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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

By Jane Slupecki, Marketing Representative

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farm to School Program has aggressively pursued new avenues for Connecticut farmers growing produce and other products, like fluid milk, beef, and chicken, to sell to public schools, non-profits, and now needs to hear from Connecticut farms interested in exploring these new markets. On May 10, 2011, the department co-sponsored a tour by Lonnie Burt, food service director of the Hartford School System, along with the University of Connecticut College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Risk Management Team Leader Joe Bonelli. Farmers were also treated to a tour of a Hartford magnet school. A dozen farmers and their family members came to this event, which included lively discussion on how to sell either direct or through wholesalers, and packaging, shipping, quality, quantity, and volumes needed by schools. Lonnie told it like it is to sell to schools, showing us and teaching us about the ins and outs of basic contracting rules, selling direct, and moving your products to the schools through the wholesale houses. Her point was the schools want your products! Along the way, the most eye-opening statistic she told is that Hartford schools buy \$1,000,000 of fluid, cartoned milk each year!

On May 25, 2011, two Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Procurement staff, Agriculture Marketing staff, and Lonnie Burt had a face-to-face meeting with the wholesale produce contractor who won the region's US Department of Defense (DoD) contract. Overseen by DAS for the State of Connecticut, both state agencies support a strong push to have this contractor to buy more wholesale produce from Connecticut farmers. Did you know that Connecticut primary and secondary schools use the largest amount of DoD dollars in New England? Last summer, we held a meeting for farmers to meet this contractor, and we had a small amount purchased by the contractor. There is over \$2,000,000 committed by schools to this program, all of which could be potentially be your produce purchased by the DoD contractor and shipped to your Connecticut schools. We will be encouraging the contractor to reach out to you and begin working with more farms that wholesale. For the few already in the program, you have assured us the system works—products are accepted, reasonable prices are paid for your goods (closely monitored by the DoD), and

payment is prompt and not too complicated and done in a reasonable time. The Department of Agriculture simply wants to see more Connecticut Grown farm products on the list of available items in their inventory. The newest and strongest need for product will come from a change in the school lunch programs requiring something orange on the plate a lot more frequently: butternut squash (food service prefer this cut up and peeled), carrots, orange tomatoes (a cherry or grape type; think about ready-to-eat, whole items that make time-strapped lunch prep fast and easy). Only a handful of our orchards are involved, and schools asked for peaches and pears last year (not larger counts, not easily bruised, so packed, not loose *might* be key here). The contractor asked twice for peaches last year. Green beans (snipped, 5lb. bags are ideal), sugar snap peas (no hats), red bliss potatoes, cantaloupe and honeydew melons, peppers, summer squashes, blueberries (clamshell ok, but loose is better), sweet corn (shucked is great but remember, needs to be done in a licensed, commercial kitchen).

On May 27, 2011, the third event, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Marketing Division pitched the Connecticut schools and non-profit organizations at the recent Seamless and Summer Feeding Program Training Session, held at the Rensselaer Hartford campus, to over 80 different feeding sites. This is the first time the Connecticut Department of Agriculture was asked to come and talk about selling to schools for the summer programs, a dream come true. Here is a real opportunity to get Connecticut Grown product, when available, on the menu for kids in our state. One thing you might want to know about summer programs: The End Hunger CT!, a non-profit anti-hunger program, has pledged to eliminate child hunger by 2015 in Connecticut. They will need your help! This program is in fact a bit tricky, as the menus must be submitted to the CT Department of Education, in advance—and were due the Monday after I spoke—but it is a start.

Here are the two basic programs: the Seamless Program is where a school system continues to feed a population of students at a school. The second, called a Summer Feeding Program, set up by an organization for the summer, by a summer camp, a non-profit or other organization, and can be set up in a park, at a community center or other location that is not a public school.

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ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

ASPARAGUS,11lb	42.25	42.25
BASIL,1lb,ga	7.25	7.25
BLUEBERRIES,12/6oz,GA	30.75	30.75
BOK CHOY,35lb,FL	44.75	44.75
CILANTRO,30s,CA	42.00	42.00
CORN,4 1/2dz,FL	42.25	42.25
GREEN BEANS,bu,FL	48.25	48.25
LEEKs,12s,CA	44.00	44.00
LETTUCE,greenlf,24ct,CA	31.50	31.50
MANGOES,10ct,MX	10.00	10.00
MUSHRM,wht,10lb,lg,PA	25.50	25.50
NECTARINES,1/2bu,NC	55.50	55.50
ONION,40lb,Vidalia,GA	51.50	51.50
PEACHES,60ct,NC	44.50	44.50
PEAS,snow,10lb,GA	25.50	25.50
PEPPER,green bell,xl,FL	46.75	46.75
RASPBERRIES,12/6oz,CA	30.75	30.75
STRWBRY,8/1lb,CA	25.00	26.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

June 6, 2011

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

49-54	220-270 lbs	63.75-66.75
	270-400lbs	62.00-64.00
	300-400lbs	61.50-63.00
45-49	300-400 lbs	45.00-48.00
Sows: US 1	300-500 lbs	47.00-50.50
	500-700 lbs	50.50-51.00
Boars:	300-800 lbs	N/A

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., June 6, 2011

Live animals brought the following average prices / cwt.

