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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

NEGOTIATIONS SECURED TEN-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR MARKET AT HOMESTEAD

By Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner

The notion that the Coventry Regional Farmers' Market might not celebrate its eight season was unfathomable. Since moving to the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead in 2008, the synergy the market has had with the Hale Homestead has made Sunday a special day for so many families and locavores.

But talks to renew the lease between the market and Connecticut Landmarks, owner of the Hale Homestead, broke off last fall because both non-profits were concerned with expense and liability issues. It seemed for a time that the market would not return to the homestead.

Many farmers and other local businesses depend on the market for a significant portion of their annual income. The market serves as an economic stimulus for both the town of Coventry and for the local region. With this in mind, and as the market season grew ever closer and serious questions remained as to the market's future, Governor Malloy and his administration sought avenues as to how we might facilitate the finding of common ground. After meeting with representatives from the market and Connecticut Landmarks, reviewing where negotiations broke off, and examining the history of the relationship, it was clear to us that the parties were not that far apart and that we needed to give collective effort toward reaching an agreement.

Enter the town of Coventry, its town council leaders and town manager. Up until 2011, the town had always played a major role in the market and its residency at the Hale Homestead. Connecticut Landmarks and the market both had confidence in the town and desired Coventry's continued participation moving forward.

During the renewed discussion, a solution was developed which addressed the nonprofits' major concerns. The town of Coventry was invited to be the prime tenant and then sub-lease to the market. This went a long way to address the liability concerns and the savings in insurance purchases could be then applied toward rent, addressing the other issue.

Additional concerns existed over the location and maintenance of the new barn that the market won during last year's national Great Barn Giveaway contest. The parties agreed that if the town coordinated the use and maintenance of the barn, it could be rented out with the income shared between both non-profits. A reserve would be held for barn maintenance.

Connecticut Landmarks made its property available to host the market and stepped up significantly to keep it there, and deserves special recognition and gratitude for its willingness to continue to host the market. The issues were complicated. Each group has a responsibility to its core mission and a board of directors committed to that mission. But with hard work by all involved, a pathway to a new future was created and all partners have chosen to walk down this path. Bringing the market home to the Hale Homestead, along with the exciting addition of the barn won by the many votes of Connecticut citizens, will create a new future that will attract more visibility and help market not only Connecticut's agricultural community, but its history and heritage too. We envision that these two non-profit agencies will thrive and attract future opportunities for growth.

I would like to thank George Krivda of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, James DeSantos from the Office of the Governor, and Meagan Cowell from the Office of Policy and Management for the important roles they played in making this agreement a reality. A special thank you to John Elsesser, Coventry town manager, for ultimately taking ownership of negotiations, being innovative and unrelenting, and in the end getting us to "yes."

CONNECTICUT LANDMARKS

[Connecticut Landmarks'](#) mission is to inspire interest and encourage learning about the American past by preserving selected historic properties, collections and stories and presenting programs that meaningfully engage the public and our communities.

Founded in 1936 as the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Connecticut Landmarks is a statewide network of 12 significant historic properties that span three centuries of New England history.

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**WHOLESALE FLOWERS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
ANEMONE,bnch,lng	10.00	12.50
CALLA,bnchd 5,xlng	27.50	27.50
GARDENIA, blm	5.50	5.50
GARDENIA bnch,3	15.00	15.00
GERBERA, stm,lng	.80	1.00
LILY,Asiatic,bnch,lng	12.00	12.00
LILY,Asiatic,3-5 blm,lng	15.00	18.00
LILY,Casa blnc,bnch,12,lng	25.00	27.50
LILY,Siberian, bnch,lng	20.00	20.00
LILY,Sorbnn,bnch,lng	20.00	20.00
SNFLWR,bnch,5,lng	7.50	7.50

