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GOVERNOR JOINS FARMERS, LAWMAKERS IN SUPPORTING STAND-ALONE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

HARTFORD - Flanked by a pair of green-and-yellow tractors and a crowd of farmers, lawmakers and media outside the State Capitol Tuesday, Gov. Dannel P. Malloy bluntly affirmed his opposition to a legislative budget proposal to merge the Dept. of Agriculture with another agency.

"Let's not be silly," the Governor said during a pause in the morning's rain showers. "I'm not going to eliminate the department of Ag – nor will I sign any document that does."

A proposal floated during the General Assembly's budget process would fold the agency into the Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection.

The rally, organized by the Connecticut Farm Bureau and two state represen-

-tatives from the General Assembly's "Rural Caucus," was designed to voice support for agriculture in general and for the Dept. of Agriculture to remain an independent, "stand-alone" agency.

"Nobody has combined more departments in the past than I have," Malloy said. "I got that done early, and I'm done doing it. We need a Department of Insurance. We need a Department of Agriculture. We need a Department of Housing. These are important subsets of Connecticut that deserve their own representation."

Attendees also urged support for maintaining Community Investment Act funding for farmers



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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	67.00	72.50
boners 80-85% lean	67.00	72.50
lean 88-90% lean	62.00	69.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	132.00	137.00
Choice 2-3	128.00	132.50
Select 1-2	123.00	127.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	110.00	116.00
Choice 2-3	97.00	103.00
Sel 1-2	88.00	96.00
HOLSTEIN CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 120-130 lbs	217.50	217.50
No 1 90-118 lbs	200.00	220.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
0-20 lbs	85.00	110.00
20-40 lbs	130.00	145.00
40-60 lbs	170.00	205.00
60-80 lbs	205.00	240.00
80-100 lbs	235.00	260.00
100-200 lbs	262.00	280.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	190.00	205.00
130-180 lbs	245.00	270.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
80-100 lbs	225.00	230.00
100-150 lbs	250.00	270.00
150-250 lbs	290.00	335.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Avg dressing. Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	56.00	61.50
48-52	200-300 lbs	45.00	53.00
Sows, US 1-3	300-500 lbs	37.00	43.00
	500-700 lbs	39.00	44.50
Boars	200-400 lbs	5.00	16.00

NATIONAL ORGANIC GRAIN AND FEEDSTUFFS BI-WEEKLY REPORT

Grain grower spot feed grade prices. Delivered elevator/warehouse. US \$/bu.

Yellow Corn	7.75	8.25
Soybeans	17.50	18.00
Wheat	8.00	9.00
Oats	n/a	n/a
Barley	7.00	7.00
Rye	7.00	7.00
FOB farm gate prices. US \$/bu.		
Yellow Corn	7.55	9.00
Soybeans	17.10	17.75

VIRGINIA FARMERS' MKT- ORGANIC

Vegetable prices from May 31, 2017. \$ per unit.

Asparagus, per lb.	8.00	8.00
Beets, bunch	3.00	4.50
Carrots, bunch	3.50	3.50
Greens, bunch	4.00	4.00
Kale, bunch	4.00	4.00
Lettuce, head, per half lb.	5.00	5.00
Onions, bunch	3.00	3.00
Radishes, bunch	1.50	3.50
Spinach, lb.	3.00	3.00
Squash, lb.	4.00	4.00
Swiss Chard, lb.	4.00	4.00
Tomatoes, lb.	4.00	4.00
Turnips, bunch	3.00	3.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston 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
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
CHIVES, 1 LB FILM BAG	8.00	10.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON	21.00	22.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	22.50	25.00
FIDDLEHEADS, 10 LBS	45.00	55.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB	24.00	25.00
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	13.00	14.00
POTATO,RNDWT,#1,10-5LB	13.00	13.00
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
RADISHES, 24	16.00	16.00
RHUBARB,OPN FIELD, 20 LB	35.00	38.00
TOMS, GHS, VINERIPE, 11 LBS	14.00	14.00
TOMS, GHS, VINERIPE, 25 LBS	15.00	15.00

