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NOTES from the **DEPARTMENT**.

MARKETING DIVISION OFFERS CT GROWN PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS!

Are you looking for ways to brand your product as CT Grown, encourage the public to come to your farm stand, or replace plastic bags with environmentally friendly reusable ones? If so, the Department of Agriculture Marketing Division can help!!

A variety of CT Grown promotional materials, most at no charge, are available to CT agribusinesses to market product(s) as CT Grown. Below is a list of items that are available. If you are interested in any of these, please contact the Marketing Division at 860-713-2503 or email your request info to Richard.macsuga@ct.gov.

CT GROWN MAGNETS - Free magnets, like the one pictured here, are available for use on farm vehicles, cars, and at farm stands. They are approximately 5-1/2" in diameter. These magnets are available at no charge by contacting the Department of Agriculture. Contact: Rick Macsuga at 860-713-2544 or email at Richard.macsuga@ct.gov.

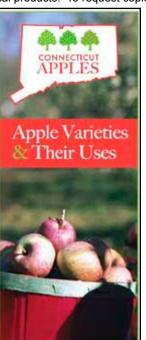




CT GROWN MESH BAGS - The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has CT Grown Mesh Bags for sale. These bags are super strong and exceptionally attractive. They measure 16" long x 5" wide x 12" high and are sold by the case (40 per case) for \$156.16.

These mesh bags can be sold or used as give-aways and are great for farm stands or farmers' markets. Let your customers walk away with your products in one of these great bags that will help spread the word to buy CT Grown products!

COMMODITY BROCHURES – The Marketing Division produces commodity brochures to encourage the public to buy local products. To request copies to distribute

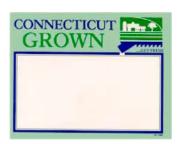


at your business or to be listed in the brochures/ online contact Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 or jaime. smith@ct.gov. Brochures currently available in print include: A Guide to Connecticut's Apple Growers and Retailers, Apple Varieties and Their Uses, 2009 Farmers' Markets.



Your Guide to Connecticut Farm Wineries, Connecticut Farm Map, Farm Stands and Stores Throughout Connecticut.

CT GROWN PRICE CARDS – Want price cards to use at your farm stand? CT Grown Price Cards (POP) are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Select from two sizes: 5" by 7" (small) or 7" by 11" (large). They come in pads of 50



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

> **EXTRA LARGE** 119-123 **LARGE** 118-122 **MEDIUM** 94-96

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, November 23, 2009 Live animals brought the following average prices per cwt.:

prices per cwt					
Bob Calves:	Low	High			
45-60 lbs.	15.00	18.00			
61-75 lbs.	22.00	25.00			
76-90 lbs.	23.00	28.00			
91-105 lbs.	30.00	35.00			
106 lbs. & up	38.00	40.00			
Farm Calves	42.50	62.50			
Started Calves	25.00	30.00			
Veal Calves	55.00	135.00			
Open Heifers	50.00	62.50			
Beef Heifers	48.00	50.00			
Feeder Steers	70.00	77.00			
Beef Steers	57.50	71.00			
Stock Bulls	60.00	75.00			
Beef Bulls	54.00	60.00			
Feeder Pigs each	25.00	60.00			
Sheep each	80.00	170.00			
Lambs each	85.00	175.00			
Goats each	125.00	185.00			
Kid Goats each	47.50	120.00			
Canners	Up to	38.50			
Cutters	39.50	41.00			
Utility Grade Cows	42.50	44.00			
Rabbits each	5.00	16.00			
Chickens each	4.00	24.00			
Ducks each	6.00	19.00			
Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.					

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, November 16, 2009

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing **SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Premium White 65-75% lean 44.00-46.50 ----- 40.00-43.00 **Boners** 80-85% lean 39.50-41.75 ----- 37.00-38.50

I ean 85-90% lean 37.00-39.00 39.50-40.50 34.50-37.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1

1120-1580 lbs 58.50-62.00 1656-2295 lbs 53.00-55.50

Bullocks: 875-1305 lbs 68.00-72.00 **SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Wooled & Shorn**

Choice and Prime 2-3 40-50 lbs 138.00-156.00 50-60 lbs 134.00-152.00 60-70 lbs 135.00-150.00 138.00-148.00 70-80 lbs 80-90 lbs 128.00-140.00 90-110 lbs 114.00-130.00

