



# Agricultural Report

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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### 2010 FARM-TO-CHEF HARVEST CELEBRATION WEEK

September 26, 2010 – October 2, 2010

Farm-to-Chef Harvest Celebration Week, a new promotion initiated by the CT Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Chef Program, will run Sunday, September 26, 2010, through Saturday, October 2, 2010. Open to all restaurants and foodservice businesses in the state, it invites participants to create and offer a separate Farm-to-Chef menu showcasing CT Grown ingredients and CT wines.

"While many Farm-to-Chef members source locally on a regular basis, we hope this special event will entice new restaurants and businesses to give CT Grown ingredients a try. Because it is only a one-week commitment, it is an easy way for chefs to try local farm products without feeling overwhelmed," said Linda Piotrowicz, Farm-to-Chef Program Manager.

"Of course, once they get a taste of CT Grown ingredients, we are confident they will not want to go back," she added with a smile.

Guidelines for participants are fairly simple:

1. Each participant shall offer a separate Farm-to-Chef menu of at least four items, each showcasing one or more CT Grown ingredients, from 9/26/10 through 10/2/10.
2. Businesses that serve alcohol also must include at least one CT Wine on the menu during Farm-to-Chef Harvest Celebration Week.
3. Pricing will be left to the discretion of each venue in order to encourage participation by many different styles and types of restaurants and food-service businesses.

The following also are encouraged:

1. Use of a wide variety of CT Grown ingredients, including proteins, cheese, milk, honey, maple syrup, fruits, and vegetables.
2. Pricing of the Farm-to-Chef menu that falls within the normal range for that business.
3. Incorporation of related events during Farm-to-Chef Harvest Celebration Week, such as farmer appearances, talks, CT wine tastings, chef demonstrations, tours, recipe hand-outs, etc.

According to Piotrowicz, the public is becoming increasingly aware of what they are eating and where it comes from. Interest in local food is soaring, evidenced by an all-time record number of farmers' markets in the state last year, 125. Consumers are seeking fresh, locally grown foods for use in their own kitchens, and they have begun looking for them when dining out as well.

"We have been sourcing from nearby farms for years," explained Scott Miller, Executive Chef at Max's Oyster Bar and longtime Farm-to-Chef mem-

ber. "This past year we were able to serve CT Grown salad greens every day, even throughout the winter, thanks to an increase in season-extension production methods employed by area farmers."

"The quality of local food does not compare to that of ingredients shipped in from across the country," Chef Miller continued. "It does take some extra effort to work with many small farms instead of buying from one or two huge suppliers, but it is time and energy well spent. Our customers definitely notice the difference. After all, food that spends the least amount of time out of the soil, and the least amount of time on a big rig, just simply tastes better."

The CT Department of Agriculture will promote and publicize Farm-to-Chef Harvest Celebration Week and will post information about each participating businesses on the agency's website. The Department also will provide businesses with resources to help promote their involvement in Farm-to-Chef Harvest Celebration week and to help locate sources of CT Grown ingredients.

Interested businesses must complete an online pre-application no later than Friday, April 30, 2010. Information provided will be used in the promotion of Farm-to-Chef Harvest Celebration Week. Information required in the pre-application includes

- Company contact info
- Proposed Farm-to-Chef menu (minimum of four items)
- CT Grown ingredient(s) to be showcased in each item
- Proposed source of each CT Grown ingredient
- CT Wine(s) to be offered (minimum of one for any business that serves alcohol)

- Pricing for the menu

Pre-applications must be completed online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QG2YVWT>.

All participants must also submit a final application with confirmed menu and a list of featured farms and their ingredients. Final application information will be sent out to all participants in July and must be completed no later than August 13, 2010. This information will be used in Farm-to-Chef Harvest Celebration Week promotional materials.

For more information, please contact Linda Piotrowicz at [Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov](mailto:Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov) or 860-713-2558.

