

# Connecticut Weekly AGRICULTURAL REPORT

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*Some of the goats and Pekin ducks removed from a Lisbon farm are shown at the Dept. of Agriculture's large-animal rehabilitation facility in Niantic.*

## **NEGLECT COMPLAINTS LEAD TO SEIZURE OF GOATS, POULTRY IN LISBON**

The Dept. of Agriculture has seized nine goats and numerous ducks, chickens and turkeys from a Lisbon farm in an animal-neglect investigation.

The animals were removed last week from a farm where their owner, Rebecca Brodie, had recently leased space for the animals.

Brodie came to Connecticut in July from Holliston, Mass., where records show she faced 20 complaints of wandering livestock, dirty conditions, and unvaccinated and unlicensed dogs.

The Holliston Board of Health late last month had ordered Brodie to remove the animals from her property there or face fines.

On July 28, the Connecticut Dept. of Agriculture received a complaint from the owner of property in Plymouth, Connecticut, to where Brodie had moved her animals after leaving Massachusetts.

The complaint alleged that her care and feeding practices for the animals were inconsistent.

Department inspectors opened an investigation, and contacted Massachusetts agricultural officials to request records of any documents relating to the animals, including health and importation certificates and disease test results.

On Aug. 4, the Department received a complaint from the owner of the Lisbon farm, to where Brodie had subsequently moved the animals from Plymouth. The complaint alleged that Brodie had not provided proper care

or feed for the animals and that several birds had died. At the Department's request, the local animal control officer responded to the farm that day.

Brodie and a helper were at the barn, where the officer found kid goats with diarrhea, a duck in Brodie's vehicle which had been "beaten up" by other birds, and numerous chickens locked in unventilated storage containers in hot conditions, and where some had earlier died.

The officer, who ordered the chickens to be removed from the containers, was told that a kid goat and three meat chickens had died during or shortly after being transported to the farm.

The farm owner said Brodie had transported the goats in an SUV in two loads.

The Dept. of Agriculture also found that Brodie had secured none of the necessary health and importation permits required to lawfully bring the animals into Connecticut.

On Aug. 7, a Department inspector and animal control officer conducted an unannounced inspection at the Lisbon farm, where the goats and poultry were ordered to be quarantined due to a lack of proper documentation including disease testing.

The inspection also found:

- Inadequate food and housing for the four adult and five kid goats, which are also suspected of

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

XTRA LARGE	.82	.97
LARGE	.76	.90
MEDIUM	.49	.62

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

XTRA LARGE	1.45	1.56
LARGE	1.40	1.49
MEDIUM	.84	.94
SMALL	.48	.58

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	57.00	68.00
	300-350 lbs	51.00	61.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	45.50	60.00
	300-350 lbs	43.00	43.00
	350-400 lbs	44.00	47.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	52.00	59.00
	500-800 lbs	22.00	66.00
Boars	300-400 lbs	12.00	18.00
	400-850 lbs	5.00	12.00

**USDA WHOLESALE CUTFLOWERS**

August 22, 2017. \$/pack as noted.

AGERATUM, PA, /BN, L	8.50	8.50
ALLIUM, DRMSTC, NJ, BUNCH	9.00	9.00
AMARANTHUS, UPRT, PA, /BN	8.50	8.50
ASCLEPIAS, PA, 10/BN, LNG	8.50	10.00
CELOSIA, PA, PLUMOSA, BN	8.50	8.50
CORNFLOWER, CA, 25/BN, XL	15.00	15.00
DAHLIA, 5/BN, PA, LONG	10.00	10.00
DELPHNM, HYB, NENG, 10/BN	14.00	14.00
GLAD, STD, CA, 10/BN, LNG	12.50	15.00
GOMPHRENA, PA, /BN, LONG	10.00	10.00
LAVENDER, PA, PER BN, LNG	10.00	10.00
LILY, ASIATIC, ME, 10 /BN, XL	13.50	13.50
LISANTHUS, NENG, 10/BN, L	17.50	18.50
QUN ANNE LACE, CA, /BN, L	8.50	8.50
RUDBECKIA, PA, PER BN, L	8.50	8.50
SCABIOSA, PA, 10/BN, L	13.50	13.50
SNAPDRGON, NENG, 10/BN, L	11.50	11.50
STOCK, CA, DBL, 5/BN, LNG	12.00	12.00
SUNFLOWER, NENG, 5/BN, XL	6.50	6.50
SUNFLOWER, NENG, 10/BN, L	8.50	8.50
YARROW, YLW, CD, /BN, L	8.50	8.50
ZINNIA, NENG, /BN, LONG	7.00	7.00
ZINNIA, PA, /BN, LONG	6.50	6.50

