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**GOVERNOR MALLOY ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR STATE'S WEATHER-DAMAGED FARMS**

Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced on Sunday that emergency assistance is available to Connecticut farms that have suffered unrecoverable losses in production and property damage in 2013 due to severe weather events, including excessive precipitation this past month. A total of \$5 million has been designated for these grants, with individual awards based on the number of qualifying applications received by the July 15, 2013, deadline.

“Over the last two years, our state’s farm sector endured a series of severe weather-related blows that have put many of their businesses in peril,” said Governor Malloy. “Agriculture is an industry with tremendous growth potential, contributing \$3.5 billion to Connecticut’s economy and accounting for about 28,000 jobs in our state. Unfortunately, federal crop insurance programs that protect large farms in other parts of the country aren’t designed for small diversified farms like ours. This puts our farmers at an unfair disadvantage when extreme weather events occur, but I am committed to helping these hard-working families recover their losses and to seeing Connecticut’s small farms succeed and thrive.”

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky praised Governor Malloy’s swift action, adding, “Farmers are resilient by nature and skilled at diversifying the risks associated with such a weather-dependent profession. But some events, such as February’s blizzard and this month’s excessive rains, are beyond expectation and defy the best-laid plans and business models. This timely assistance will help farmers who have suffered substantial loss salvage this season and keep their small businesses afloat, in turn, allowing them to continue providing the fresh Connecticut Grown products sought by our state’s residents and visitors.”

The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) will partner with the Depart-



*From left: Governor Malloy, U.S. Representative Larson, U.S. Senator Blumenthal, Commissioner Reviczky, and Jim Futtner at the 6/23/13 press conference held at Futtner’s Family Farm in East Hartford.*

ment of Agriculture (DoAg) to offer the grants and the two state agencies will work with the non-profit Connecticut Farm Bureau Association to review applications and administer awards.

“The state has responded to businesses impacted by natural disasters in the past, and I believe this year’s weather circumstances dictate a similar response from the state,” said Catherine Smith, DECD Commissioner. “The recent rainfall, on top of snow damage suffered this winter, has put many of Connecticut’s farmers in an untenable situation. We’re concerned about their operations and are here to help them get back on their feet and back in their fields.”

Assistance may be used in a variety of ways to help small farms recover from weather-related losses:

- To repair damaged property and equipment
- To replant lost crops
- To plant new/different crops in place of lost crops
- To purchase feed to supplement lost hay, corn, and other crops for livestock
- To apply fertilizer and other soil amendments
- To apply any necessary products to prevent disease and/or pest outbreaks
- To perform other activities needed to recover from the storms, as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Agriculture

Applicants must demonstrate a loss, file a Schedule F form or similar tax return, submit photos of the damage, and provide information regarding business ownership and proof of good standing with respect to state and local taxes.

Online applications for assistance can be found on the DECD and [DoAg websites](#). Farmers can also call 860-713-2573 for more information.

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**WHOLESALE NEW POTATOES  
U.S. GROWN**

	Low	High
LNG WHITE,50lb,szA,CA	23.00	23.00
LNG WHITE,50lb,szB,CA	25.00	26.00
RED,50lb,szA,FL	32.00	32.00
RED,50lb,szB,AZ	34.00	34.00
WHITE,50lb,szA,FL	25.00	25.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION  
June 24, 2013**

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	71.00-73.00
	300-400 lbs	66.00-70.50
45-49	220-300 lbs	66.50-70.00
	300-400 lbs	60.00-65.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	52.00-55.50
	500-700 lbs	57.00-61.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	17.50-21.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION  
Middlefield, June 24, 2013**

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	42.00	48.00
61-75 lbs.	54.00	58.00
76-90 lbs.	75.00	80.00
91-105 lbs.	82.50	85.00
106 lbs. & up	92.50	95.00
Farm Calves	100.00	105.00
Starter Calves	44.00	52.00
Veal Calves	95.00	260.00
Open Heifers	80.00	110.00
Beef Steers	117.00	120.00
Beef Heifers	91.00	99.00
Feeder Steers	72.50	92.50
Stock Bulls	75.00	127.50
Beef Bulls	102.00	108.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	1 at	19.00
Butcher Hogs	1 at	90.00
Goats each	65.00	270.00
Kid Goats	45.00	92.50
Canners	Up to	83.50
Cutters	84.00	88.00
Utility Grade Cows	89.50	90.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	26.00
Chickens each	4.00	17.00
Ducks each	6.00	23.00
Feeder Pigs	50.00	130.00
Lambs	65.00	205.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
BEAN SPRT, 12/12oz	12.00	12.00
CHERRY, red, 20 lb	50.00	50.00
CHERRY, yellow, 20lb	60.00	60.00
COLLARD, 12s	12.00	13.00
KALE, 12s	12.00	13.00
LETTUCE, gm lf, 24ct	10.00	15.00
LETTUCE, icebrg, 24ct	15.00	16.00
LETTUCE, rd lf, 24ct	11.00	15.00
LETTUCE, rmn, 24ct	12.00	14.00
PEA, English, bu	35.00	40.00
PEA, snap, 10lb	20.00	20.00
PEA, snow, 10lb	20.00	20.00
RADISH, 24s	12.00	15.00
RHUBARB, 20lb	22.00	24.00
SQUASH, grn, 1/2bu	20.00	22.00
SQUASH, yllw, 1/2bu	20.00	24.00
STRAWBERRY 8/1qt	28.00	30.00
SWISS CHARD, 12s	15.00	15.00
TOMATO, 25lb, gh	20.00	21.00
TOMATO, chry, 5lb	14.00	14.00
TOMATO, hrlm, 10lb, gh	30.00	30.00

