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**DOAG ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES:  
 STRENGTHENING AGENCY PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND COMMUNICATION**

*Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Agriculture*

It's hard to imagine that two years have passed since Governor Dannel P. Malloy appointed me as commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg). Time passes all too quickly.

During these past 24 months, I have dedicated much effort and thought to the assessment of the state's agricultural sector, to growing Connecticut farms, and to the role of DoAg. Of course fiscal constraints at all levels of government have enormous ramifications and enter into all aspects of these efforts.

Here at DoAg, I have identified critical needs and have prioritized actions and initiatives that will move the agency, state and local food systems, and Connecticut producers forward. Toward that end I have strengthened the functions of the Office of the Commissioner through formation of a new unit to handle agency communication, planning, coordination, and government relations—assigning George Krivda the task of managing these efforts.

Mr. Krivda has extensive management experience, particularly with diverse responsibilities, and has been immensely successful in advocating public policy positions on behalf of the administration, DoAg, Connecticut farm families, and related businesses. His work as DoAg's public information officer has brought the agency to a standard of excellence. Mr. Krivda is joined in this new and yet-to-be-officially-named unit by Stephen Anderson and Linda Piotrowicz.

Steve Anderson is a supervising environmental analyst who comes to us from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, where he distinguished himself at the Bureau of Air Management. His experience in DEEP's regulatory environment

and his planning and analytical skills are a most welcome addition here at the DoAg and meet a critical agency need.

Linda Piotrowicz comes to the team after working in the DoAg's Marketing Unit for a number of years, where she created the department's Farm-to-Chef Program. Ms. Piotrowicz possesses superior communications skills and experience that have significantly improved our communications efforts and have correspondingly raised the bar. She currently leads DoAg's responsibilities for the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development; serves as editor of the Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report, the agency's primary tool for stakeholder communications; and continues to coordinate the Farm-to-Chef Program.

In addition to creating the above new unit, I am also very pleased to welcome Jason Bowsza, who now works directly for me as my executive assistant. Mr. Bowsza joins DoAg after eight years' work at the Connecticut General Assembly, four of which he spent as clerk of the Standing Committee on the Environment. His experience at the state legislature is already serving us well on the front lines in the Office of the Commissioner. Mr. Bowsza replaces

Mary Grace Peak, who, after over a year, returned to the private sector advocating for various causes at the state capitol.

The other major organizational change I have made here at DoAg is the selection of Joseph Dippel to lead the Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation. Mr. Dippel comes to this task after working more than 30 years at the agency, most as the Farmland Preservation Program director.



**L-R: Steve Anderson, Jason Bowsza, Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky, George Krivda, Linda Piotrowicz**

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**GREENHOUSE GROWN PRODUCE  
U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL**

	Low	High
CUCMBR,Sdlss,12ct,MX	9.00	13.00
CUCMBR,Prsn,20lb,CN	22.00	25.00
EGGPLNT,5kg,SP	25.00	32.00
ENDIVE,8lb,CA	26.00	28.00
LEEKs,5kg,NT	16.00	19.00
MACHE,3lb,PA	12.00	12.00
PEPPER,Rd bell,11lb,MX	14.00	17.00
RHUBARB,6kg,NT	31.00	31.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

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Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

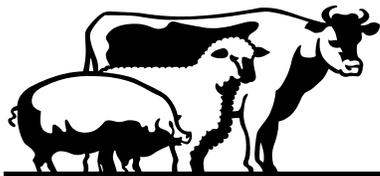
49-54	220-300 lbs	63.00-66.00
	300-400 lbs	63.00-66.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	59.00-62.00
	300-400 lbs	58.50-61.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	40.00-43.00
	500-700 lbs	44.00-47.00
Boars:	300-700lbs	15.00-17.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, February 18, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	40.00	55.00
76-90 lbs.	115.00	120.00
91-105 lbs.	125.00	145.00
106 lbs. & up	160.00	185.00
Farm Calves	190.00	195.00
Starter Calves	55.00	62.00
Veal Calves	100.00	135.00
Open Heifers	100.00	117.50
Beef Steers	86.00	96.50
Beef Heifers	76.00	85.50
Feeder Steers	85.00	125.00
Stock Bulls	94.00	95.00
Beef Bulls	75.00	94.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	55.00	60.00
Goats each	85.00	155.00
Kid Goats	3 at	\$30 ea
Canners	Up to	70.50
Cutters	71.00	74.50
Utility Grade Cows	75.00	79.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	8.00	29.00
Chickens each	5.00	19.00
Ducks each	5.00	23.00
Feeder Pigs	3 at	\$40 ea
Lambs	225.00	240.00
Sheep	145.00	185.00