**NEW ENGLAND HONEY**

\$/unit.

PROPOLIS TINCTURE:		
2 OZ, WHLSE	16.00	18.00
HONEY, 1 LB, WHOLESALE	9.00	12.00
HONEY, FOODSERVICE:		
5 GALLON	200.00	235.00
BEESWAX:		
1 LB, CLEAN WHITE, WHLSLE	5.50	5.75
50 LB BLOCK, CLEAN WHITE:		
WHSLE, PER LB	4.50	5.00
OVER 50 LBS,		
WHSLE, PER LB	2.20	3.50
1 LB, WHITE CLEAN, RETAIL	16.00	20.00

**CONNECTICUT FARMERS' MARKET**

Price per lb or as noted. August 12-16, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
APPLES, GINGER GOLD HNDL	15.00	15.00
APPLES, EARLY MAC, /QT	3.00	3.00
BLACKBERRIES, 6-1PT	35.00	35.00
BLUEBERRIES, W/FILM, PINT	5.00	5.00
CABBAGE, PER HEAD	3.00	3.00
CARROTS, PER BUNCH	2.00	2.00
CORN, SWEET, EACH	.33	.50
CORN, SWEET, PER DOZEN	5.00	6.00
CUKES, EACH	.75	1.50
CUKES, 1/2 BU	10.00	15.00
CUKES, PICKLERS, 1/2 BU	20.00	55.00
CUKES, PICKLERS, QUART	3.00	4.00
EGGPLANT, QUART	4.00	4.00
EGGS, PER DOZEN	3.00	3.00
GREENS, /BUNCH	1.00	3.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, /BUNCH	1.00	1.00
PEACHES, QUART	3.00	5.00
PEACHES, 8 QT HANDLE	15.00	15.00
RADISHES, PER BUNCH	1.00	1.00
RADISHES, PER BOX	10.00	10.00
SQUASH, QUART	3.00	4.00
TOMATOES, PER QT	4.00	4.00
TOMATOES, CANNERS, 1/2 BU	10.00	10.00
TOMATO, CHERRY, HNDL BSKT	15.00	15.00
TOMATO, PURPLCHRRY, HBSKT	15.00	15.00