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

February 27, 2012

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

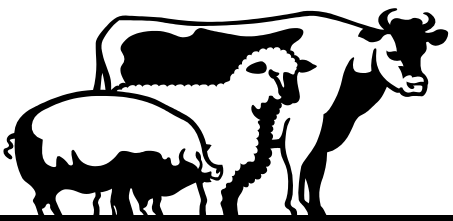
49-54	220-350 lbs	66.00-70.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	64.00-66.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	53.00-57.00
	500-700 lbs	58.00-61.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	30.00-33.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, February 27, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	35.00	40.00
61-75 lbs.	55.00	65.00
76-90 lbs.	90.00	100.00
91-105 lbs.	105.00	112.50
106 lbs. & up	115.00	120.00
Farm Calves	125.00	170.00
Veal Calves	110.00	150.00
Open Heifers	100.00	125.00
Beef Steers	84.00	106.00
Feeder Steers	110.00	122.50
Starter Calves	50.00	60.00
Stock Bulls	119.00	125.00
Beef Bulls	92.00	105.00
Sows	n/a	
Goats each	100.00	175.00
Kid Goats	80.00	180.00
Canners	Up to	81.00
Cutters	82.00	87.00
Utility Grade Cows	88.00	105.00
Rabbits each	4.00	17.00
Chickens each	4.00	22.00
Ducks each	9.00	12.00
Feeder Pigs	4 at	70.00
Lambs	85.00	140.00
Sheep	100.00	110.00



**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**



	Low	High
ALFALFA SPRTS,5lb	11.00	12.00
APPLE,Red del,88ct,xfcy	21.00	21.00
APPLE,CrtInd,80ct,xfcy	25.00	25.00
APPLE, CrtInd,88ct,xfcy	25.00	25.00
APPLE,Mac,120ct,US1	15.00	16.00
BEAN SPROUT,10lb	4.50	5.00
CIDER 4/1gal	14.50	14.50
PARSNIP,25lb	24.00	24.00
POTATOES,Rnd,wh,50lb	11.00	12.00
POTATOES,10lb	2.50	2.50
SQUASH,Bttrnt,1/9bu,lge	18.00	20.00
TOMATOES,Chrry,5lb flat	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES,Grnhs,12lb,xl	27.00	30.00

SHIPPED IN

	Low	High
ARTICHOKES,18s,CA	34.00	36.00
BEAN,Grn,rd,bu,FL	28.00	30.00
BLACKBERRY,12/6,MX	24.00	24.00
BLUEBERRY,12/1pt,CE	28.00	32.00
CANTALOUPE,12ct,HD	16.00	19.00
CARROTS,50lb,lse,CA	17.00	18.00
CAULFLOWER,12ct,AZ	13.00	14.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9,md,FL	16.00	16.00
GARLIC,Col,30lb,CA	45.00	50.00
LETTUCE,Rmn,24,AZ	16.00	16.00
NECTARINES,36,CL	16.00	18.00
ONION,Red,25lb,NY	7.00	8.00
ORANGE,113ct,CA	14.00	15.00
PEPPER, Cbnll,1-1/9,lg	20.00	20.00
PEPPER,Red,1-1/9,xl,FL	22.00	24.00
RHUBARB,6kg,Grnhs,NE	28.00	30.00

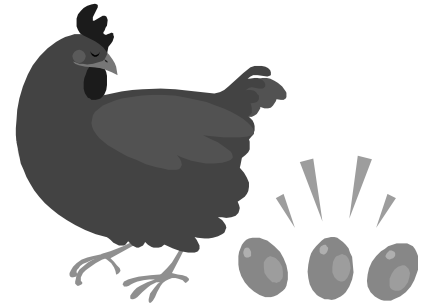
(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

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Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:		
Breakers 75-80%lean		
84.00-89.00	89.00-93.00	79.00-82.50
Boners 80-85% lean		
82.00-86.50	88.50-92.00	75.00-79.00
Lean 88-90% lean		
74.00-78.00	78.00-82.00	65.00-70.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1		
1165-1795 lbs 95.00-100.00		
CALVES: All prices per cwt.		
Graded Bull Calves: Number 1		
90-118 lbs	193.00-201.00	
120-128 lbs	177.00-177.00	
Number 2	120-128 lbs	177.00-177.00
Number 3	72-130 lbs	145.00-160.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1		
70-100 lbs	140.00-185.00	
Number 2		
65-100 lbs	80.00-140.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:		
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3		
50-60 lbs	256.00-270.00	
60-80 lbs	247.00-251.00	



