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## WARM WINTERS PRODUCING HIGHER TICK ABUNDANCE AND INFECTION WITH LYME DISEASE STATEWIDE

**NEW HAVEN** - The Tick Testing Program at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) is reporting higher tick abundance and infection with *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the causative agent of Lyme disease and other tick-borne pathogens this spring throughout Connecticut.

According to program director Dr. Goudarz Molaei, of the more than 450 ticks CAES has received so far this year, nearly 38 percent have tested positive for Lyme disease spirochetes, 10 percent for *Babesia microti*, the causative agent of babesiosis, and 5 percent for *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*, the causative agent of human granulocytic anaplasmosis.

The higher tick abundance appears to be related to warmer winter temperatures in Connecticut during the last two years.

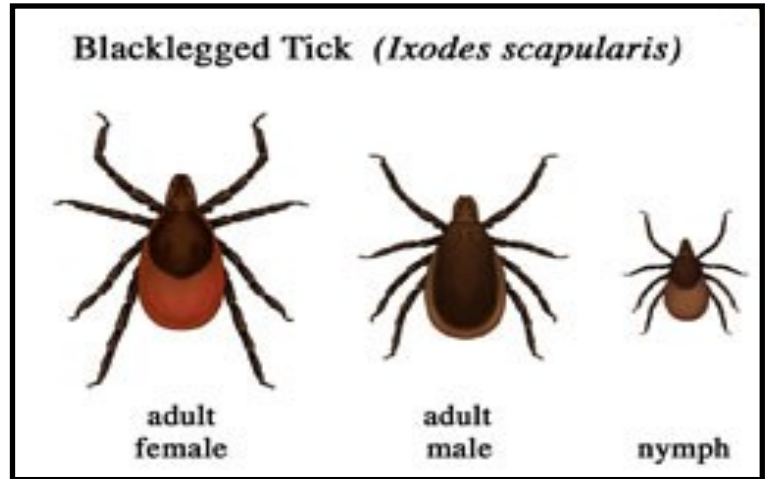
The greatest risk of being bitten exists in the spring, summer, and fall. However, adults may be out searching for a host any time winter temperatures are above freezing. Stages most likely to bite humans are nymphs and adult females.

There were 2,553 reported cases of Lyme disease, 286 cases of babesiosis, and 120 cases of human granulocytic anaplasmosis in Connecticut in 2015, the latest data available.

Over the past five years, the Tick Testing Laboratory has received 12,483 ticks from Connecticut residents or health departments for testing. On average, 27 percent tested positive for the Lyme disease agent.

“Although we have yet to reach peak tick activity this spring, adult deer ticks, *Ixodes scapularis*, are already active and biting residents in greater numbers,” said Dr. Theodore Andreadis, Director of CAES. “At this time of year, personal protection measures and conducting tick checks remain the most effective ways to reduce the risk of tick-borne diseases.”

Lyme disease is the most commonly reported vector-borne disease in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Lyme disease affects an estimated 329,000 people in the U.S. each year and can cause severe damage to joints and the nervous system.



*Infection rate for Borrelia burgdorferi, the causative agent of Lyme disease, in Blacklegged or deer ticks tested at the CAES Tick Testing Laboratory in 2016*

County	# of Ticks tested 2016	Percent of ticks tested positive for <i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i>
Fairfield	1237	26.3
New Haven	492	31.5
Hartford	166	31.9
Litchfield	121	29.7
Middlesex	64	32.8
New London	22	40.3
Tolland	31	25.8
Windham	11	54.5

Detailed information about the Tick Testing Laboratory, personal protection measures, tick control measures, and tick-associated diseases can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.ct.gov/caes/cwp/view.asp?a=2837&q=378212&caesNav=1>  
<http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/>  
<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/>

**LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS</b> Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	65.00	68.50
boners 80-85% lean	63.00	67.50
lean 88-90% lean	61.00	65.50
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	127.00	132.50
Choice 2-3	123.00	127.50
Select 1-2	117.00	122.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	90.00	91.00
Choice 2-3	84.50	89.00
Sel 1-2	108.00	110.00
<b>CALVES - Graded bull</b>		
No 1 90-130 lbs	125.00	140.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice 1-2		
30-40 lbs	270.00	280.00
40-50 lbs	290.00	325.00
50-60 lbs	260.00	295.00
60-70 lbs	265.00	270.00
70-80 lbs	250.00	275.00
80-90 lbs	255.00	270.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice 2-3		
90-110 lbs	250.00	272.00
110-130 lbs	230.00	255.00
130-150 lbs	170.00	190.00
150-200 lbs	155.00	170.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3</b>		
80-120 lbs	100.00	125.00
120-160 lbs	85.00	112.00
160-200 lbs	85.00	105.00
200-300 lbs	85.00	97.00
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1</b>		
20-40 lbs	125.00	145.00
40-60 lbs	155.00	180.00
60-80 lbs	220.00	230.00
80-100 lbs	195.00	225.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1</b>		
80-130 lbs	170.00	205.00
130-180 lbs	215.00	250.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1</b>		
80-100 lbs	195.00	225.00
100-150 lbs	220.00	265.00
150-250 lbs	300.00	345.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Avg dressing. Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	49.00	56.00
	300-350 lbs	50.00	58.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	41.00	51.00
Sows, US 1-3	300-500 lbs	30.00	37.00
	500-800 lbs	30.50	40.00
Boars	400-800 lbs	2.00	5.00

**DAIRY REPLACEMENT COWS**

N. Holland, PA, April 12, 2017. By the head.

<b>FRESH COWS:</b>		
SUPREME	1550.00	1750.00
APPROVED	1000.00	1400.00
MEDIUM	850.00	1100.00
<b>SPRINGING COWS (7-9 MONTHS):</b>		
APPROVED	1175.00	1400.00
MEDIUM	825.00	925.00
<b>SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):</b>		
SUPREME	1475.00	1525.00
APPROVED	1100.00	1450.00
MEDIUM	850.00	1150.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LB CTN	14.00	14.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4 OZ	16.00	16.50
APPLE, CORTLND, XF, 12-3LB	21.00	21.00
APPLE, HNYCRISP, XFCY, 88	68.00	70.00
APPLE, MAC, #1, 120	18.00	19.00
APPLE, MAC, #1, 140	18.00	19.00
APPLE, MAC, XFY, 2-1/2", 12-3LB	22.00	22.00
APPLE, MAC, FCY, 2-1/2", 12-3LB	18.00	18.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON	19.00	21.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	21.00	22.50
PARSNIPS, 20 LBS	23.00	23.00
PARSNIPS, 18- 1 LB SACKS	22.00	24.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZA, 50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZB, 50LB	14.00	15.00
POTATO, RNDRED, NG, SZA, 50LB	10.00	11.00
POTATO, RNDWT, #1, CHF, 50LB	12.00	13.00
POTATO, RNDWT, #1, 10 LB FILM	2.25	2.50
POTATO, YLLW, #1, SZB, 50 LB	11.00	11.00
POTATO, YELLOW, #1, SZA, 50LB	13.00	13.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, CHEF, 50LB	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES, GHSE, 25 LBS	15.00	15.00
TOMATO, GHS, ONVINE, 11 LBS	20.00	20.00
TOMATOES, GHS, CHERRY, 5LB	10.00	14.00
TOMS, GHS, CHRRY, 8-10 OZ	20.00	24.00

**NORTHEAST RETAIL WEEKLY REPORT**

\$ per lb or as noted.