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

APPLES, GINGR GOLD, LOOSE	22.00	22.00
APPLES, JRYS MAC, LOOSE	22.00	22.00
APPLES, JRYS MAC, 12-3 LB	22.00	22.00
BEANS, FLAT GREEN, BU	28.00	28.00
BEANS, GRN, HNDPKD, BU	28.00	30.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	38.00	38.00
BEETS, 12 BN/CARTON	15.00	16.00
BLUEBERRY, 12-1PT CUP W/LID	30.00	38.00
BROCCOLI, BUNCHED, 14	13.00	15.00
BROCCOLI, 20 LBS	14.00	16.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, 50 LBS	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE, RED, 50 LBS	18.00	18.00
CARROTS, 25 LB SACKS	11.00	11.00
CAULIFLOWER, 9S, JKTPK	14.00	14.00
CAULIFLOWER, 12S, JKTPK	15.00	18.00
COLLARDS, CRATE, BNCHD, 12	12.00	13.00
CORN, 5 DOZ	15.00	18.00
CUKE, PCKLING, BU	30.00	30.00
CUKES, SS, 1-1/9	18.00	22.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9	14.00	20.00
KALE, BUNCHED, 12	12.00	13.00
KALE, 18 LBS	16.00	16.00
KALE, LACINITO, BUNCHED, 12	16.00	16.00
MUSTARD, 12	15.00	15.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, 1-1/9 BU	58.00	60.00
PEPPER, GREEN BELL, XL, 1-1/9	12.00	18.00
POTATO, RND WHT, CHF, 50LB	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, #1, 1/2 BU	16.00	18.00
SQUASH, GREEN, #1, 1/2 BU	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, YELSTRNCK, M, 1/2 BU	10.00	16.00
SQUASH, YELSTRNCK, S, 1/2 BU	12.00	18.00
TOM, GHS, CHRRY, ONVINE, 5 LB	13.00	14.00
TOMS, GHS, VNRP, 25 LBS	18.00	22.00
TOMS, GHS, 11 LBS, ON VINE	12.00	14.00
TOMATOES, NATIVE, 20 LBS	26.00	26.00
TURNIP TOPS GREENS, 12 BN	15.00	15.00
TOMS, GHS, 11 LBS, ON VINE	12.00	14.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - August 21, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	45.00	50.00
61-75 lbs.	60.00	65.00
76-90 lbs.	72.00	75.00
91-105 lbs.	78.00	82.50
106 lbs. & up	85.00	90.00
Farm Calves	92.50	96.00
Starter Calves	40.00	44.00
Veal Calves	82.00	180.00
Feeder Heifers	85.00	91.00
Beef Heifers	75.00	88.00
Feeder Steers	100.00	104.00
Beef Steers	86.00	105.00
Feeder Bulls	76.00	85.00
Beef Bulls	84.00	105.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	1@	.30/lb
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	1@	.775/lb
Feeder Pigs each	36.00	42.50
Sheep each	65.00	97.50
Lambs each	80.00	350.00
Goats each	100.00	370.00
Kid Goats each	95.00	250.00
Canners	up to	62.50
Cutters	62.00	64.00
Utility Grade Cows	65.00	68.00
Rabbits each	4.00	15.00
Chickens each	5.00	32.50
Ducks each	4.00	12.00

Auction is open on Labor Day, Sept. 4

**LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	65.00	69.00
boners 80-85% lean	63.00	68.50
lean 88-90% lean	57.00	64.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	113.50	119.50
Choice 2-3	110.00	113.00
Select 1-2	105.00	109.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	96.00	97.00
Choice 2-3	88.00	91.00
Sel 1-2	83.00	87.50
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 90-130 lbs	120.00	134.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn Markets:		
Choice 1-2		
50-60 lbs	240.00	265.00
60-70 lbs	210.00	245.00
70-80 lbs	200.00	235.00
80-90 lbs	195.00	230.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn Markets: Choice 2-3		
90-110 lbs	185.00	215.00
110-130 lbs	168.00	190.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	90.00	135.00
120-160 lbs	80.00	110.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
20-40 lbs	110.00	125.00
40-60 lbs	130.00	165.00
60-80 lbs	150.00	190.00

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being diseased. Four Nubian kids were found huddled together in a box stall, acting depressed, sick and weak, and some of the adults showed signs of emaciation.

- Inadequate food and housing for 35 laying hens, four Pekin ducks, four white turkeys and three meat chickens.

Brodie was issued a cease-and-desist order instructing her to retain a veterinarian to care for the animals.

She subsequently left the property that day and did not return until three days later, when the farm owner reported that she arrived with a bale of moldy hay that could not be used as feed. She also declined the Department's offer to voluntarily transfer custody of the animals to the state.

A veterinarian called to the farm by the property owner the day of the inspection found that the kid goats had fevers and were not typically vocal and active.

The veterinarian suspected the goats were suffering from internal parasites, and immediately began a regimen of treatment.

The farm owner agreed to feed the animals in Brodie's absence, and the Department of Agriculture delivered bales of hay to the farm the following day, when the farm owner requested the Department remove the animals from the property as soon as possible.