110-130 lbs 118.00-124.00

130-150 lbs 100.00-116.00 Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh

120-160 lbs 50.00-68.00 160-200 lbs 46.00-62.00 200-300 lbs 40.00-50.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN					
APPLE CIDER, 9 – 1/2gal	15.00	15.00			
APPLES, Spenser bu no grade 2-1/2"min	15.00	16.00			
APPLES, Empire bu 2-1/2 up no grade	12.00	14.00			
APPLES, Gala 100 ct exfcy	24.00	25.00			
APPLES, Golden Delicious bu 2-1/2"min fcy	16.00	18.00			
APPLES, Honeycrisp exfcy 3"min	28.00	30.00			
APPLES, Macoun, 96ct exfcy	26.00	28.00			
APPLES, Mcintosh ex fcy 96ct	21.00	23.00			
APPLES, Mcintosh, 140ct US#1	13.00	14.00			
APPLES, Mcintosh 8/5lb totes 2-1/2"min fcy	18.00	19.00			
APPLES, Mutsu bu 3" fcy	16.00	18.00			
BEETS, Carton-bunched 24ct Organic	26.00	26.00			
CABBAGE, Green 1-3/4bu box med	6.50	8.00			
CABBAGE, Red 1-3/4bu box	9.00	10.00			
CABBAGE, Savoy 1-3/4bu box	9.00	12.00			
CRANBERRIES, 24/12's	33.00	36.00			
PARSNIPS, 25lb	22.00	22.00			
PARSNIPS, 18 – 1lb	20.00	22.00			
POTATOES, chef 50lb	9.00	11.00			
POTATOES, Round white 10lb sz A	1.50	1.70			
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu Ige	14.00	14.00			
SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9bu	14.00	14.00			
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu Ige	14.00	15.00			
SQUASH, Butternut organic 40lb	30.00	30.00			
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 11 lbs on vine	17.00	17.00			
TURNIPS, Purple Top 25lb	10.00	10.00			
SHIPPED IN					
BLUEBERRIES, 12/4.4oz Organic CAL	68.00	74.00			
CANTALOUPS, 6ct Organic AZ	18.00	21.00			
CARROTS, 48/1-lb bags CAN	12.00	14.00			
CARROTS, 48/1-lb bags Organic GA	42.00	42.00			
GARLIC, 30lb #10 CAL	45.00	45.00			
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 40ct FLA	12.00	15.00			
GRAPES, Thompson med 16lb CAL	28.00	30.00			
LETTUCE, Boston 24 NJ	20.00	20.00			
MUSHROOMS, 10lb White med PA	13.00	14.00			
ONION, Yellow 50lb med NY	9.00	10.00			
POMEGRANATES, 30ct CA	27.00	30.00			

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

estimated weights. Kids: 30-40 lbs 38.00-50.00 40-50 lbs 50.00-62.00 50-60 lbs 58.00-70.00 60-70 lbs 72.00-86.00 70-80 lbs 70.00-94.00 80-90 lbs 84.00-110.00 90-100 lbs 98.00-114.00 100-110 lbs 108.00-122.00 110-120 lbs 110.00-129.00 Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 64.00-82.00 130-180 lbs 78.00-102.00 Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs 132.00-157.00 150-250 lbs 155.00-175.00 **NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION** Mon November 23, 2009 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight. Percent Lean Weight Price 37.50-40.50 49-54 270-300 lbs 300-350 lbs 39.00-41.50 45-49 220-270 lbs 36.00-38.00 300-350 lbs 34.00-37.00

300-500 lbs 39.00-41.00

7.00-9.00

500-700 lbs 40.00-44.00

300-700 lbs

Sows: US 1-3

Boars:

SLAUGHTER GOATS: sold by the head, on

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A. **NEW YORK PRICES** WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS For 1 dozen,

Grade A eggs on: November 23, 2009

EXTRA LARGE 127-131 **LARGE** 125-129 MEDIUM 101-105 Above quotations based on

CARTON sales to retailers.



NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD **DISPLAY AUCTION**

SEA SCALLOPS LANDINGS & PRICES IN 1,000 LBS **DATE 11/20/09 - PRICES INCLUDE DEALERS' FEES** SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS

LBS MIN HIGH U/12 ELEPHANT TRUNK

0.1 1040 1040 1.5 815 10/20 815 20/30 35.6 715 780 10/20 MID ATL 0.4 825 825 20/30 2.1 770 770

NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD **DISPLAY AUCTION**

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN 1,000 LBS & \$/CWT. DATE 11/20/09

PRICES INCLUDE DEALERS' FEES - 1/0 MEANS LESS THAN

100 POUND

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SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH	
COD LGE	0.2	154	154	
MKT	3.6	112	201	
SCRD	0.7	118	118	
MIXED 1/	0.0	56	56	
GILLNET LGE COD	0.1	137	137	
MKT	0.7	141	163	
SCRD	0.0	112	112	
HADDOCK	1.3	132	172	
HADDOCK SCRD	3.7	112	153	
POLLOCK	1.2	62	64	
MED	1.9	58	62	
JIG POLLOCK	0.1	64	64	
MED	0.1	68	68	
LING	0.0	32	32	
HAKE LGE	0.5	112	132	
MED	0.2	93	108	
SML	0.1	47	47	
SOW	0.0	232	232	
OCN PRCH	0.1	82	82	
YELLOWTAIL LGE	2.1	268	279	
SM	0.3	210	210	
DABS MED	0.0	246	246	
SML	0.1	231	231	
LEMONSOLE GEO	0.2	242	242	
LGE GEO BB MIXED	1.0	266	266	

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.
- 76-R. Rough Sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing. 203-788-2430.
- 99-R. Battery powered price computing scales with state compliance, battery powered cash registers, 60-pound pumpkin scale \$348. Call for information at 1-800-403-5919.
- 173-R. Christmas greens, balsam wreaths, several varieties of roping, kissing balls. Samples gladly shown. We deliver. 203-457-1344.
- 188. Registered polled Hereford bred cow-calf combinations, feeder steers and heifers, 3 year old registered Hereford bull with low birth weight and high intramuscular fat. Grand View Farm (860) 485-5720. lucasles-lie40@hotmail.com.
- 196-R. First cut 4x5 round bales \$40 p.u. First cut square bales \$4.50. For information call 203-265-4588.
 - 202-R. Six month old Yorkshire boar for sale 203-996-4715.
- 204-R. Tractors: JD 3010 \$7,500. Farmall 706 \$6,500. Kubota B7500 \$6,000. Farmall 200 \$2,500. Make offer. Call information 860-648-1355. Dzen Brothers Farm.
- 205-R. Four Male Llamas for Sale- one Black and white, One Black, Two Brown. Price for all four, \$700.00. Westview Farm, Monroe, Ct.. Bernie @ 203-880-6814.
- 206-R. Hay 4x5 round bales, stored in barn, \$50. p.u. Hereford heifer spring calf \$450. Internatioal 1850 bucket loader attachment \$600. Call for information at 860-537-1974.

WANTED

- 1-R. Producers Wanted: Connecticut Farm-to-Chef is a free program that helps connect local culinary professionals with producers and distributors of CT Grown products. Informational newsletters, workshops, networking, promotions and other opportunities are provided to members as part of the program. Additional Connecticut producers and distributors are needed for this popular and expanding program. Contact Linda at the CT Department of Agriculture, Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov or 860-713-2558, for information.
- 16-R. Wanted: Farmers for the CT Farm-to-School The Farm-to-School Program is a statewide effort designed to incorporate CT Grown fresh fruits and vegetables into local schools cafeteria meals and snacks. If you are interested in selling to one, several, or to a whole school district of schools (through a wholesaler or direct), call Jane Slupecki at (860) 713-2588 or at Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov

MISCELLANEOUS

- 6-R. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has established the Farm Link Program. It is a matchmaking service to help new farmers find farm land owners (for rent or for sale) and to aid in the process of land rental and/or farm transfer to the next generation of farmers. Persons interested in the process can receive applications now available at www.farm-link.uconn.edu or calling the CT Dept. of Agriculture at (860) 713-2503. The Department is encouraging all next generation farmers and transitioning family farms in Connecticut to participate. For further information, please contact Jane Slupecki at (860) 713-2588.
- 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.

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CT GROWN POSTERS – CT Grown posters are available at no charge and measure 13.5" by 11". Perfect for farm stands and stores!

PENS AND PENCILS – If you're doing an event or display and want to give the public something useful that promotes CT Grown, a CT Grown pen or pencil will do the trick! These are free while supplies last!