The CT Farm-to-Chef Program helps connect Connecticut chefs and food service professionals with growers, producers, and distributors of CT Grown products. It also helps the public locate restaurants, institutions, and other dining facilities that serve foods prepared with CT Grown ingredients. Please visit [www.CTGrown.gov](http://www.CTGrown.gov) and click on "Programs and Services" for more information.

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.**

April 12, 2010

Prices To Retailers, Sales To Volume Buyers,  
USDA Grade A and Grade A, White Eggs In  
Cartons, Warehouse, Cents Per Dozen

EXTRA LARGE	92-98
LARGE	90-94
MEDIUM	75-78

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - April 12, 2010

Live animals brought the following average  
prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	18.00	25.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	35.00
76-90 lbs.	40.00	45.00
91-105 lbs.	50.00	55.00
106 lbs. & up	65.00	70.00
Farm Calves	75.00	130.00
Started Calves	28.00	32.00
Veal Calves	80.00	105.00
Open Heifers	65.00	95.00
Beef Heifers	55.00	59.00
Feeder Steers	66.00	97.50
Beef Steers	66.00	91.00
Stock Bulls	80.00	86.00
Beef Bulls	67.00	70.50
Boars	1 @	5.00
Sows	1 @	37.00
Sheep each	65.00	125.00
Lambs each	65.00	140.00
Goats each	62.50	190.00
Kid Goats each	30.00	90.00
Canners	Up to	51.00
Cutters	52.00	56.50
Utility Grade Cows	57.00	61.00
Rabbits each	6.00	23.00
Chickens each	5.00	31.00
Ducks each	6.00	26.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

MONDAY, April 12, 2010

Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>		
Premium White	65-75% lean	
58.50-61.00	64.00-66.00	54.00-56.00
Breakers	75-80% lean	
54.00-58.50	50.00-51.50	
Boners	80-85% lean	
50.00-53.50	54.50-56.00	47.00-49.50
Lean	85-90% lean	
46.00-49.50	51.00-53.00	42.00-45.50
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1</b>		
1310-1705 lbs	64.00-67.00	
<b>Yield Grade 2</b>		
1090-1610 lbs	61.00-63.00	
Bullocks: 985-1225 lbs	73.00-76.00	
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Choice and Prime 2-3		
40-60 lbs	184.00-200.00	
60-80 lbs	177.00-195.00	
90-110 lbs	168.00-185.00	
110-130 lbs	154.00-172.00	
130-150 lbs	144.00-162.00	
Choice 2-3 40-50 lbs	175.00-188.00	
60-80 lbs	160.00-182.00	
80-110 lbs	136.00-168.00	

**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

APPLE CIDER, 9 - 1/2 gal	15.00	15.00
APPLES, McIntosh, us fcy, 120ct	13.00	14.00
APPLES, Red Delicious 12/ 3-lb bags xfcy	16.00	16.00
FIDDLEHEADS, per lb	5.00	5.00
POTATOES, Russett 10 - 5lb bags	9.00	9.00
TOMATOES, Vine Ripes 25lb box med ,ghouse	28.00	28.00

**SHIPPED IN**

APPLES, Granny Smith us xfcy, 80ct WA	36.00	38.00
ARTICHOKES, 30ct cartons CA	24.00	26.00
ASPARAGUS, 11lb std CAL	22.00	23.00
BEANS, Green bu handpicked FL	18.00	20.00
BEETS, Red 12's TX	15.00	15.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/6oz CH	24.00	25.00
BROCCOLI, Cartons 14ct CA	12.00	13.00
CABBAGE, Green 50lb med NJ	14.00	14.00
CARROTS, 50lbs jbo GA	14.00	14.00
COLLARD GREENS, 12-16s GA	11.00	12.00
CORN, 4 1/2 dz FL	18.00	20.00
CUCUMBER, 1-1/9bu med FL	24.00	25.00
DANDELION GREENS, 12's NJ	16.00	16.00
EGGPLANT, Greenhouse 11lb sm CAN	25.00	25.00
HORSERADISH, 5lb MIZZ	12.00	12.00
LEEKs, 12's NJ	14.00	14.00
LEMONS, Choice 140ct CA	29.00	29.00
LETTUCE, Boston 12/4oz greenhouse TENN	14.00	14.00
LETTUCE, Iceberg, 24ct CA	19.00	20.00
MINT, 1/2bu NJ	12.00	12.00
OKRA, 1/2 bu sm-med MX	22.00	24.00
PEACHES, 42ct CHILE	12.00	12.00
PEAS, English, 30lb Organic	60.00	60.00
PEAR, D' Anjou, 100ct, us #1 OR	25.00	26.00
PEPPER, Habanero 1/2 bu FL	28.00	30.00
PEPPER, Bell xlg ,1-1/9 bu Green FL	28.00	28.00
RHUBARB, 10lb greenhouse MICH	24.00	24.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb med-lg CAL	12.00	13.00
TOMATOES, 5x6 FL	35.00	35.00
TOMATOES, 10lbs heirloom ghouse CAN	36.00	36.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

**SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh**

120-160 lbs	72.00-86.00
160-200 lbs	62.00-80.00
200-300 lbs	58.00-76.00

**SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1 sold by the head, on estimated weights.**

Kids:	40-60 lbs	96.00-118.00
	60-80 lbs	118.00-140.00
	80-100 lbs	126.00-150.00
	100-110 lbs	136.00-154.00
Nannies/Does:	80-130 lbs	84.00-102.00
	130-180 lbs	100.00-118.00
Bucks/Billies:	100-150 lbs	162.00-180.00
	150-250 lbs	170.00-188.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION**

Mon April 12, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	52.00-55.00
	270-300 lbs	51.00-53.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	52.00-54.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-450 lbs	47.00-51.00
	450-500 lbs	53.00-56.00
	500-700 lbs	55.50-61.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	8.00-10.00

Asparagus	1.49 - 2.99
Broccoli	.98 - 2.00 per bunch
Cabbage	.39 - .69
Carrots, Baby organic	1.66 - 2.00 1lb bag
Celery	1.99 - 1.99 each
Cucumbers	.33 - .67 each
Lettuce, Romaine	.78 - 1.50 each
Mushrooms, White	.98 - 2.00 8oz pkg
Peppers, Bell green	.99 - .99 each
Peppers, Bell red	1.99 - 3.99
Potatoes, Russet	1.29 - 2.99 5lb bag
Squash, Zucchini	.79 - 1.78
Tomatoes on the vine	1.89 - 2.99

**FRUITS**

Apples, Red delicious	.67 - 1.49
Avocados, Haas	.99 - 1.67 each
Cantaloup	.99 - 3.49 each
Grapes, Green/Red	.99 - 2.49
Grapefruit, Red	.33 - 1.00 each
Lemons	.33 - .79 each
Mangoes	.75 - 1.69 each
Nectarines	1.99 - 1.99
Oranges, Navel	.25 - 1.00 each
Peaches	1.99 - 1.99
Strawberries	.99 - 3.99 16oz pkg

**METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.**

**NEW YORK PRICES**

**WHITE EGGS**

**TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,  
Grade A eggs on:  
April 12, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	96-100
LARGE	94-96
MEDIUM	83-87

Above quotations based on  
CARTON sales to retailers.



**PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT**

Monday April 12, 2010

Hay and Straw Market for Eastern Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	140.00-150.00
Mixed Hay	140.00-150.00
	Good
Timothy	120.00-140.00
Straw	90.00-125.00

**FRUIT AND VEGETABLE RETAIL REPORT**

Retail Prices at Grocery Stores  
in the Northeast

Week of April 9, 2010

Prices are in dollars per pound unless otherwise stated.

**VEGETABLES**

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### FOR SALE

1-R. CT. Christmas Tree Growers, CT. Sheep Breeders and CT. Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency--Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com.. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com., Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

4-R. Gallagher High Tensile and portable electric fencing for farms, deer control, gardens. 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.

12-R. Hay – excellent 1st cut round, plastic wrapped bales \$40. 2nd cut \$50. 2nd cut squares \$5. Lebanon 860-886-0716.