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE,Brbrn,bu,no grd	23.00	23.00
APPLE,Empr,80ct, Exfcy	32.00	35.00
APPLE,Fuji,100ct ,fcy	24.00	24.00
APPLE,Fuji,12-3lb,fcy	22.00	22.00
APPLE,Gala,125ct,fcy	24.00	24.00
APPLE,Gld del,72ct,fcy	24.00	24.00
APPLE,Mac,80ct,fcy	28.00	28.00
APPLE,Rd del,100ct,fcy	24.00	24.00
APPLE,Rd del,12-3lb,fcy	18.00	21.00
BEAN SPRT,10lb	5.50	6.00
CIDER,4/1gal	23.00	23.00
CIDER,9/ .5gal	27.00	27.00
LETTUCE,Bostn,12ct,gh	15.00	16.00
PARSNIPS,25lb	21.00	21.00
POTATOES,10lb,szA	2.00	2.20
POTATOES,Chef,50lb	10.00	10.00
POTATOES,Rsst,90ct	10.50	11.00
POTATOES,Rd,10/5	13.00	14.00
POTATOES,Yllw,10/5lb	13.00	14.00
TOMATOES,Chrry,5lb	14.00	16.00
TOMATOES,loose,25lb	12.00	13.00
SQUASH,Bttrnt,1-1/9	11.00	12.00
TURNIPS,25lb,Prpl top	10.00	10.00



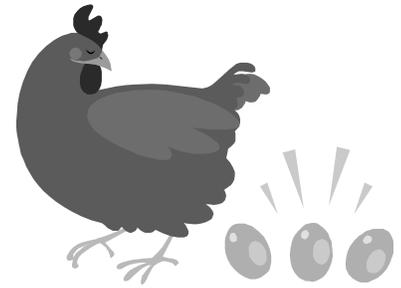
(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

February 18, 2013

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>		
Breakers 75-80% lean		
73.00-78.00	n/a	69.50-72.50
Boners 80-85% lean		
72.00-77.00	n/a	67.00-71.50
Lean 88-90% lean		
69.00-71.50	72.50-74.00	62.00-68.50
<b>CALVES: All prices per cwt.</b>		
Graded Bull Calves		
No.1 85-135lbs	n/a	
No.2 80-120lbs	n/a	
No.3- 90-115lbs	n/a	
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS</b> Yield Grade 1		
885-1940lbs	95.00-99.00	
<b>HOLSTEIN HEIFERS</b> 80-120lbs n/a		
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Trad. Markets</b>		
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3		
50-55lbs	n/a	
60-80lbs	172.00-198.00	
70-80lbs	n/a	
80-90lbs	194.00-202.00	
90-110lbs	170.00-182.00	
110-120lbs	154.00-170.00	



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND  
SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.64-1.73
LARGE	1.52-1.60
MEDIUM	1.06-1.15

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

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

EXTRA LARGE	1.09-1.13
LARGE	1.07-1.11
MEDIUM	.92-.96

**PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN SUMMARY**

February 18, 2013

Eastern/Central Pennsylvania

Corn No 2 (per bu)	6.90-7.50
Wheat No 2 (per bu)	7.22-8.37
Oats No 2 (per bu)	4.00-4.90
Soybeans No 2 (per bu)	13.40-14.05
Ear Corn (per ton)	202.00-215.00



**Wooled & Shorn Good & Choice 3-4**

50-60lbs	n/a
60-70lbs	218.00-230.00
80-100lbs	n/a
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh</b>	
90-120lbs	70.00-78.00
120-150lbs	n/a
180-225lbs	n/a
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
100-160lbs	58.00-78.00
170-180lb	48.00-60.00
225-250lbs	n/a
Bucks	100-160lbs 60.00-86.00
	220-250lbs 50.00-56.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by the head, est. wt.</b>	
40-50lbs	120.00-138.00
50-80lbs	140.00-160.00
80-110lbs	172.00-182.00
120lbs	170.00-170.00
Nannies/Does:	90-125lbs 150.00-180.00
	130-150lbs 167.00-197.00
Bucks/Billies:	110-140lbs 172.00-217.00
	130-150lbs 200.00-230.00
	150-200lbs 195.00-255.00
Sel. 2	120-150lbs 155.00-170.00

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### 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](http://www.bludon.com).

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

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

5-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.

8-R. Hay, first and second cut, square bales. \$6.00 pu. 860-537-1974.

9-R. 2 year old Polled Hereford bull for sale or possible lease. Low birth weight, all white face and great disposition. Available in late February. Reg # is P43233769. Asking \$3,200.00. My cell is 860-304-5299.