SHIPPED IN

ASPARAGUS, NJ, L, 28 BN	60.00	62.00
BEANS, GREEN, GA, MCHPK, BU	17.00	20.00
BEANS, CRNBRY, GA, BU	45.00	45.00
BEANS, FAVA, NJ, BU	45.00	45.00
BEANS, FLAT, GA, BU	28.00	28.00
BEANS, WAX, GA, BU	35.00	36.00
BEETS, RED, NJ, 12 BN	16.00	18.00
BLUEBERRIES, NC, 12-1 PT	26.00	27.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 2 BUSHEL	25.00	26.00
COLLARDS, NJ, 12 BN	13.00	13.00
CORN, BI-COLOR, FL 4.5 DOZ	14.00	17.00
CUKES, GA, 1-1/9 BU	24.00	28.00
CUKES, PICKL, NJ, 200-300S	45.00	50.00
DANDELION GRNS, NJ, 12 BN	16.00	18.00
ENDIVE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	16.00	18.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	15.00	18.00
KALE GREENS, NJ, 12 BN	13.00	14.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, NJ, 24	14.00	16.00
LETT, BSTN, GHS, CAN, 12- 4 OZ	16.00	17.00
LETTUCE, GRNLF, NJ, 24	14.00	16.00
LETT, MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3LB	5.50	7.50
LETT, MESC MIX, ORG, CA, 3LB	8.00	9.00
LETTUCE, OAKLF, CA, 2.2 LB	12.00	14.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, NJ, 24	14.00	16.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, NJ, 24	12.00	16.00
LEEKs, NJ, 12	16.00	18.00
MACHE, GHSE, PA, 3 LBS	12.00	12.00
MUSTARD, CURLY, 12 BN	14.00	15.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ 60	22.00	24.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, 60	30.00	32.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, CA, BU	60.00	65.00
RADISHES, NJ, 1/2 BRUCE, 24	18.00	18.00
SPINACH, FLAT, CTN, NJ, 24	22.00	22.00
STRAWBERRIES, CA, 8-1 LB	10.00	14.00
STRAWBS, ORG, CA, 8-1 LB	16.00	16.00
SWISS CHARD, NJ, 12	16.00	16.00
TOMATO, GHS, OH, 15 LBS	15.00	18.00
TOMS, CHERRY, ORG, FL, 1 PT	29.00	29.00
TURNIP TOP GREENS, GA, 12	14.00	15.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - June 5, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	50.00	55.00
61-75 lbs.	60.00	64.00
76-90 lbs.	195.00	200.00
91-105 lbs.	205.00	207.50
106 lbs. & up	210.00	215.00
Farm Calves	220.00	225.00
Starter Calves	45.00	60.00
Veal Calves	95.00	127.50
Feeder Heifers	115.00	160.00
Beef Heifers	73.00	100.00
Feeder Steers	140.00	160.00
Beef Steers	90.00	100.00
Feeder Bulls	130.00	150.00
Beef Bulls	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	26.00	32.00
Butcher Hogs	42.00	58.00
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	110.00	190.00
Lambs each	75.00	230.00
Goats each	50.00	250.00
Kid Goats each	85.00	140.00
Canners	up to	69.00
Cutters	70.00	72.00
Utility Grade Cows	73.00	77.00
Rabbits each	5.00	37.50
Chickens each	3.00	21.00
Ducks each	4.00	12.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.69	.87
LARGE	.63	.77
MEDIUM	.51	.64

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.16	1.29
LARGE	1.06	1.19
MEDIUM	.79	.89
SMALL	.48	.58

WHOLESALE ORGANIC POULTRY

\$/lb.