46-R. 300 tomato cages, 4ft tall, steel reinforcing wire, \$3.00 each, Killingworth:860-663-3282

48-R. J.D. 8' Drop Spreader \$350 OBO. 1st cut square bales \$4.50. 203-265-4588.

59-R. Milking Shorthorn heifer calves for 2010 shows, also cow/calf pairs. Airlinefarm@yahoo.com or 860-267-9975.

61-R. For Sale: Hay - First Cut. Square Bales. \$4.00/bale. Call 860.829.1465

63-R. Four Registered Male Llamas for Sale- one Black and white, One Black, Two Brown.Price for all four, \$690.00. Westview Farm, Monroe, Ct.. Bernie @ 203-880-6814.

64-R. Corn silage in Bristol, CT available on weekends. Call 860-635-1379 evenings.

66-R. Reg Hereford Bulls and Bred Cows for sale. Excellent bloodlines. All animals sell with a breeding guarantee and current vaccinations. 860-250-3311.

67-R. Liquidating farm sale: Call Frank for prices, 203 494-1651 or 203 874-7036. 100 ft. Sears hoses, wheelbarrows, oil and gas furnaces, compressor, old fashioned trunk, 3 by 6 steel tables, shade cloths for greenhouses, fuel tanks, 3 and 4 ft. fans, 443 automatic drip systems, drill press, 3 ton jeweler's safe, electric sprayers, 3 miniature horses, 2 registered, gas fork lift, plenty hibiscus.

### WANTED

35-R. All standing timber wanted. Highest prices paid. Free appraisals. Call New England Timber, LLC at 860-662-2412.

65-R. 3-pt hitch sickle bar mower, drag disc harrow, cattle head gate. Wettemann Farm 203-457-0777.

### 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.

62-R. Free Alpaca & Llama Fiber-- From 5 Alpacas and 4 Llamas, Available in May., Call for Details, Westview Farm, Monroe, Ct. Ask for Bernie 203-880-6814.

68-R. Beltane Farm, producer of goat cheese in Lebanon offering 2010 internships. Visit www.beltanefarm.com for details.

### SAVE THE DATE!

UConn Annual Spring Horse Auction  
Tack & Equipment Tag Sale

Saturday, April 24, 2010  
UConn Horsebarn Hill Arena

9:00 AM: Tack & Equipment Tag Sale

10:00 AM: Auction Preview

1:00 PM: Auction

Both Department of Agriculture Equine Rescue Horses and UConn Horses will be in the sale. More details will be in next week's issue of the Weekly Agricultural Report or visit the Department's website at the following link: <http://www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=1367&q=449804>



### STATE REGULATIONS APPROVED FOR THE ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE AND EMERALD ASH BORER

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) announced that state regulations have been approved to establish guidelines for survey, quarantines restricting the movement of regulated articles, and eradication of the Asian longhorned beetle and emerald ash borer, two very destructive exotic insect pests of hardwood trees. The director of the CAES is the chief plant regulatory official in Connecticut.

Although these insect pests have not yet been detected in Connecticut, they are spreading in other states. Louis Magnarelli, Director of the CAES, said that "it is very important for us to prepare for infestations of these insects. Both insect pests destroy a wide range of hardwood tree species, many of which are important for the nursery trade, furniture production, building materials, maple syrup production, enhancing tourism, and environmental quality."

The Asian longhorned beetle attacks maple, birch, elm, willow, and chestnut trees. It was first detected in New York City in 1996, but other infestations occurred in Long Island; Chicago; New Jersey; Toronto, Canada; and Worcester, Massachusetts. Although this insect pest has been eradicated in Chicago and Jersey City, New Jersey, tree removal continues in other sites. The infestation in Worcester is extensive, covering at least 74 square miles. More than 26,000 trees have been cut and chipped thus far. The southern edge of the Worcester infestation is about 13.25 miles from the Connecticut border.

The Emerald ash borer, another insect native to Asia, attacks several species of ash trees and has great dispersal potential. This pest has been detected in 13 states in midwestern and eastern United States and in Ontario and Quebec, Canada.