**SHIPPED IN**

BLUEBERRY, 12/1pt, NJ	16.00	18.00
CABBAGE, 50lb, grn, NJ	12.00	16.00
CABBAGE, 50lb, red, NJ	18.00	18.00
CORN, 5dz, GA	12.00	12.00
CUCUMBR, 1-1/9bu, md, NJ,	28.00	28.00
ESCAROLE, 1.3bu, NJ	16.00	16.00
PEACH, 1/2bu, 2-1/2min, SC	18.00	18.00



**WHOLESALE CUT FLOWERS  
BOSTON**

June 18, 2013

	Low	High
CALLA, Wht, stm, lng	4.25	4.25
DELPHNIUM, bnch, 5s, lng	9.95	9.95
GARDENIA, 3s	15.00	15.00
GARDENIA, blm	5.50	5.50
GERBERA, stm, lng	1.25	1.25
HYDRNGEA, Wht, stm, lng	5.00	5.50
LILY, Blnca, bnch, case, lng	25.00	27.50
LILY, Srbne, bnch, 3-5s, lng	18.50	18.50
PEONY, bnch, 10s, sem-dbl, lng	24.00	25.00
PEONY, bnch, 5s, sem-dbl, lng	12.50	12.50
PEONY, stm, sem-dbl, lng	2.50	3.00

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons (delivered)

XTRA LARGE	1.37-1.46
LARGE	1.26-1.35
MEDIUM	.98 -1.08

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCT.  
AND VA CATTLE SUMMARY**

June 20, 2013

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>		
breakers 75-80% lean		80.00-83.00
boners 80-85% lean		74.00-81.00
lean 88-90% lean		70.00-78.50
<b>CALVES: graded bull</b>		
No.1 94-128lbs		121.00-141.00
No 2 98-120lbs		115.00 -120.00
No 3 72-130lbs		44.00-62.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr 1</b>		
High dressing		99.00-107.50
Avg.dressing		93.00-97.50
Low dressing		89.50-91.50
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS high</b>		
HiCh/Prm 3-4		122.50-125.50
Ch2-3		115.50-119.00
Sel 1-3		102.00-110.00
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS-</b>		
HiCh/prm3-4		122.00-125.00
Ch2-3		119.00-122.50
Sel 1-3		115.00-119.50
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>		
HiCh/prm3-4		109.00-112.50
Ch 2-3		105.00-108.00
Sel 1-3		101.50-104.50
Vealers, utility, 60-120lb		n/a
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3</b>		
50-80lbs		155.00-160.00
80-100lbs		158.00-160.00
80-110lbs		n/a
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh</b>		
110-160lbs		54.00-70.00
160-200		44.00-60.00
Bucks		140-160lbs 47.00-72.00
		160-200 40.00-76.00
		200-250lbs 48.00-70.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est. wt.</b>		
40-60lbs		140.00-160.00
60-80lbs		135.00-172.00
80-90lbs		165.00-185.00
110-120lbs		n/a
Nannies/Does: 100-123lbs		145.00-190.00
		130-150lbs 177.00-215.00
Bucks/Billies: 130-150lbs		210.00-240.00

**PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS**

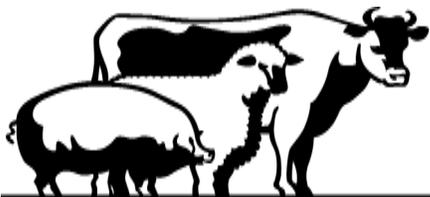
June 19, 2013, Lancaster, PA, per cwt.

Gr US 1-2	wt15-25	200.00-210.00
	wt 25-30	160.00-180.00
	wt 30-40	140.00-180.00
	wt40-50	120.00-140.00
	wt 60-65	100.00-105.00

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

Per doz., USDA Grade A/Grade A white in cartons (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.89-.92
LARGE	.87-.91
MEDIUM	.78-.80



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### ENHANCING COMPETITIVENESS OF CT SPECIALTY CROPS

*Jaime Smith, Marketing Unit*

Since 2006, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) has been awarded more than \$2 million from USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service through the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP)-Farm Bill (FB).

The program's goal is to "solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in domestic and foreign markets." Fifty-six projects and numerous sub-grantees have been funded through this award.