WHOLE FRYER	1.70	3.32
B/S BREAST	5.69	10.58
BONE-IN BREAST	3.60	6.16
WHOLE LEG	1.88	4.76
THIGHS	1.95	3.92
BROWN EGGS, PER DOZEN		
XL	2.61	3.60
L	2.30	3.50

WHOLESALE ORGANIC FRUIT

STRAWBERRY, 8-1 LB W/LID:		
BOSTON	26.00	26.00
SAN FRANCISCO	14.50	20.00
BLACKBERRY, 12- 5.6-6 OZ CUP W/LID		
BOSTON	40.00	40.00
SAN FRANCISCO	29.00	37.50
RED RASPBERRY, 12-6 OZ CUP W/LID:		
BOSTON	21.00	33.00
SAN FRANCISCO	37.50	38.50
BLUEBERRIES, 1-6 OZ CUP W/LID:		
BOSTON	30.00	36.00
SAN FRANCISCO	30.00	32.00

and programs. As farmers and other attendees held signs including: "Keep AG Growing," and "Save The Dept. of AG," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky thanked the Governor and legislators for their backing of the agency and agriculture, which he noted accounts for 28,000 jobs and \$3.5 billion in annual economic activity.

"It means a whole lot to Connecticut's farm families that you offer them the support that you do," Reviczky said. "They're surrounding you here and they take it to heart that you support the hard work that they do each and every day."

Rep. Doug Dubitsky, R-Chaplin, a lawyer who also farms and helped organize Tuesday's event, said merging the agency would be "a disaster for the farming community."

"The Department of Ag has done a great job over the years working with farmers and we want to make sure that continues, regardless of what happens in the budget," he said.

Rep. Pat Boyd, D-Pomfret, said he co-sponsored the event with Dubitsky to make sure that "agriculture is not lost in the budget process."

"Agriculture is a huge part of our economic scheme," he said. "It's a huge part of life in north-eastern Connecticut."

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66-R. For Sale: Mulch hay. \$2.50 per bale. Stafford Springs 860-684-7112.

Henry Talmage, Executive Director of Connecticut Farm Bureau, pointed out that Connecticut led New England in the growth of new farms in the last USDA census.

Those approximately 1,000 new farms, which bring the state's total to more than 6,000 farms, represented a 22-percent increase.

Talmage said merging the Dept. of Agriculture with another agency would produce minimal savings and pose a "huge risk" to what is now a thriving industry.

"Agriculture is a powerful economic engine for our state and it's incredibly important that we nurture this by having a strong, stand-alone, cabinet-level Department of Agriculture," he said.

Matt Peckham, a sixth-generation dairy farmer from Woodstock who brought one of the tractors to the event, agreed.

"It's the people who I can call up when I have a question about something," he said. "From our milk inspectors to the Commissioner, everyone makes themselves available. Between the grants that have allowed me to hire more people on, expertise that has allowed me to transition the farm into the next generation – it's so important," Peckham said. "And without them, we'd be lost."

54-R. 64-R. Tew Produce wash line, 5' table, 24" line – wash, grade and pack. Make a reasonable offer. 203-521-3141 or 860-619-8030 leave message or mortensen23@aol.com

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67-R. 7'x12' heavy duty twin piston dump trailer. \$4,500.00. 6x10 dump trailer. \$3,800.00. Large log splitter with 11 H.P Honda engine. \$1,800.00. 6-wheel amphibious ATV project. Seats 4. \$3,500.00. Solid maple butcher block 18x24. \$350.00. Large Bolens GT 1800 lawn and garden tractor, 48" deck. 18 H.P. Hydro. \$2,750.00. 8' Harley rake. 3 P.H. power angle. Excellent condition. \$7,500.00. Old 12" meat slicer. \$250.00. NH L-554 skid-steer loader. Needs gas engine. \$2,500.00. Foley Belsaw chainsaw, tool, and blade sharpening machine. \$600.00. 860-663-1769 until 9 p.m.

WANTED

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Clockwise from top left: Lebanon goat farmer Paul Trubey brought some four-legged supporters to the event; Gov. Malloy and Cmsr. Reviczky talking with a group of farmers; Cmsr. Reviczky giving remarks.



Page 1 top: Gov. Malloy with Cmsr. Reviczky and (at far left) Connecticut Farm Bureau Executive Director Henry Talmage and (right of Malloy), State Rep. Pat Boyd of Pomfret, a member of the state's "Rural Caucus" and one of the sponsors of the event.

Page 1 bottom: Some of the farmers attending the event listen as Malloy details his support of a stand-alone Dept. of Agriculture.

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