KALE, PER BUNCH	.99	2.00
KALE	.88	1.29
POTATOES, RND RED, 5 LBS	2.47	3.99
POTATOES, RND RED	.79	1.29
POTATOES, RND WHITE, 5 LBS	1.48	3.00
POTATOES, RND WHITE	.87	.87
POTATOES, RUSSET, 10 LBS	2.99	4.99
POTATOES, RUSSET, 5 LBS	1.59	2.99
STRAWBERRIES, 1 LB PKG	1.66	3.99
STRAWBERRIES, 2 LB PKG	3.88	4.99
POTATOES, RUSSET	.50	1.29
POTATOES, YELLOW, 5 LBS	2.47	3.99
RADISHES, 1 LB BAG	1.49	1.49
RADISHES, PER BUNCH	.75	.99

**VERMONT MONTHLY BEEF REPORT**

Month of February ending March 31, 2017. \$/lb.

TENDERLOIN	15.00	24.00
RIBEYE/DELMONICO, BNLS	13.50	20.00
BONE-IN RIBEYE STEAK	12.00	17.00
NY STRIP	13.50	20.00
PORTERHOUSE	12.00	20.00
T-BONE	12.00	17.50
SIRLOIN	8.00	16.00
FLANK STEAK	7.00	14.00
SKIRT STEAK	7.00	16.00
LONDON BROIL	7.00	12.00
SHORT RIBS	5.00	9.00
RIB ROAST	12.00	16.50
SIRLOIN TIP ROAST	6.75	14.00
TOP ROUND ROAST	6.75	12.00
BOTTOM ROUND ROAST	6.00	10.75
CHUCK ROAST	6.00	10.00
BRISKET	6.75	10.00
HAMBURGER	5.50	10.00
BEEF STEW	5.50	10.00
HEART	3.00	5.00
TONGUE	3.00	5.00
LIVER	3.00	5.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - April 17, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	30.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.	50.00	55.00
76-90 lbs.	60.00	62.50
91-105 lbs.	64.50	69.00
106 lbs. & up	70.00	74.00
Farm Calves	75.00	78.00
Starter Calves	45.00	52.00
Veal Calves	85.00	150.00
Feeder Heifers	100.00	130.00
Beef Heifers	75.00	107.00
Feeder Steers	97.00	112.50
Beef Steers	75.00	115.00
Feeder Bulls	110.00	115.00
Beef Bulls	75.00	112.50
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	1@	45.00
Sheep each	60.00	115.00
Lambs each	75.00	155.00
Goats each	85.00	270.00
Kid Goats each	75.00	135.00
Canners	up to	65.50
Cutters	66.50	70.00
Utility Grade Cows	71.00	75.00
Rabbits each	12.00	26.00
Chickens each	3.00	47.50
Ducks each	8.00	95.00

**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white  
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.67	.86
LARGE	.61	.75
MEDIUM	.42	.55

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**Per doz. Grade A brown in  
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.13	1.29
LARGE	1.08	1.16
MEDIUM	.76	.85
SMALL	.49	.55

**RETAIL LAMB & VEAL REPORT**

Advertised prices for 3/24/2017 to 3/30/2017. \$/lb.

<b>LAMB</b>		
SHLDR BLADE CHOPS	4.99	6.99
SHLDR RND BONE CHOP	5.49	7.49
RACK	9.99	9.99
RIB CHOPS	9.99	16.99
LOIN CHOPS	5.99	12.99
BONELESS LEG	5.99	5.99
LEG, SHANK/BUTT	4.49	4.49
GROUND LAMB	3.80	3.80
SHANK	3.99	3.99
STEW MEAT- LAMB	5.49	5.49
STEW MEAT-MUTTON	3.99	3.99
<b>VEAL</b>		
SHLDR BLADE CHOP	4.27	5.99
SHLDR RND BONE CHOP	4.99	4.99
BREAST	2.59	3.99
LOIN CHOPS	6.99	9.99
LEG CUTLETS	11.99	14.99
SCALLOPINI	15.99	15.99
GROUND VEAL	3.99	3.99
STEW MEAT	6.99	7.99



### **HIGH TUNNEL FUNDING APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 19**

The Connecticut office of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service is offering additional resources to qualified producers interested in obtaining high tunnels.