Early detection of either insect pest is of paramount importance in preventing widespread infestations. Director Magnarelli said that "there has been an intensive campaign to educate arborists and other state residents on the risks of moving firewood. This activity can rapidly spread these insects to multiple locations, thereby establishing infestations in residential as well as camping areas in or near forests. There is great potential for economic losses and environmental damage if either insect pest goes undetected for extended periods of time."

### 101ST ANNUAL SHEEP, WOOL & FIBER FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 24, 2010 - Rain or Shine - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tolland Agricultural Center, Route 30, Vernon/Rockville, CT

The Connecticut Sheep, Wool and Fiber Festival celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2009 and we are off to a great start for our next century. The festival, started in 1909 by the CT Sheep Breeders Association, as a program "to promote the keeping of sheep in Connecticut", has evolved and expanded into a premier sheep and fiber festival by providing exhibits, demonstrations and vendors from the sheep, wool and fiber arena. This event is a delightful agricultural and learning experience for the general public as well as shepherds and fiber enthusiasts. Exhibits and activities include: sheep exhibits, shearing demonstrations; vendors, fleece sale, educational lectures; ox cart rides, wool skirting, a sheep dog trial, fleece to shawl contests, kids corner, knitting instruction, ask the veterinarian, food, vendors, ox cart rides, festival logo shirts, music, vendors and fun.

**A LETTER FROM UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM**

Dear Woodland Owner, This letter is to inform you about, and welcome you to attend, an informational public meeting in your area about assistance available to help you manage the woods on your property. With support and cooperation from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the CT Department of Environmental Protection Forestry Division (DEP Forestry) and the Eastern CT Resource Conservation and Development Area (RC&D), the UCONN Cooperative Extension Forestry Program is hosting a series of public meetings and demonstrations for forest and woodland owners.

One of these sessions is being held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 from 7:00 pm to 9:00pm at Windham County Extension Center, 139 Wolf Den Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234.

During the meeting you will learn about woodland and wildlife management techniques that can enhance the satisfaction and benefits you enjoy from your woods while improving the health, productivity and quality of the forest environment. Assistance for private woodland owners to accomplish these activities is available in a variety of ways.

The 2008 Farm Bill authorizes the Natural Resources Conservation Service to provide technical and financial assistance to private forest landowners for selected forest and wildlife management practices through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)

Also authorized under EQIP is cost-share assistance for landowners to have a comprehensive forest management plan prepared for their woodland. NRCS also has other programs of potential interest to woodland owners.

The CT DEP Forestry Division Service Forestry Program provides landowners an opportunity to have an experienced professional forester visit

and walk their property with them. Handouts, fact sheets, contact and sign-up information will be available for meeting attendees, and USDA representatives will be available to take applications and/or answer any questions you may have about application procedures.

These meetings are free of charge, but we would like to know if you are planning to attend. Please contact me directly at [thomas.worthley@uconn.edu](mailto:thomas.worthley@uconn.edu) or call 860-345-4511 to reserve a space.

Thank you, Thomas E. Worthley, Assistant Extension Professor – Forestry, University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System

**ACRE/DCP ENROLLMENT DEADLINE APPROACHING**

Marsha B. Jetté, State Executive Director for the USDA Farm Service Agency for Connecticut reminds producers that June 1, 2010 is the deadline for the 2010 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program or the traditional Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP). This is a mandatory deadline for all participants. USDA will not accept any late filed applications.

Ms. Jetté explained that, "It is critical for producers to begin the enrollment process as soon as possible." Over 680 farms were enrolled in DCP/ACRE Program during 2009. "To date less than 18 % have enrolled for 2010. At the current rate of enrollment a significant number of farms eligible for 2010 may not be enrolled by the deadline.

To be eligible for DCP or ACRE, farm operators must annually report their crop acreage; comply with conservation and wetland requirements, and meet a variety of USDA eligibility requirements.

Contact your local office to set up an appointment before the June 1st deadline. For information about DCP/ACRE or go to [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov). Click on State Offices, then on left County Offices to locate the office nearest you.

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