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	25.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	40.00	45.00
76-90 lbs.	47.50	50.00
91-105 lbs.	55.00	60.00
106 lbs. & up	65.00	70.00
Farm Calves	75.00	85.00
Started Calves	45.00	52.00
Veal Calves	85.00	140.00
Open Heifers	65.00	125.00
Beef Heifers	78.50	85.25
Feeder Steers	75.00	114.00
Beef Steers	85.00	100.00
Stock Bulls	100.00	127.50
Beef Bulls	81.00	86.00
Feeder Pigs	One at	95.00
Lambs each	95.00	140.00
Goats each	50.00	170.00
Kid Goats each	30.00	85.00
Canners	Up to	69.50
Cutters	70.00	74.00
Utility Grade Cows	75.00	78.50
Rabbits each	5.00	35.00
Chickens each	4.00	19.00
Ducks each	6.00	25.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

BEAN SPROUTS,10lb,filn	4.50	5.00
CHIVES,1lb,bnchd,12s	8.00	8.00
FIDDLEHEADS,fern,lb	3.75	4.20
GARLIC,purple,30lbs	55.00	55.00
LETTUCE,Boston,12ct	7.00	7.50
LETTUCE,Boston,24ct	10.00	12.00
LETTUCE,greenleaf,24ct	10.00	12.00
LETTUCE,greenleaf,12ct	7.00	7.50
PEAS,sugar snap,15lbs	15.00	17.00
RHUBARB,20lb	30.00	32.00
ROMAINE,24ct	10.00	12.00
ROMAINE,12ct	7.00	7.50
SPINACH,24bnchs	18.00	18.00
STRAWBERRIES,8/1qt	27.00	25.00
TOMATOES,GH,25loose	12.00	14.00

SHIPPED IN

APRICOTS,72ct,CA	28.00	30.00
ARUGULA,4/4bu,NJ	14.00	14.00
BEANS,green,bu,hndpck,GA	26.00	26.00
BEETS,12s,NJ	10.00	12.00
BOK CHOY,50lb,NJ	18.00	20.00
CANTALOUPE,9ct,CA	16.00	18.00
CHERRY,16lb,10rows,CA	60.00	63.00
COLLARD,green,1-3/5bu,NJ	12.00	12.00
CORN,4-1/2dz,GA	17.00	18.00
CUCUMBERS,1-1/9bu,md,NJ	18.00	22.00
KALE,16-18s,NJ	12.00	13.00
KOHLRABI,1-3/5bu,NJ	16.00	18.00
LEEKs,12s,NJ	20.00	25.00
MUSHROOM,10lb,wht,lg,PA	16.50	17.00
PEACHES,1/2bu,2-1/2min,SC	19.00	19.00
PEAS,snow,10lb,GU	14.00	17.00
PEAS,English,bu,FL	36.00	38.00
PEPPER,cubanelles,1-1/9bu,NJ	17.00	18.00
SQUASH,green,1/2bu,md,NJ	10.00	12.00
RADISHES,24ct,NJ	13.00	15.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

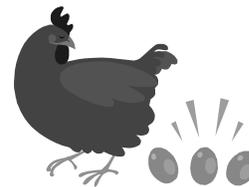
XTRA LARGE	137-144
LARGE	126-136
MEDIUM	118-128

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

June 6, 2011

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

EXTRA LARGE	90-108
LARGE	84-98
MEDIUM	74-87



VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

June 6, 2011

Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA.