10-R. IH 574 with bucket loader. 3 pt hitch, 52 PTO hp, low hours, good condition. Asking \$6,500.00. My cell is 860-304-5299.

14-R. Reg. Angus heifers. Good pedigrees. Sell open ready to breed. 860-748-9336.

15-R. 1991 16' Sands gooseneck stock trailer. Needs floor. 860-559-3009.

16-R. Quality inoculated corn silage, fine chopped. Forage test available. Located Ellington/South Windsor area. Quantity pricing discounts. Delivery available. 860-559-3009.

18-R. Used concrete bunk line feeders. Large quantity available. (2) John Deere 3960 corn choppers. John Deere 4520 synco-shift. Fargo forage dump wagon. 860-559-3009.

19 Hay, first cutting \$5.00, second \$6.00. Stillwater Farm, Torrington. 860-489-3930.

20-R. Watertown, CT: 73.33 acres of residential zoned land plus a separate parcel containing 1.76 acres. Ideal for a gentleman's farm, horses, camp. 65% rolling meadows of farmland, balance is forest with trails. Alongside the City of Waterbury's massive reservoir and forest holdings. 2 miles from the center of Litchfield Green / close to Washington, CT. Picture book setting. Sale Price: \$1,680,000. Call: Tom Hill III, CCIM/SIOR @ 203-206-8631. [www.tomhill.com](http://www.tomhill.com)

22-R. Due to illness, the following new or barely used for sale: New 8 frame beehive, complete, \$150.00. Fransgard logging winch. \$3,000.00. Landpride forward tiller, 5'. \$2,200.00. Lanepride post hole digger. \$1,200.00. Landpride rake, 6', Demco boom sprayer, 110 gal. \$2,200.00. Valby wood chipper, 6'. \$3,500.00. Other used 6' woods brushhog. \$600.00. 5' Woods finish mower. 5' Woods brushhog. \$100.00, for parts. 860-423-1347- house. 617-308-3015 –cell.

### WANTED

12-R Used manure spreader in working condition. 860-677-0903.

21-R Steel wheeled, disk type grain drill, narrow enough to operate between existing 42" corn rows. Tom 860-646-6536.

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He brings great experience to his new role, as well as rich relationships with producers and key stakeholders. His bureau director responsibilities include the Marketing Unit (encompassing grants administration and Connecticut Grown programming), the Farmland Preservation Unit, and management of the Regional Market in Hartford. J. Dippel's appointment fills the vacancy created by the May 31, 2012, retirement of Robert Pellegrino, but leaves a significant leadership and administrative void in the Farmland Preservation Program.

The new unit I have created in the Office of the Commissioner, managed by Mr. Krivda, will handle a number of critical functions:

**PLANNING:** Planning is essential to the success of any business, organization, or individual. If we don't know where we want to go, how do we know if we have gotten there? Or when we need to make adjustments along the way? This new unit is involved in planning for both the agency itself and for Connecticut agriculture as a whole.

The unit is examining the multitude of programs and services DoAg offers and developing strategies to streamline and create greater efficiencies. What are the primary objectives of these programs and services? Who do they serve? How do they intersect and/or overlap with other programs and services both within and outside of DoAg? How can the agency provide constituents with the most value and best return on the investment of their hard-earned tax dollars?

In conjunction with the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development, and with the input of hundreds of stakeholders statewide, the unit also has been hard at work crafting the first-ever, holistic strategic plan for Connecticut agriculture, *Grow Connecticut Farms*. The council's first annual report on this plan will be presented to Governor Malloy in the coming weeks. Throughout 2013 and beyond, *Grow Connecticut Farms* will be further developed and refined, mapping out a smart, thoughtful, and prosperous path to benefit all sub-sectors of Connecticut agriculture and the state's residents.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Clear communication is the cornerstone of any organization, and is paramount in government, which often appears from the outside to be something of a mystery. Recently DoAg has made great strides in improving its communication with agricultural stakeholders; with Governor Malloy's office; with other state agencies; with local, state, and federal elected officials; and with representatives from all types of media, and I am committed to doing more.

The *Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report* has become DoAg's primary tool for sharing information about the agency's work with stakeholders, legislators, and the media. This new unit has developed a comprehensive schedule of articles to inform Ag Report readers about many more aspects of the agency's work than ever before (including a number of things you probably had no idea we did here at DoAg).

The unit is responsible for maintaining excellent working relationships with elected officials at every level and with members of the media, all of whom can be sure that whenever they have a question, they will get an answer in a timely and professional manner.