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	143-151
LARGE	138-149
MEDIUM	106-116

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, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

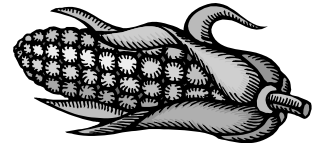
EXTRA LARGE	91-105
LARGE	88-102
MEDIUM	66-79

PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN REPORT

February 20, 2012

Grain market for eastern Pennsylvania.

Corn, No.2, bu.	6.91-7.26
Ear Corn, ton	208
Soybeans, No.2, bu.	12.04-12.49



80-90 lbs	226.00-242.00
90-110 lbs	209.00-224.00
110-130 lbs	196.00-211.00
130-150 lbs	188.00-205.00
Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60 lbs	230.00-245.00
70-90 lbs	200.00-237.00
90-110 lbs	180.00-195.00
110-130 lbs	185.00-200.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
120-160 lbs	100.00-115.00
160-200 lbs	94.00-109.00
200-300 lbs	94.00-109.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
120-160 lbs	93.00-108.00
160-200 lbs	82.00-96.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
40-60 lbs	122.00-141.00
60-80lbs	148.00-167.00
80-100lbs	160.00-180.00
100-110lbs	173.00-188.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	156.00-158.00
130-180 lbs	166.00-180.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	194.00-209.00
150-250 lbs	240.00-265.00

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1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now CT'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

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10-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.

23-R. Taking pre-orders for spring Narragansett turkey poults, min 5, \$9 each. 10 or more \$8 each. Pick up in New Milford, CT pbucciaglia@yahoo.com or 860-350-3158 for details.

30-R. 4x5 round bales, \$55.00 p.u. 2nd cut alfalfa square bales, \$5.00. p.u. 860-537-1974.

31-R. Kiln dried sawdust for bedding, excellent for cows and horses. Good rates. Trailer load. Call for price in your area @ 860-974-3853.

33. Kinze, 4 row corn planter, double frame, no till, fertilizer box, excellent condition. \$5,000.00. JD 3970, 2 row corn chopper, new knives, shear bar, bearings, field ready. \$6,500.00. Fargo dump wagon with cover \$3,000.00. 1973 Ford 9000, silage truck, 18' body, auto gate, tandem, runs and looks good. \$4,000.00. JD loader, model 146, quick hitch, \$2,000.00. CAT 922 wheel loader, diesel, new paint and glass, good tires, runs good. \$8,000.00. New culvert pipe. Galvanized, corrugated, 24' long, 52" diam. \$500.00. 860-537-1974.

WANTED

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26-R. Wanted: 4 wheel hay wagon- any condition. 860-648-1355.

32. Wanted: Hereford or Angus calves. Ask for Glenn. 860-234-3071.

MISCELLANEOUS

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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Its museums are starting points—landmarks in every sense—for deeper exploration and greater appreciation of the Connecticut experience. Offerings include captivating house tours, lovely historic gardens, history celebrations, and remarkable collections of art and antiques. Real-life stories, as told through these collections, make history matter.

The historic, landmark properties span three centuries of Connecticut history and include the Nathan Hale Homestead in Coventry, the Amasa Day House in Moodus, the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden in Bethlehem, the Butler-McCook House & Garden and Main Street History Center in Hartford, the Buttolph-Williams House in Wethersfield, the Hempsted Houses in New London, the Isham-Terry House in Hartford, and the Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden in Suffield.

THE NATHAN HALE HOMESTEAD

The Nathan Hale Homestead was the home of the family of State Hero Nathan Hale. Constructed in 1776, the current house is the second dwelling built on the property. Nathan's father, Richard Hale, was a prosperous livestock farmer and built the house for his large family. Ardent patriots, six of Richard's eight sons served in the patriot army. One son, Capt. Nathan Hale, was caught and hanged as a spy at age 21 by the British in September of 1776. He is famous for his alleged last words, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Following the American Revolution, three Hale sons died from wounds received in the war. Their widows and children moved to the family homestead, so that an average of 12-20 people lived in the house at any one time.

