



# Agricultural Report

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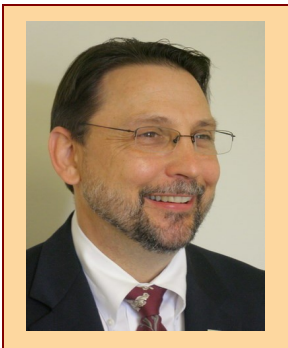


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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

### GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL LAUNCHES EFFORT TO GROW CONNECTICUT FARMS

*By Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner*



The Governor's Council for Agricultural Development has embarked on an ambitious schedule to collect stakeholder input to develop a plan and specific recommendations

that will inform Connecticut decision-makers on a broad spectrum of matters affecting farming and agriculture in our state.

The Governor's Council started its work earlier this year by examining successful initiatives in other states, including hosting Ellen Kahler at the Legislative Office Building to present on Vermont's well-received Farm-to-Plate Program. While Vermont's efforts were food centered, Connecticut's statutory charge is much broader: increasing consumer demand for Connecticut Grown food and farm products and looking for ways to improve the overall agricultural economy.

Toward that end, the council has established two subcommittees with five working groups under each. Council members will chair the working groups, which will be made up by a combination of volunteers and other individuals nominated or recommended.

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Working groups will receive input and consider questions related to the production of food and horticultural crops, the business environment, research, consumer and producer education and training, food security, planning and coordination, marketing, infrastructure and investment, and more.

Council members feel strongly that stakeholder input is paramount and have adopted a detailed plan to conduct in-depth interviews with key officials and stakeholders, surveys, regional listening sessions, focused meetings, and a statewide summit toward the end of this year.

This summer the council's three-member interview team completed 53 in-depth interviews, investing nearly 200 hours. Stakeholders interviewed included producers of fruits and vegetables, greenhouse and nursery crops, dairy, beef, pork, poultry, honey, maple syrup, tobacco, and eggs; agribusiness people involved in agricultural lending, equipment, distribution, and feed; and representatives from agencies and nonprofits serving the industry.

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**WHOLESALE EGGPLANT SHIPPED IN**

	Low	High
CHINESE, 35lb, HD	32.00	36.00
INDIAN, 1-1/9 bu, GA	25.00	30.00
ITALIAN, 1-1/9bu, CT	14.00	16.00
ITALIAN, 11lb, GH, CN	16.00	16.00
LONG STRPD, 1-1/9bu, GA	20.00	20.00
SICLIAN, 1-1/9bu, GA	21.00	24.00
THAI, 35lb, HD	58.00	58.00
WHITE, 11lb, NT	22.00	23.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

July 21, 2012

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

49-54	220-300 lbs	67.00-72.00
	270-300 lbs	n/a
	300-400 lbs	60.00-62.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	62.00-66.00
	300-400 lbs	54.00-59.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	32.00-36.00
	500-700 lbs	38.00-42.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	16.00-20.50

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, July 23, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	28.00	38.00
61-75 lbs.	54.00	62.00
76-90 lbs.	78.00	85.00
91-105 lbs.	87.50	90.00
106 lbs. & up	95.00	97.50
Farm Calves	100.00	125.00
Starter Calves	54.00	60.00
Veal Calves	65.00	145.00
Open Heifers	70.00	100.00
Beef Heifers	83.00	102.00
Beef Steers	75.00	102.50
Feeder Steers	80.00	105.00
Stock Bulls	85.00	132.50
Beef Bulls	84.00	99.50
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	50.00	85.00
Goats each	65.00	235.00
Kid Goats	60.00	65.00
Canners	Up to	69.50
Cutters	70.00	72.00
Utility Grade Cows	73.00	82.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	4.00	15.00
Chickens each	5.00	16.00
Ducks each	6.00	22.00
Feeder Pigs	70.00	80.00
Lambs	55.00	200.00
Sheep	75.00	110.00



**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE, Jrsy mc, bu, xfcy	28.00	28.00
BEAN, Grn, bu	23.00	26.00
BEETS 12s	10.00	12.00
BLUEBERRY, 12/1pt, plp	28.00	30.00
BLUEBERRY, 12/1pt, clmshll	22.00	24.00
Cabbage, Grn, 50lb, bg	8.00	9.00
Cabbage, Grn, bx	12.00	14.00
CHIVES, 12s	7.00	8.00
COLLARD, 12-16s	12.00	12.00
CORN, 5dz	12.00	14.00
CUCMBR, 1-1/9bu, spr sl	14.00	18.00
CUCMBR, Pckng, 1/2 bu	16.00	18.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu	14.00	16.00
KALE, 12s	12.00	12.00
NECTARINES, 24lb	26.00	28.00
PEACHES, 25lb, 2-1/2min	22.00	24.00
PEACHES, Wht, 25lb	26.00	28.00
PLUM, Mthly, 20lb	26.00	28.00
SQUASH, Grn, 1/2bu, md	6.00	8.00
SQUASH, Grn, 1/2bu, fncy	8.00	10.00
SQUASH, Yllw, 1/2bu, md	8.00	10.00
SQUASH, Yllw, 1/2bu, fncy	10.00	12.00
SWISS CHARD, 24s	15.00	15.00
TOMATOES, 25lb	25.00	25.00
TOMATOES, 11lb, vine GH	9.00	10.00
TOMATOES, Chrry, 5lb GH	13.00	15.00