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Internally, the unit is updating the agency's communications policies so that information flows better both within DoAg itself and from DoAg staff to each and every person the agency serves.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:** As mentioned above, the unit maintains excellent working relationships with the administration, other state agencies, legislators, and all types of government officials—federal, state, and local. It is essential that these partners are well-informed about DoAg's work and about Connecticut agriculture at all times.

The unit also develops the agency's legislative agenda each year, working to propose and/or update state legislation that serves to protect the health and safety of Connecticut's residents—both human and livestock—and serves to grow agriculture in the state. Presently, DoAg and the administration are pursuing 12 initiatives in the current legislative session, requiring extensive research, testimony, and tracking by the new unit. Look for periodic updates on these initiatives in the *Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report*.

**COORDINATION:** Of course the best plans are of little value unless implemented. This new unit also will be helping to ensure that DoAg's short- and long-term strategies are realized. This involves extraordinary dedication, juggling of priorities, attention to detail, and an ability to remain focused on the target in the midst of countless day-to-day distractions. While this is indeed a tremendous challenge, I am confident that my team has what it takes to

keep DoAg on track to accomplish its goal of best serving all of Connecticut's hard-working farm families and the taxpayers of this state.

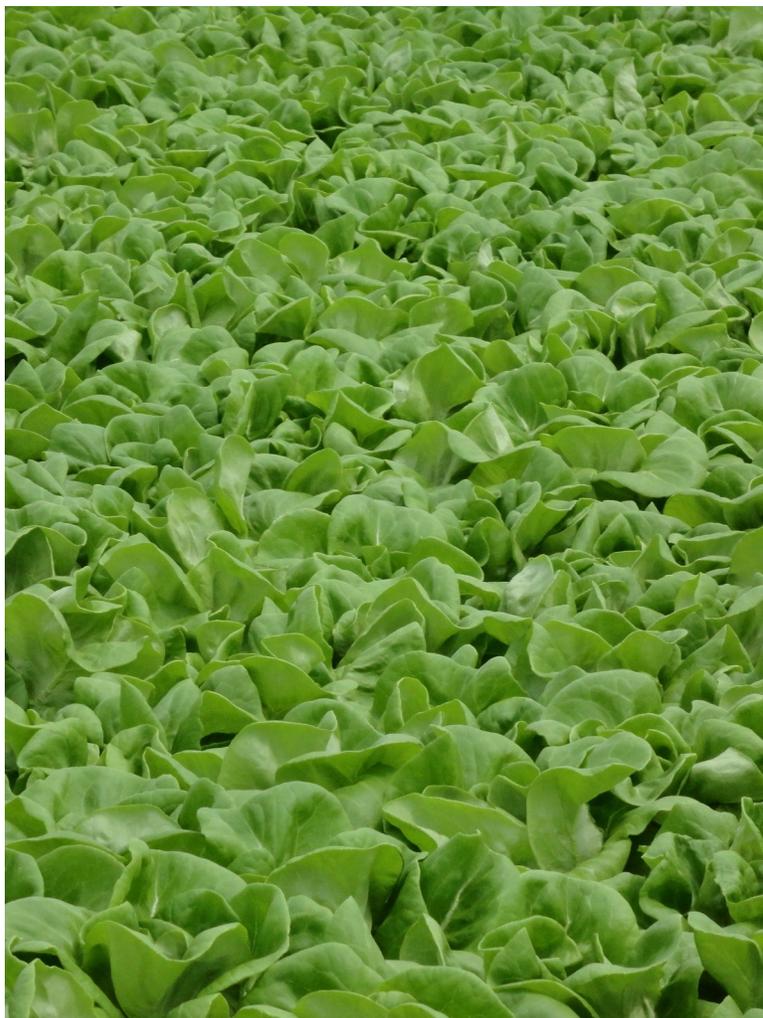
These exciting changes have already borne the fruit of meaningful progress for the Department of Agriculture and for agricultural stakeholders across the state. Improving the agency's planning, communication, coordination, and implementation capabilities are paramount. As we continue to navigate uncharted waters, it is vitally important that we seek efficiencies wherever possible and practical, while continuing to keep a sharp focus on meeting the needs of the farming and agricultural community. Growing Connecticut farms requires resources—both human and financial—as well as putting those resources to work as effectively and efficiently as possible.

These organizational changes are a very good beginning.

**REPORT STORM DAMAGE TO FSA**

**The recent blizzard caused considerable damage to farms across Connecticut. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is again partnering with the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) to assess damage and loss from this most recent severe weather event.**

**If you have not done so already, please be sure to report any storm damage to the FSA state office at 860-871-4090. The information will inform policy makers and program coordinators on how to best serve the agricultural community.**



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