The Hale Homestead is a pristine example of a Georgian style home. Although sold out of the Hale family in the 1820s, the house has remained virtually intact. The house was first restored by George Dudley Seymour, who saved the house in the early 20th Century. Recent paint analysis has resulted in the repainting of the house interior in historic colors. The house is furnished with Hale family pieces and period antiques and is based on the family inventories. The house was deeded to Connecticut Landmarks in the 1940s. Much of the acreage associated with the Hale farm, is now the Nathan Hale State Forest.

The Nathan Hale Homestead is open seasonally from Memorial Day Weekend through October 30. For tour information, please see <http://www.ctlandmarks.org/index.php?page=visit-7>.

COVENTRY REGIONAL FARMERS' MARKET

The [Coventry Regional Farmers' Market](http://www.coventryfarmersmarket.com) is held Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., June through October, on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Homestead at 2299 South Street in Coventry.

The market enters its eighth season in 2012. In 20 market days in 2011, the market did over half a million dollars of sales and was visited by over 75,000 people. Run by a volunteer committee that operates under a registered 501c3 organization, the Coventry Regional Farmers' Market is considered a "destination market," drawing nearly 50% of its patrons from beyond the local area. It also is a "dog friendly" market that welcomes leashed, well-mannered canine companions.

Surrounded by over 500 acres of forest and picturesque rural landscape, the Hale Farm provides a gracious backdrop for what *New England Travel Magazine* has called "Connecticut's preeminent farmers' market." It hosts an average of 50 farmers, specialty food producers, and artisans each Sunday.

The Coventry Regional Farmers' Market will open for the summer season on June 3, 2012.

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.

2012 PYO BROCHURE TO BE UPDATED AND PRINTED

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's [Pick-Your-Own brochure](#) is scheduled for updating and printing again in 2012.

If you would like to have your pick-your-own farm included, please complete an application and return by March 16, 2012, along with a check in the amount of \$25 payable to the Connecticut Apple Marketing Board. This fee will help defray printing costs.

Applications can be found on the Department of Agriculture's website at [www.CTGrown.gov/Publications](#) (click on "Commodities Brochures" link near top of page).

DOAG ACCEPTING WEBSITE LISTING APPLICATIONS

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture offers a variety of online listings on its website. Connecticut producers interested in participating in these listings are invited to complete and return an application for each applicable listing. Applications for online listings are accepted on a year-round basis and website updates are made periodically throughout the year. Online listing applications currently being accepted include the following:

- 2012 Agritourism Listing
- 2012 Connecticut Dairy Producers Listing
- 2012 Connecticut Egg Producers Listing (NEW!)
- 2012 Connecticut Farm Stands/Stores Listing
- 2012 Connecticut Honey Producers Listing
- 2012 Connecticut Meat Producers Listing
- 2012 Connecticut Pick-Your-Own Farms Listing

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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR NATIONAL DAIRY BOARD

USDA is seeking [nominations](#) for the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board by March 16, 2012.

The Secretary of Agriculture will appoint individuals from those nominated to succeed members whose terms expired October 31, 2011. New members will serve terms ending October 31, 2014.

USDA will accept nominations from Regions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12. Region 12 includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. One member will be appointed for Region 12.

USDA established the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board under the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 to develop and administer a coordinated program of promotion, research and nutrition education. The 38-member board is authorized to design programs to strengthen the dairy industry's position in domestic and foreign markets. The program is financed by a mandatory 15-cent-per-hundredweight assessment on all milk produced and marketed commercially, and a 7.5-cent-per-hundredweight assessment on milk, or equivalent thereof, on dairy products imported into the United States.

For nominating forms and info, go to [www.ams.usda.gov/dairy](#) or email whitney.rick@ams.usda.gov



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