**SHIPPED IN**

APRICOTS, 72ct, CA	34.00	34.00
CABBAGE, Red, 50lb, NJ	11.00	14.00
CANTALOUPE, 8ct, GA	13.00	14.00
GOOSEBERRY, 12/8oz, WA	42.00	42.00
WATERMLN, 45ct, price ea, DE	4.50	4.50

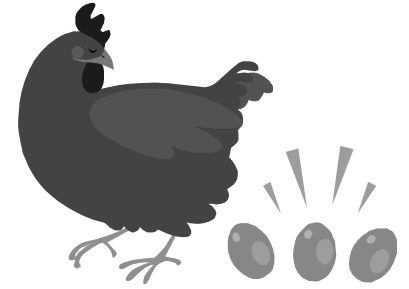
(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

July 21, 2012

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>		
Breakers 75-80% lean		
74.00-76.00	77.00-76.00	71.00-73.00
Boners 80-85% lean		
71.50-74.00	n/a	68.00-71.00
Lean 88-90% lean		
66.00-71.00	72.00-74.50	58.00-65.00
<b>CALVES: All prices per cwt.</b>		
Graded Bull Calves		
No.1 90-125lbs	100.00-130.00	
No.2 95-120lbs	80.00-100.00	
No.3 90-120lbs	60.00-80.00	
Slaughter bulls	870--1830lb	94.00-102.00
Holstein Heifers No.1	85-100lb	130.00-170.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:</b>		
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3		
50-60lbs	167.00-187.00	
60-80lbs	150.00-178.00	
80-90lbs	140.00-158.00	
90-110lbs	126.00-146.00	
110-130lbs	140.00-150.00	
150-200lbs	n/a	



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.46-1.58
LARGE	1.36-1.48
MEDIUM	.97-1.06

**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)

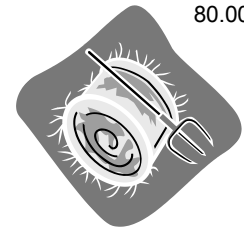
EXTRA LARGE	1.36-1.40
LARGE	1.34-1.38
MEDIUM	1.05-1.09

**PENNSYLVANIA HAY REPORT**

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Eastern Pennsylvania, prices per ton.

Alfalfa, Premium	275.00-325.00
Alfalfa, Good	160.00-200.00
Mixed Hay, Premium	220.00-325.00
Mixed Hay, Good	160.00-220.00
Timothy, Premium	n/a
Timothy, Good	145.00-200.00
Straw	80.00-160.00



**Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3**

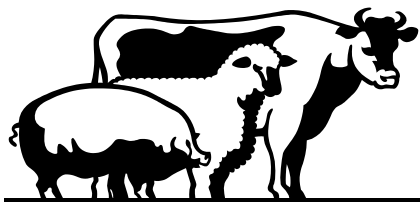
40-60lbs	140.00-175.00
60-80lbs	136.00-178.00
80-90lbs	124.00-162.00
90-110lbs	108.00-128.00

**SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh**

120-160lbs	53.00-92.00
160-200lbs	50.00-82.00
200-300lbs	70.00-83.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
120-160lbs	70.00-82.00
160-200lb	50.00

**SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.**

30-40lbs	n/a
40-60lbs	118.00-148.00
60-80lbs	134.00-162.00
80-90lbs	146.00-168.00
90-110lbs	160.00-186.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	126.00-146.00
130-180lbs	140.00-158.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	167.00-188.00
150-250lbs	220.00-240.00





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68-R. Vicon fertilizer sower. Model # 2219. Very Good. J.D. Model L.A. tractor. Completely restored. Call 860-871-0171. Cell 860-559-5031.

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91 Kinkelder Orchard mist sprayer. 50 & 100 gallon tanks. Good condition. 860-564-3615.

98-R. Hoophouse 76' x 26', already taken down. \$3,500 or best offer. Call 860-248-3070 or email [vegetablemanager@earthlink.net](mailto:vegetablemanager@earthlink.net).

101 1995 Dodge Dump Rack Body 4X4 A.T. 6 Cyl Cummins Diesel engine with 9' plow, no reverse. Asking \$4,500. 203-288-9676.

106-R. Massey-Ferguson farm tractor, 251 XE 4-wheel drive, 53 HP diesel. 2002, 585 hours, always garaged, like new condition, asking \$15,500. Photos available, call Bob at 860-456-3333, Oak Haven Farm Scotland, CT.

110-R. Used tobacco netting. Great for protecting your blueberry bushes. 860-683-0266.

