in Torrington. All are welcome and no RSVP is required.

Those who would like to provide input but cannot attend a listening session can still submit feedback via an online survey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GCAD_Stakeholder_Input_Aug_Sept_2012. The deadline to respond to the survey has been extended to October 7, 2012.

CT AG FAIR SEASON UNDERWAY

Connecticut's agricultural fair season is underway, with a wide assortment of local, 4-H, district, and major fairs around the state through mid-October. Fairs coming up this week include:

[Berlin Fair](#), October 5, 6 & 7, 2012

[Harwinton Fair](#), October 6 & 7, 2012

More information about Connecticut's agricultural fairs is available at www.ctfairs.org.



Advertising Rates: Fifteen or fewer words: \$3.75 per insertion. More than 15 words: 25 cents per word per insertion. (Initial letters, hyphenated words, phone numbers, and addresses are counted separately.) Print or type copy. Advertisements accepted on a first-come, first-served basis; publication on a specific date cannot be guaranteed. Ads with payment must be received by noon the Friday before a publication date to be considered for insertion in that issue. Only ads of an agricultural nature with a Connecticut phone number will be accepted. Remittance with copy required. Make check or money order payable to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106
www.CTGrown.gov www.CT.gov/doag
 860-713-2500

Commissioner	Steven K. Reviczky 860-713-2501
Marketing	860-713-2503
Regional Market	860-566-3699
State Veterinarian	Dr. Mary J. Lis 860-713-2505
Regulation & Inspection	Dr. Bruce Sherman 860-713-2504
Farmland Preservation	Joseph Dippel 860-713-2511
Aquaculture	David Carey 203-874-2855

The Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report (ISSN: 1059-8723, USPS 129-340) is published weekly by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106, except for the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas, two other weeks each year, and when the Governor closes state offices. Print subscriptions are \$40.00 for two years. Periodicals postage paid at Hartford, CT.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106.

Print subscriptions expire Dec. 31, 2013.

**VOL. XCII
 No. 38
 October 3, 2012**