DoAg is often asked two questions that are unique to the SCBGP-FB:

1. *What are specialty crops?* Specialty crops are defined by USDA as any fruit or vegetable, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture. Also included is honey, maple syrup, Christmas trees, and processed foods/food products made of at least 50% specialty crops (excluding added water.) An eligible plant must be intensively cultivated and used by people for food, medicinal purposes, and/or aesthetic gratification. (The complete definition of specialty crops can be found at [www.ams.usda.gov/scbqp](http://www.ams.usda.gov/scbqp).) While people in Connecticut usually do not think of these crops as "specialty" unless they are an heirloom, ethnic favorite, or similar novelty, they lack national association representation and are in fact defined nationally as "specialty."

2. *What does "solely enhancing the competitiveness" mean?* "Solely" means funded projects focus only on specialty crops and do not benefit non-specialty crops such as dairy, livestock, or poultry, etc. "Enhancing the competitiveness" means funded projects make the specialty crop(s) more aggressive economically or on an industry level, either locally, state-wide, regionally, nationally, and/or internationally.

The SCBGP was first authorized on December 21, 2004 by [Section 101 of the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004](#), which authorized USDA to provide grants to states to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. In 2008, [Section 10109 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 \(the Farm Bill\)](#) amended the act and established the SCBGP-FB.

Each state is eligible to receive a minimum of \$100,000 or one-third of one percent of the total funding available in a given fiscal year (whichever is higher). In addition, USDA will allocate the remainder of the grant funds based on the each state's specialty crop production value--related to the national value--using the latest available cash receipt data. DoAg has received yearly allocations ranging from \$116,864 to \$442,964.

USDA requires that funds benefit the industry as a whole, not a single organization, business, or commercial product. Because USDA wants to see as many entities as possible benefit from these dollars during the three years in which the project can take place, individual farms or businesses are encouraged to apply in partnership with other eligible applicants—such as commodity groups, agricultural organizations, colleges and universities, municipalities, state agencies, and agricultural nonprofits—rather than by themselves.

While there is no guarantee funding will be available, given the current status of the Farm Bill, funding is anticipated. In addition to DoAg's use of funds for projects that benefit the state's specialty crop industry overall, USDA requires a competitive process take place for any sub-granted funds. Since 2006, 105 applicants have requested a total of \$3.6 million through the program.

The application process begins after the first of each year, and has been streamlined through a new two-phase system that includes concept proposals followed by invitation-only full applications. In 2013, 25 concept proposals were received and nine were invited to submit a full application. Those applications will be reviewed by a panel of approximately 12 industry people. The panel evaluates each application and makes funding recommendations to the commissioner of DoAg.

Many successful projects have produced excellent outcomes.

In 2009, for example, DoAg used \$45,000 to establish a USDA Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) food-safety program for Connecticut. USDA trained and certified DoAg staff member Mark Zotti to conduct GAP audits on fruit and vegetable farms to increase wholesale market competitiveness. Sixteen farmers became GAP certified in 2010 and 2011.

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**ENHANCING COMPETITIVENESS OF CT SPECIALTY CROPS**

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Of the 16 farms, 14 also took advantage of the GAP Cost-Share Program DoAg offered (also with SCBGP funding), which covered some expenses farmers incur during certification and which made GAP certification financially feasible for some Connecticut farmers who would not have been able to pursue it otherwise.

In 2010, Connecticut and the other New England states allocated \$7,996 each (\$47,976 total) in SCBGP-FB funds to Harvest New England, a nonprofit marketing association of the six New England state departments of agriculture, to educate Connecticut and other New England farmers about how to better market specialty crops to increase sales.

The multi-day *Harvest New England Agriculture Marketing Conference and Trade Show*, held in 2011 and 2013, boasted two keynote speakers, 25 breakout sessions, and an industry trade show with over 100 exhibitors. In both 2011 and 2013, 38 percent of attendees were from Connecticut.

The 2013 conference evaluation asked participants from both years if they had increased sales as a result of techniques learned at the conference, with 78 percent of respondents replying affirmatively—solely enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crops in

both Connecticut and New England.

In 2011, Wholesome Wave, Inc., was awarded \$75,000 in SCBGP-FB funds to provide the Double Value Coupon Program (DVCP) to recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the Women, Infants, and Children and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs (FMNP). The DVCP doubles FMNP benefits for fruits and vegetables at certified farmers' markets.

Wholesome Wave's goal was to increase revenue to Connecticut specialty crop farmers in 14 markets by at least \$80,000 (\$40,000 in DVCP incentives leveraging \$40,000 in federal benefit redemption).

As of August 2012, \$121,000 in federal benefit and DVCP redemption had been reported by 103 specialty crop farmers. These numbers exceeded the original goals and increased revenue to specialty crop farmers by \$60,500.

These are just a few examples of the many successful projects funded by DoAg through the SCBGP-FB. A complete list of awards can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/DoAgSCBGP Awards>. A list of projects awarded for 2013 will be available after October 1, 2013.

For more information about the SCBGP-FB, visit [www.ctgown.gov/grants](http://www.ctgown.gov/grants) (click on "Specialty Crop Block Grant-FB Program") or contact Jaime Smith at [jaime.smith@ct.gov](mailto:jaime.smith@ct.gov) or 860-713-2559.



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