All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

Alfalfa Orchard Grass	small round	400-500lbs
Good		25.00 per bale
Mixed Grass	large square	650-750lbs
Good		29.00-43.00 bale
Orchard Grass	small round	400-500lbs
Good		86.00 per bale

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, June 6, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean	77.00-80.50	82.00-86.00	N/A
Boners	80-85% lean	72.00-76.50	77.00-81.00	68.00-72.00
Lean	85-90% lean	66.00-72.00	73.00-76.00	62.00-66.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1
1545-1750 lbs 91.00-96.50

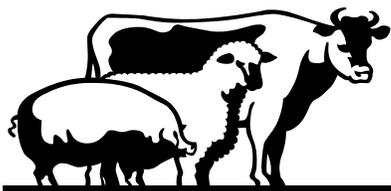
CALVES: All prices per cwt.
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1
95-125 lbs 125.00-145.00
80-90 lbs -115.00-125.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1
85-100 lbs 270.00-350.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3
40-60 lbs 175.00-190.00
60-80 lbs 170.00-189.00
80-90 lbs 172.00-187.00
90-110 lbs 171.00-184.00
110-130 lbs 186.00-201.00
130-150 lbs 192.00-191.00

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3
40-60 lbs 152.00-170.00
60-80 lbs 160.00-175.00
80-90 lbs 168.00-183.00
90-110lbs 175.00-188.00
110-130LBS 153.00-168.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh
120-160 lbs 85.00-100.00
160-200 lbs 83.00-98.00
200-300LBS 64.00-79.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh
120-160 lbs 60.00-75.00
160-200 lbs N/A

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.
Kids: 30-40 lbs 96.00-111.00
40-60lbs 124.00-143.00
60-80 lbs 137.00-158.00
80-90 lbs n/a
90-100lbs N/A
100-110lbs N/A
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 134.00-150.00
130-180 lbs 135.00-152.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs 192.00-206.00
150 250 lbs n/a



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FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

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Both programs require the same amount of food as a National School Lunch Program per meal, and that is your opportunity to sell fruit, vegetables, protein and milk to a school, summer feeding program or wholesaler. The food service world does like portion-size, ready-to-serve items and it does require some thought on how we can exploit this market. We are on their radar screen, and as I learn about the program, you will hear about it.

As we get closer to August, we will have more information for beef producers regarding ground beef to institutions. The Regional Dairy Beef Marketing Study is a consequence of the networking our region's Departments of Agriculture and the strong Northeast Regional Farm to School Steering Committee communication. The study is due back, completed in full to the partners, all the New England Departments of Agriculture (noting that the Connecticut Department of Agriculture was a major contributor to this project), committing dollars and time to improving the processing and marketing of our region's ground beef to schools. We hope it is good news. Concurrently, the Northeast Regional Steering Committee (which I serve as the representative for the state of Connecticut) is searching for grants for pilot programs for this beef-to-institution initiative. I must ask you to reply to surveys and will remind you how important this could be to your future, as we push for new markets for you.

The Farm to School Regional Steering Committee has *already* gotten some grant dollars, and we all decided as a region on projects that will help the region move forward. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture will be collaborating with the Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council to gather information about how much CT Grown is actually sold to schools. It is important. We need to be able to see where we are so we can show what programs create opportunities for you. Please take the time to fill out or respond to these summer or fall 2011 surveys, too!

We take pride in going the extra mile for the farmers in Connecticut. Please contact us to get involved in one or all of these programs. Wholesale volume and quality a must! For more information, contact Jane Slupecki.

2011 HOME FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS

Food preservation workshops will be offered at UConn Cooperative Extension Centers statewide, including workshops for training canning exhibit judges. PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED, fee - \$5.00. Contact Diane Hirsch (diane.hirsch@uconn.edu, 203-407-3163) for more information.

* Thursday, July 7, 6 pm (canning); New Haven County Center, North Haven

* Saturday, July 9, 9:30 am (canning); 11:30 am (judging canning exhibits); Tolland County Center, Vernon

* Wednesday, July 13, 10 am (canning); 12:30 pm (freezing fruits and vegetables); Middlesex County Center, Haddam

* Thursday, July 14, 6 pm (judging canning exhibits); New Haven County Center, North Haven

* Tuesday, July 19, 10 am (canning); 12:30 pm (freezing fruits and vegetables); Windham County Center, Brooklyn

* Saturday, July 23, 9 am (canning); 11 am (judging canning exhibits); Litchfield County Center, Torrington

News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows.

Submit concise summaries (150 words maximum) to linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.



2011 FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK WILL RUN SEPT 18-24

This year's Farm-to-Chef Week will run September 18-24, 2011. Open to all restaurants and foodservice businesses in the state, it invites participants to create a special Farm-to-Chef menu that showcases Connecticut Grown ingredients and wines.

This promotion is an initiative of the department's Farm-to-Chef Program, which connects farmers and distributors of Connecticut Grown products with chefs and other culinary professionals. Last year's event attracted over 80 restaurants, caterers, schools, farms, wineries, and other eateries. Participants created unique, diverse menus offered at multi-course farm dinners, food-trucks, white-tablecloth restaurants, coffee shops, school cafeterias, and ice cream parlors. Featured Connecticut Grown ingredients included produce, herbs, meats, seafood, dairy, maple, honey, and more.