CT GROWN POP-UP TENTS – A hot CT Grown item that's extremely limited, these

sturdy pop-up tents are perfect for a farmers' market or an event on your farm. The Marketing Division will split the cost of the tent with you, making your total cost \$137.50. Tents are on a first-come first-served basis and are limited to two tents per farm.

"MILES FRESHER", "FARMERS' MARKET OPEN TODAY" AND "BUY LOCAL TODAY WE'LL GROW MORE TOMORROW" BANNERS

 Do you want to encourage the public to visit your farmers' market or remind them of the benefits of buying CT Grown products? Then pick up a banner!! Banners measure 5' by 2.5'.



RESOURCE MAP AND CROP CALENDAR - These are nice tools for teachers. Maps show the different agricultural products produced in the state, while the calendars show the time of year that CT Grown crops are available. The supply of printed materials may be limited, but electronic versions are always available for you to print.



Don't forget! You can always contact us for an electronic copy of the CT Grown logo to include on your website, business cards, signage, farm vehicles, packaging materials – you name it!!

ADVENT ACTIVITY 2009

Take an invigorating horse drawn wagon ride through acres of beautiful farmland; sing traditional Christmas carols; make an old fashioned Christmas ornament; enjoy wassail punch and cocoa.

Friday, November 27 / Sunday, November 29 Saturday, December 5 / Sunday, December 6 Times: 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, and 3:15

Cost: \$7.00 each, ages 3 and up. Advanced reservations required.

Please - NO pets!

Blue Slope Country Museum, 138 Blue Hill Road, Franklin, CT 06254 Contact: 860-642-6413 or go to the website at: museum@blueslope.com Blue Slope Country Museum, Inc. is a non-profit 501(3)c organization.

SHEEP BREEDING IMPROVEMENTS ARISE FROM ARS-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

Artificial insemination (AI) techniques that work well with cattle and swine can be difficult or costly to perform in sheep, but help's on the way, thanks to Agricultural Research Service (ARS) studies in Fort Collins, Colo.

There, at the agency's National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation, animal physiologist Phil Purdy and colleagues are working to improve both the handling of sheep semen and the artificial insemination of ewes, whose cervix is difficult to traverse with traditional Al tools. Purdy is collaborating with ARS animal geneticist Harvey Blackburn and University of Wyoming scientists Bob Stobart and Brent Larson on the effort.

The team's studies showed that sheep semen can be collected and shipped--in cooled liquid form--overnight before freezing without harming its in-vitro quality. They further determined the semen could be cryopreserved--or frozen--after shipping without reducing its success in surgical AI.

Their studies also compared semen that had been cryopreserved after collection to semen that had been frozen after 48 hours (the time required to ship samples across the country). No differences were observed in semen quality, fertilization ability, or number of lambs born to ewes surgically

inseminated with the samples. Potentially, this could open the door to sheep producers' use of samples from around the world, expanding and improving their breeding options, according to Purdy.

On another front, his team adapted a swine insemination method for use in ewes. It involved using a spiral insemination catheter to traverse the ewe's cervix and deposit thawed semen directly into the uterus. The method takes about two minutes per sheep and costs \$1.29. Though faster, less costly and easier than laparoscopic surgical insemination, the new method so far has had a lower success rate: about 55 percent using fresh semen and 10 percent using frozen semen.

The researchers are investigating how to hone the technique and improve its success rate by improving the timing of estrus and insemination.

NO AGRICULTURAL REPORT NEXT WEEK!

The Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report publishes 48 issues per year. We do not publish four weeks throughout the year. Next week is one of the weeks when we do NOT publish. You will receive your next issue the week of December 9, 2009, and all ads will be extended to compensate for this week. Happy Holiday!

NOTICE! - Every year, when we do our subscription renewals for the Agricultural Reports that are mailed via regular mail, we ask farmers to fill in statistical information for the New England Agricultural Statistics Service and return to us. For farmers who have now switched to email, we ask that you do this electronically. To accomplish this, email subscribers will soon be getting a mailing with an attachment to be filled out and returned to us. This attachment only needs to be filled out by farmers. All other subscribers can ignore that mailing. For farmers viewing this on our website, please send an email to jessey.ina-lee@ct.gov to request a form. This is very important information that is used in the New England Agricultural Statistics Service reports. So, if you are a farmer, we hope you will participate in filling out and returning the statistics form. Your help is appreciated!

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