The farm owner also agreed to feed and care for the animals under the veterinarian's guidance until the Department could secure a search-and-seizure warrant from a Superior Court judge to remove the animals, which was done on Aug. 16.

The Dept. of Agriculture is now seeking formal custody of the animals in Superior Court, and an investigation is being conducted to determine if criminal charges are warranted in the case.

The animals are being cared for at the Department's large animal rehabilitation facility in Niantic.

**FOR SALE**

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**NEW ENGLAND/CT OBSERVATIONS FROM THE USDA/NASS CROP PROGRESS & CONDITION REPORT FOR 8/14 THROUGH 8/20**

New England averaged 6 days suitable for field work last week. Weather varied greatly throughout the New England states.

Dry and near drought conditions were reported in many areas while others reported receiving several inches of rainfall. Regional weekly temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below to 5 degrees above normal.

Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.00 to 5.42 inches throughout the region.

Crop growth, specifically hay and potatoes were slow in Maine because of the dry weather conditions. Blueberry crop was also impacted by the lack of moisture but harvest had started in some areas.

Regions that received some rain reported great crop growth and conditions. Corn was reported as maturing well and grass growth in pastures and hayfields were strong as well. Orchardists had started harvesting peaches, plum and early varieties of apples.

Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) were reported in some areas but producers were continuously monitoring and spraying regularly.

Growers had started irrigating and are harvesting an array of vegetables such as beans, beets, cucumbers, greens, peas, potatoes, pumpkins, radishes, summer squash, sweet corn, tomatoes, and other vegetables.

Grapes were reported as going through veraison and warm weather will be needed to complete ripening in the next weeks to come.

**CONNECTICUT**

- **Litchfield County/Richard Meinert**

Corn is ripening. One can always tell - the reports of bear damage in fields start coming in!

**The full report and other publications are available at:**

[www.nass.usda.gov/nh](http://www.nass.usda.gov/nh)

84-R. Farm Truck: 1999 Chevy K-3500, 4 wheel drive, towing package, hydraulic/electric Meyers snowplow. Frame good. \$5,800.00. 860-481-0029.

85-R. Willington, 47.29 acres. Two hay fields and pond. 540' frontage on Route 44. Property backs onto Nipmuck/blue trail and Willington Conservation area. Six-minute drive to UCONN center. 860-872-6637 or 860614-5954.

86-R. Bright, clean rye straw, round bales or squares. Also, rye seed for cover crop. 860-355-1264.

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Horses being offered for adoption are, clockwise from top: Isis, an Arabian mare about 28 years old; Libby, an 8-year-old Paint mare; and Cheyenne, a BLM Mustang mare that is 16 years old. Libby and Cheyenne have conditions that make them unable to be ridden.

### DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE OFFERING HORSES FOR ADOPTION

Three horses placed in the care and custody of the Department of Agriculture through investigations by the agency's Animal Control Division are being offered for adoption to responsible individuals or organizations.

All of the horses have been cleared to move to new homes, are up to date with vaccinations and have been implanted with a microchip.

A full medical history will be provided to each adopter. They are now housed at the department's large-animal rehabilitation facility in Niantic.

Some of the horses were removed from their owners due to complaints of neglect or abuse, and may have physical and social limitations that could require continued medical care or special living conditions.

Potential adopters will be required to:

- Submit an adoption application and signed adoption agreement.
- Agree to a background check and inspection of where the horses will be housed prior to being approved.
- Agree to other announced or unannounced inspections by Dept. of Agriculture Animal Control Officers.

Adoption applications and more information on the Second Chance adoption program is available on the department's website, [CTGrown.gov](http://CTGrown.gov) under Animals and Animal Health.

Applicants may be contacted for more information and to schedule an on-site inspection prior to approval.

Adopters will be requested to consider making a donation to the State Animal Abuse Cost Recovery Account, which helps pay for care of animals at the Niantic facility (pictured above).

Contact **Linda Wenner** at the Department of Agriculture at [linda.wenner@ct.gov](mailto:linda.wenner@ct.gov) or 860-713-2567.

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