Funds are provided through the agency's Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program and will assist qualified producers in implementing a high tunnel system.

AMA, authorized under the 2014 Farm Bill, helps agricultural producers use conservation to manage risk and solve natural resource issues through natural resources conservation.

High tunnel systems provide benefits such as extending the growing season, improving plant and soil quality, improving air quality, and energy reduction.

#### **FOR SALE**

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or [www.bludon.com](http://www.bludon.com)

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4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

5-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.

27-R. Quality hay for sale; large bales from fertilized fields no kicker bales. 25 bale minimum \$5.75 per bale. Call 203-453-9865.

42-R. Greenhouse furnaces 300,000 – 400,000 BTU's. Price range from \$1,500.00 to \$3,000.00. Call Alex 203-223-4853.

46-R. NH TT75A Tractor w/bucket, 75 HP, NH 411 Discbine, NH BR 730 Round Baler, NH 276 Square Baler, Kuhn 4 star Tedder, 98 Bison Stock Trailer, Bale Spear, 5 ft. Tiller, cow manure. 203-770-4199. J&S Farm, New Milford, CT.

NRCS is currently offering high tunnel systems and associated practices, such as irrigation and erosion control, through AMA.

Highest consideration will be given to urban areas, and medium consideration to suburban areas. Eligible producers who sign up may receive an incentive payment based on the statewide average cost for installing planned conservation practices.

Socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers are eligible for a higher payment rate.

Applications for this round of funding must be submitted by May 19.

A conservation plan must be completed before an application can be considered for funding. Applicants are encouraged to contact their local NRCS field office as soon as possible:

- Danielson: 71 Westcott Road, 860-779-0557
- Hamden: 51 Mill Pond Road, 203-287-8038
- Norwich: Yantic River Plaza, 238 West Town Street, 860-887-3604
- Torrington: 1185 New Litchfield Street, 860-626-8258
- Windsor: 100 Northfield Drive, 4th Floor, 860-688-7725

47-R. Hay square bales- 1<sup>st</sup> cut \$6.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> cut \$7.00. P.U. Dried chicken manure, trailer loads, delivered. 860-537-1974.

48-R. 16 foot aluminum refrigerated/freezer trailer perfect for Farmers' Markets or emergency backup. Call 860-302-0194.

49-R. Angus bull-proven breeder, Yearling Angus, and Angus cross heifer. Call Diane 860-302-0194.

50-R. Retiring from farming. Greenhouse and vegetable equipment for sale. [www.wagonroadgreenhouse.com](http://www.wagonroadgreenhouse.com) for pictures and details.

53. For Sale: Poultry equipment – nesting boxes, transport crates, feeders, etc. call 860-651-8928.

#### **WANTED**

30-R. Standing timber wanted. Hardwood/softwood, especially sugar maple/white oak. Top prices paid. Licensed and insured. 10 acre minimum. 860-798-4039.

51-R. Research, written information. Irving Lockwood stationery Hay-Baler; manufactured and patented 1906, Georgetown, CT. Tel. 203-544-8411. Lv msg.

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## POST YOUR FARM PHOTOS WITH #CTGROWN

*The Department of Agriculture is encouraging agricultural producers to share photos from their farm on social media using the hashtag #CTGrown.*

*Selected pictures may be reprinted in the Weekly Agricultural Report and on the agency's social media pages.*

*The photo at left was posted on the Facebook page of Simpaug Farms in West Suffield, showing a worker watering onions in a high tunnel last weekend.*

*The 250-acre farm, whose business office is in Ridgefield, is a regular vendor at farmers' markets in Ellington and Fairfield, and runs a 200-member CSA with weekly pickups in several Fairfield County towns.*



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