Restaurants and food venues interested in participating can download the guidelines and registration forms at www.CTGrown.gov (look under featured links). **The deadline to register is June 30, 2011.** For more information, contact Linda Piotrowicz at Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov or 860-713-2558.

CONNECTICUT FARM ENERGY FAIR JULY 21, 2011

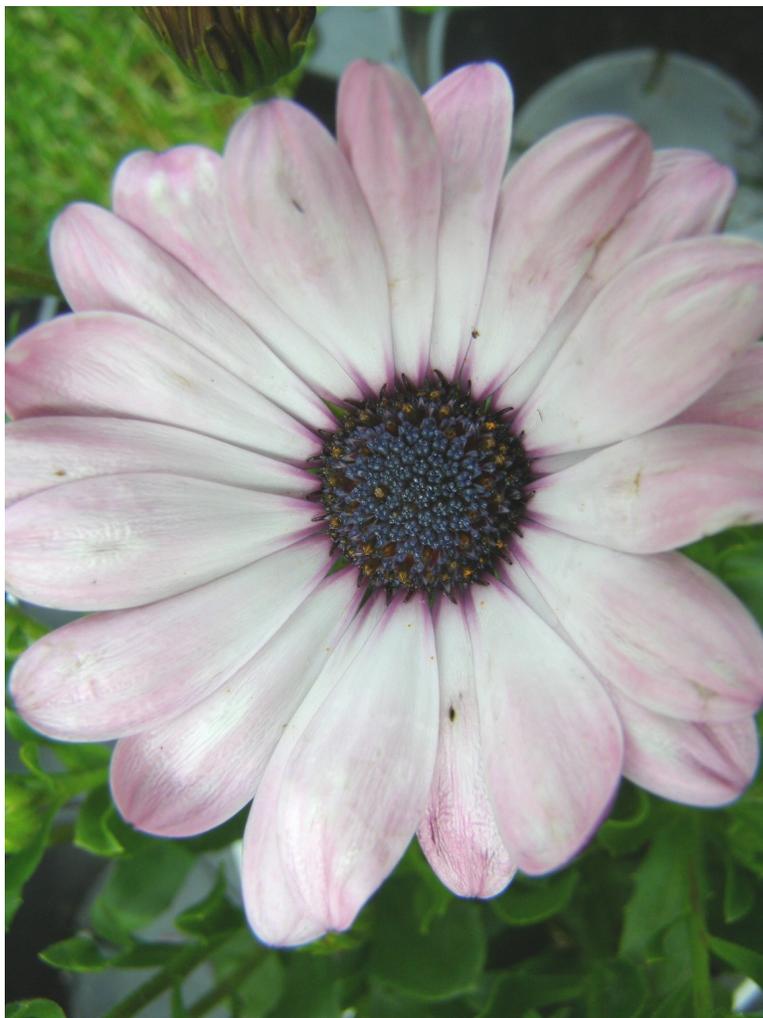
The Connecticut Farm Energy Fair will be held from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2011, at Eastern CT State University. Admission for agricultural producers will be free; a light dinner will be provided. This event will allow producers to see real, practical solutions with the latest technology available to help cut energy costs and reduce carbon emissions. Attendees will be able to see first-hand the opportunities for diversification in energy crops, energy generation, and steps to take for energy efficiency on the farm. Keynote speaker will be UConn Professor Richard Parnas. His talk entitled "How We can Produce and Use Biofuels In Connecticut" will address what the future holds for biofuels in Connecticut.

The Connecticut Farm Energy Program is a partnership between Eastern CT RC&D Area, Inc. and USDA-Rural Development. For more information or to register, contact Amanda Fargo-Johnson at 860.345.3977 or CTFarmEnergy@aol.com.

CT WINE FESTIVAL SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Connecticut Wine Festival, scheduled for July 30-31st at the Goshen Fairgrounds is seeking volunteers for the following areas: ticket sales, merchandise booth, wine slings (selling wine slings at a table), handing out glasses to ticket holders, handing out bags to ticket holders, wine runners (working in a wine building delivering wine and ice, involves heavy lifting), and floaters (willing to go wherever we are lacking volunteers).

The four shift times available are Saturday, 11:15-3:30 or 2:45-7:00, and Sunday, 11:00-3:00 or 2:30-6:30. If interested, please contact Ginger at 860-677-8097 or Ginger@ctfoodassociation.org.



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