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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

### ERADICATING SCRAPIE: FINDING THE LAST CASES

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Scrapie is a fatal, degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord) of sheep and goats.

The infectious agent is smaller than a virus and may take two to five years before presenting noticeable signs of disease in an animal. It damages the neural tissue, leaving holes that look like Swiss cheese or a sponge when examined under the microscope, giving this class of diseases the name Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE).

Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE, "Mad Cow" Disease) in cattle and Chronic Wasting Disease in deer and elk are also TSEs.

There is no cure or treatment for these diseases. Transmission of Scrapie occurs primarily from an infected dam to her offspring and other lambs or kids exposed to the birth fluids, placenta, or bedding soiled by the birth fluids.

It can take several years for an infected sheep or goat to show signs such as the following:

- subtle changes in behavior or temperament;
- intense, frequent rubbing against objects to relieve itching;
- gait abnormalities—incoordination, stumbling, high stepping of forelegs, hopping like a rabbit, and swaying of the back end;
- weight loss despite a normal appetite;
- weakness—difficulty getting up or falling down;
- biting at legs and feet;
- lip smacking; or



- normal behavior at rest, but if stimulated with sudden noises or excessive movement, trembling or falling down.

After the onset of clinical signs, death occurs within a few weeks to several months.

Live animal testing for Scrapie is difficult and at best 87% accurate in finding positive animals. Testing is performed on biopsies of lymphoid tissue from the third eyelid or rectal mucosa. The procedure requires topical anesthetic, restraint, and light sedation to collect the tissue. The most accurate and reliable Scrapie testing is done on brain tissue of dead animals.

In 2001 the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) initiated an accelerated program to eradicate Scrapie from the nation's sheep flocks and goat herds. The National Scrapie Eradication Program (NSEP) coordinated by the USDA is a joint effort that includes participation by state governments and industry.

NSEP has reduced the prevalence of Scrapie by over 85%, but to find and eliminate the last few cases, greater awareness,

cooperation and compliance with state and federal regulations by sheep and goat producers and livestock dealers is essential.

Producers can contribute significantly to the success of the NSEP through the following:

1. officially identifying their sheep and goats according to state and federal regulations;
2. complying with movement requirements for import permits and health certificates;

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

	Low	High
CUCMBR,Sdlss,12ct,MX	16.00	16.00
CUCMBR,Prsn,20lb,CN	20.00	20.00
EGGPLNT,5kg,SP	24.00	30.00
ENDIVE,8lb,CA	30.00	30.00
LEEKs,5kg,NT	17.00	19.00
MACHE,3lb,PA	9.00	11.00
PEPPER,Rd bell,11lb,DN	21.00	24.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

January 14, 2013

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

49-54	220-300 lbs	62.00-65.00
	300-400 lbs	66.50-68.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	59.00-61.00
	300-400 lbs	58.00-64.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	44.00-46.00
	500-700 lbs	51.00-53.00
Boars:	300-700lbs	15.00-17.50