116-R 1988 F250 4X2 Supercab w/ 7.3 liter diesel, decent shape w/ very strong motor, \$1,000. NH Rake, good condition, \$1,000. International Model 46 Baler w/rebuilt knotters, excellent condition but needs paint, \$1,500. Call Dick Staples 860-933-5622.

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Of those 53 stakeholders, nearly three-quarters (73 percent) indicated they were very or extremely optimistic about the future of Connecticut agriculture (a 4 or 5 on a scale of 1 to 5). Nearly three-quarters (74 percent) thought Connecticut agriculture would have a greater economic value in 10 years.

When asked about the top obstacles to the growth of agriculture in the state, input costs by far received the highest score (134), following by infrastructure gaps (95), regulations (91), and labor availability/skills (83).

The top opportunities for the growth of Connecticut agriculture were identified as market demand, geography, consumer knowledge of Connecticut Grown products, all which were close in scoring (138, 132, 123), followed distantly by infrastructure gaps (58).

Stakeholders were also asked for their thoughts on these and other issues, including competition, safeguards, agency coordination, marketing, and training and education, among others. That input will be assembled with and compared to that gathered through upcoming surveys and listening sessions, and will be used to help shape the focused meetings planned for later this year.

Based on the information gleaned from these extensive information-gathering opportunities, the council plans to issue a preliminary report in January 2013, *Grow Connecticut Farms*. The report will inform decision makers and help guide the council as it continues its efforts to increase consumer demand for Connecticut Grown food and farm products and improve the overall agricultural economy.

For more information about the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development, please go to

[www.CTGrown.gov/GovernorsCouncil](http://www.CTGrown.gov/GovernorsCouncil).

### EMERALD ASH BORER FOUND IN CONNECTICUT

The emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) was detected in Prospect, Connecticut, last week by staff from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), with identification confirmed by the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine.

While this is the first record of this pest in Connecticut, 15 other states have reported infestations. CAES reports that the emerald ash borer is responsible for the death and decline of tens of millions of ash trees from the Midwest to New York State and south to Tennessee. Ash makes up about 4% to 15% of Connecticut's forests and is a common urban tree.

CAES describes the emerald ash borer as "a small and destructive beetle, metallic green in color, and approximately 1/2 inch long and 1/8 inch wide. Adults emerge from the bark of infested trees leaving a small D-shaped exit hole roughly 1/8 inch in diameter."



National Park Service photo

If you see any insects matching this description, contact CAES at 203-974-8440. For more information about the emerald ash borer, please visit [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info).

### ANIMAL WELFARE APPROVED GRANTS AVAILABLE

Animal Welfare Approved has announced a call for proposals for its 2012-2013 Good Husbandry Grants. Certified farmers and those who have submitted an application for AWA certification may apply for up to \$5,000 towards projects such as mobile housing, breeding stock, and on-farm processing equipment. Slaughter plants working with or seeking to work with AWA farmers are also eligible for funding.

The funding priorities for this year's cycle include improved genetics, increased outdoor access, welfare improvements in the slaughter process and non-lethal predator control. A primary goal of this grant program is to facilitate the growth and success of high-welfare, pasture-based systems. The program will also continue its focus on welfare improvements in the slaughter process.

Contact Emily Lancaster at [Emily@animalwelfareapproved.org](mailto:Emily@animalwelfareapproved.org) or 202-628-4497 for more information.

### ARONIA FIELD DAY AUG 9

*Aronia: A New Fruit Crop for the Northeast, a 2012 Field Day*, will be held on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012, in Storrs, Connecticut.

Are you looking for a new crop? This field day will help you learn how to grow and market aronia berries. Event is free and open to the public.

Aronia berries are the fruits of black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*), a native plant. The fruits contain a very high level of antioxidants, making this crop a candidate for processing into nutraceutical and other health products. In addition, aronia fruits can be processed into jams, jellies, and other value-added foods.

These field days are part of a Northeast-SARE project: "Aronia berries: a profitable nutraceutical crop for the Northeast." Visit the website at <http://umaine.edu/agriculture/home/aronia/>. To register for , email names of attendees to [lois.stack@maine.edu](mailto:lois.stack@maine.edu). Be sure to specify the date and location of the event.

### ATTRA NEWS OFFERS INTERNET MARKETING INFO

The July issue of *ATTRAnews*, the bi-monthly newsletter of [ATTRA - National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service](http://attra-national.sustainableagricultureinformation.org), is dedicated to Internet farm marketing.

The newsletter explains, "The Internet is an effective communication and marketing tool that can introduce your farm or ranch to a large number of potential customers. You can advertise your farm with pictures and maps, take orders online, show product availability, keep in touch with your existing customers, and support other ways of selling, such as CSAs or farmers markets. Farmers can create an Internet presence through their own website or by using a website run by a third party."

To read the entire issue, go to [http://attra.ncat.org/newsletter/attranews\\_0712.html](http://attra.ncat.org/newsletter/attranews_0712.html).

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