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, January 14, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt. Auction will be open Martin Luther King Day, January 21, 2013.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	24.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	35.00
76-90 lbs.	37.50	40.00
91-105 lbs.	45.00	50.00
106 lbs. & up	55.00	57.50
Farm Calves	60.00	67.00
Starter Calves	28.00	38.00
Veal Calves	65.00	130.00
Open Heifers	90.00	135.00
Beef Steers	105.00	110.00
Beef Heifers	86.00	91.00
Feeder Steers	84.00	145.00
Stock Bulls	70.00	85.00
Beef Bulls	72.50	95.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	50.00	185.00
Kid Goats	20.00	35.00
Canners	Up to	72.00
Cutters	73.00	79.00
Utility Grade Cows	80.00	83.50
Replacment Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacment Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	6.00	31.00
Chickens each	5.00	13.00
Ducks each	9.00	19.00
Feeder Pigs	27.50	70.00
Lambs	100.00	205.00
Sheep	100.00	150.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE,Empire,140ct,fcy	22.00	22.00
Apple,Fuji,100ct,fcy	22.00	22.00
APPLE,Gala,125ct,fcy	22.00	23.00
APPLE,Gala,12-3lb,fcy,2-1/2"	24.00	24.00
APPLE,Gld del,72ct,fcy	24.00	24.00
APPLE,Mac,80ct,fcy	26.00	27.00
APPLE,Mac,96ct,fcy	24.00	25.00
APPLE,Mac,12-3lb,fcy,2-1/2"	24.00	24.00
APPLE,Rd del,100ct,fcy	24.00	25.00
BEAN SPRT,10lb	5.50	6.00
CIDER,4/1gal	23.00	23.00
CIDER,9 1/2gal	27.00	27.00
LETTUCE,Bostn,12ct,gh	13.50	14.00
PARSNIPS,25lb	21.00	21.00
POTATOES,10lb,szA	2.00	2.20
POTATOES,Rd,10/5lb	14.00	14.00
POTATOES,Rsst,90ct	10.50	11.00
RUTABAGA,50lb	13.00	14.00
SQUASH,Acn,1-1/9bu	10.00	13.00
SQUASH,Bttrnt,1-1/9	10.00	13.00
TOMATOES,Vn ripe,25lb,gh,loose	22.00	24.00
TOMATOES,Vn ripe,11lb,gh	22.00	22.00
TURNIPS,25lb,Prpl top	10.00	10.00

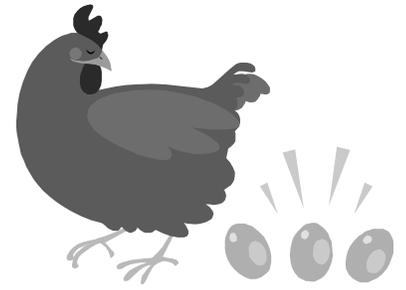


(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

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	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
Breakers	75-80% lean		
	72.00-79.50	77.00-80.00	64.00-71.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	71.00-76.00	76.50-78.00	66.00-70.00
Lean	88-90% lean		
	68.00-72.00	74.00-77.00	55.00-66.00
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Graded Bull Calves			
No.1	85-120lbs	105.00-117.00	
No.2	100-125lbs	90.00-105.00	
No.3	95-120lbs	75.00-85.00	
SLAUGHTER BULLS			
Yield Grade 1			
	920--1795lbs	94.00-99.00	
HOLSTEIN HEIFERS			
	80-110lbs	110.00-150.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Trad. Markets			
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	60-80lbs	180.00-198.00	
	80-110lbs	164.00-184.00	
	110-125lbs	162.00-164.00	



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND  
SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.60-1.69
LARGE	1.48-1.56
MEDIUM	1.16-1.23

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

January 11, 2013

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

EXTRA LARGE	1.17-1.21
LARGE	1.15-1.19
MEDIUM	1.03-1.07

**PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN SUMMARY**

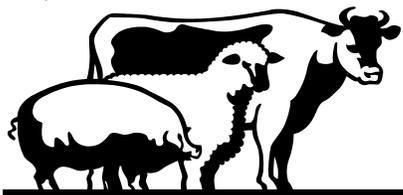
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Eastern/Central Pennsylvania

Corn No 2 (per bu)	6.45-7.29
Wheat No 2 (per bu)	6.80-8.30
Oats No 2 (per bu)	3.25-4.90
Soybeans No 2 (per bu)	12.90-13.55
Ear Corn (per ton)	190.00-215.00



Wooled & Shorn	Good & Choice 3-4
50-60lbs	207.00-237.00
60-80lbs	202.00-215.00
80-100lbs	188.00-196.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
100-120lbs	90.00-98.00
120-175lbs	80.00-96.00
180-225lbs	78.00-80.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
110-120lbs	68.00-80.00
120-175lb	64.00-74.00
175-240lbs	62.00-68.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by the head, est. wt.	
50-55lbs	125.00-130.00
70-110lbs	164.00-182.00
Nannies/Does:	110-125lbs 172.00-186.00
	135-150lbs 175.00-190.00
Bucks/Billies:	125-140lbs 200.00-237.00
	155-175lbs 252.00-264.00
Selection 2	
100-145lbs	152.00-200.00
150-165lbs	206.00-245.00



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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.

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3. reporting suspect sheep and goats to a state, federal, or accredited veterinarian;
4. using the diagnostic services available at the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at the University of Connecticut's Storrs campus to determine causes of animal mortality; and
5. participating in the Connecticut Department of Agriculture Scrapie Surveillance Program.

Mandatory identification requirements enable trace-back of Scrapie infected animals to their flock/herd of origin.

Since September 5, 2007, Connecticut sheep and goats moving interstate, intrastate, and to any shows/exhibitions are required to be officially identified. All sheep, lambs, goats, and kids within

the state require official identification to move off the farm. Connecticut sheep and goat owners are also required to maintain identification and change-of-ownership records on their animals for five years.

USDA has approved several methods of identification. They are premises (location) based and producer applied. Producers can use official USDA ear tags or approved breed-registry tattoos (with current registration papers) for official identification. Ear tags, tattoos, or microchips used by producers on the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program are also acceptable.

Whichever method is used, identification records must be maintained by the producers for five years. For an example of a producer identification record, see <http://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/pdf/scrapieproducer1.pdf>.

USDA is providing plastic or metal ear tags in lots of 20 or 100, with an applicator, at no charge, and the option to order custom tags from an approved manufacturer at the owner's expense.

Connecticut sheep and goat producers can obtain their premises identification numbers and order their free tags and applicators through the office of the Connecticut State Veterinarian by phone (860-713-2505), or by written application (see <http://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/pdf/scrapietag.pdf>), returned by mail or fax (860-713-2548). Tags will be shipped directly to the producer from the manufacturer and will take three to four weeks to arrive.

Connecticut accredited veterinarians working with sheep and goats will also have USDA tags assigned to them to use in small hobby flocks or herds that do not have a premises identification number, approved-breed registry tattoos (with current registration papers), or other acceptable identification and that require official identification for health certificates and/or interstate movement. The producer should make his veterinarian aware prior to the farm visit that his animals will need official USDA tags, so that the veterinarian will have the correct ear tags on hand.

We encourage all producers with sheep and/or goats to examine the options available to them, to choose the best one for their operation, and to follow through, so when enforcement occurs at livestock venues they will be in compliance.

Sheep and goats moving across state lines and to fairs and shows require health certificates written by a licensed and accredited veterinarian. An import permit is also required to bring animals into the state. Call 860-713-2504 for import permits and travel requirements prior to moving any animals.

Producers should report any suspicious diseases and high animal-mortality events to the Connecticut State Veterinarian at 860-713-2505, or to the USDA's APHIS Veterinary Services, New England Area Veterinarian-in-Charge at 508-363-2290, and should call their local accredited veterinarian for diagnosis and treatment assistance.

Animal disease diagnostic services are also available at the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (CVMDL). With financial support from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and USDA's APHIS Veterinary Services, CVMDL is able to offer subsidized necropsy services for sheep and goats 14 months of age and older as part of the Connecticut Scrapie Surveillance Program.

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Currently, the program will pay the first \$100 of the total service cost and the animal owner is responsible for the remainder. Funds are available through March 2013 or until exhausted. If strong producer participation continues as in previous years, additional funds may be available for 2013-2014.

The CVMDL courier service is available during the work week to transport animals to the laboratory from any town in Connecticut. For questions on the program parameters and for courier service appointments, please contact the laboratory at 860-486-3738.

For more information about Scrapie disease, fact sheets, brochures, video clips, and all the aspects of the National Scrapie Eradication Program, see [www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/scrapie/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/).

For Connecticut Department of Agriculture information, state regulations, ordering ear tags, and record sheets, see <http://www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=1367&q=259122&doagPNavCtr=44678#44684>.

**NO AG REPORT NEXT WEEK**

The *Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report* is not published when Governor Malloy closes state offices, the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas, and two other weeks each year. Next week is one of those other two weeks. It will be back on January 30, 2013.

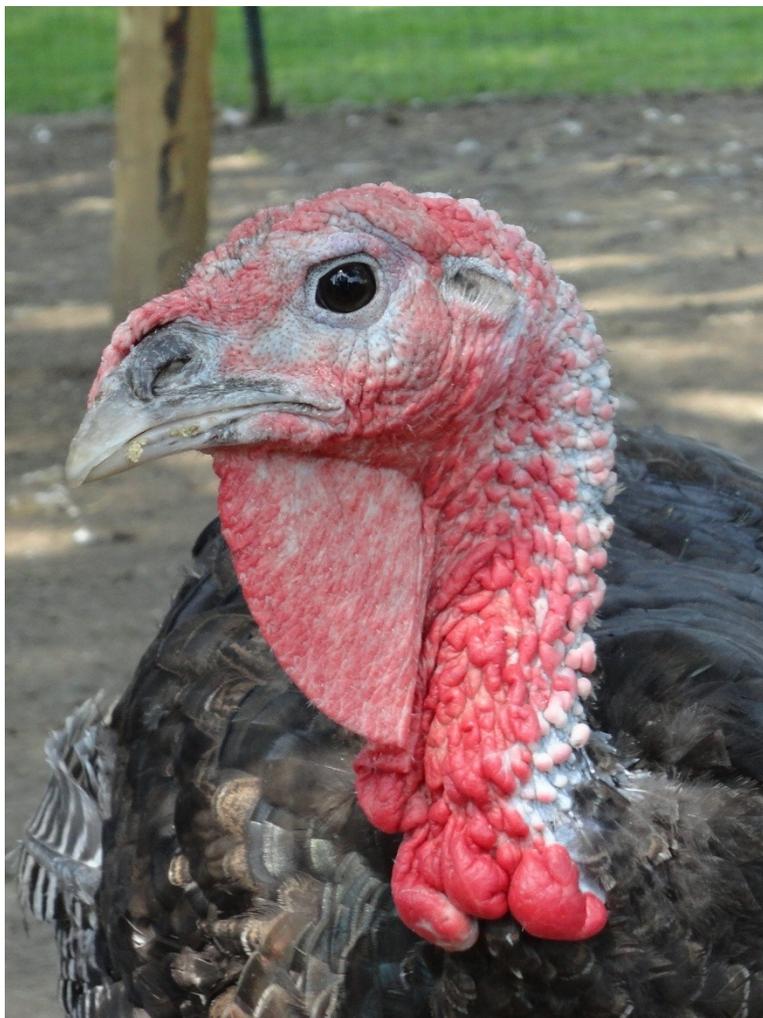
**REMINDER: 2013 CROP INSURANCE SIGN-UP DEADLINES**

The following deadlines apply to enrollment and changes to existing policies:

- Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR): January 31, 2013.
- AGR and AGR-Lite policy change, cancellation, and termination: January 31, 2013.
- AGR sign-up: January 31, 2013.
- AGR-Lite new enrollments sign-up: March 15, 2013.
- Corn Yield Coverage: March 15, 2013.
- Crop Revenue Coverage: March 15, 2013.
- Fresh Market Sweet Corn: March 15, 2013.
- Potatoes: March 15, 2013.
- Tobacco: March 15, 2013.
- Livestock Gross Margin (LGM) dairy and swine: Last business Friday of each month.
- Nursery: Continuous sign-up with a 30-day waiting period.

A crop insurance agent can help you do a Risk Management Checklist. Information is available at [www.ctfarmrisk.uconn.edu](http://www.ctfarmrisk.uconn.edu).

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