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## **ANIMAL EXHIBITORS AND VISITORS REMINDED TO FOLLOW GOOD HANDLING AND HYGIENE PRACTICES**

The onset of warmer weather signals more interaction between people and animals on farms, at agricultural fairs and other exhibitions – and also increases the potential spread of disease from animals to people.

There are typically several hundred outbreaks of animal-to-human disease across the country every year.

And with an outbreak of *E. coli* last spring at a Connecticut goat farm that sickened more than 50 people who had attended weekend open houses, the Department of Agriculture reminds anyone showing livestock or visiting a livestock exhibition to take necessary precautions.

“With so much of today’s population being far removed from the farm, it is critical that farms encourage visits from their neighbors and the community at large to learn about how agriculture is done and why it is so important to Connecticut’s future,” Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. “But it is just as important that farms understand the risks of holding a public event and the potential impact it could have on their operation if a disease outbreak occurs.”

Everyone involved in showing and handling farm animals in a public setting must be constantly vigilant about taking steps to prevent any potential incident of disease being spread.

Visitors must be made aware that all animals, including pets, can carry a variety of diseases that may be transmitted to humans.

Livestock can carry and shed disease organisms at any time, but often show few or no signs.

The Dept. of Agriculture’s goal is to ensure farm animals being exhibited are treated well and have received the proper veterinary care and day-to-day handling practices that will reduce that potential.

Much of the risk to people can be mitigated by following these simple safe-hygiene practices around animals:

- Exhibition organizers should provide hand-washing stations equipped with soap and warm water, and encourage visitors to use them after handling farm animals. Stations should be clearly marked, convenient to use

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**LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS</b> Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	65.00	69.50
boners 80-85% lean	65.00	69.00
lean 88-90% lean	60.00	66.00
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	133.00	137.50
Choice 2-3	129.50	133.50
Select 1-2	125.00	131.50
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	103.00	109.00
Choice 2-3	96.00	102.00
Sel 1-2	89.00	95.50
<b>CALVES - Graded bull</b>		
No 1 120-130 lbs	230.00	230.00
No 1 96-118 lbs	287.00	300.00
No 1 90 lbs	235.00	235.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice 1-2		
30-40 lbs	227.00	305.00
40-50 lbs	250.00	270.00
60-70 lbs	235.00	265.00
70-80 lbs	232.00	265.00
80-90 lbs	245.00	265.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice 2-3		
90-110 lbs	245.00	260.00
110-130 lbs	230.00	255.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3</b>		
80-120 lbs	95.00	110.00
120-160 lbs	85.00	100.00
160-200 lbs	80.00	100.00
200-300 lbs	80.00	90.00
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1</b>		
40-60 lbs	170.00	180.00
60-80 lbs	210.00	240.00
80-100 lbs	235.00	260.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1</b>		
80-130 lbs	175.00	210.00
130-180 lbs	210.00	245.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1</b>		
100-150 lbs	275.00	295.00
150-250 lbs	335.00	345.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Avg dressing. Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	46.00	49.00
	300-350 lbs	50.00	56.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	42.00	45.00
	300-350 lbs	44.00	49.00
Sows, US 1-3	300-500 lbs	40.50	46.00
	500-650 lbs	44.00	47.50
Boars	500-850 lbs	5.00	5.00

**NEW ENGLAND HONEY**

\$/unit.

Propolis tincture, 2 oz, whlse	16.00	18.00
Honey, 1 lb, wholesale	9.00	12.00
<b>Beeswax:</b>		
1 lb, clean white, whlse	5.50	5.75
50 lb block, clean white,		
Whlse per lb:	4.50	5.00
Over 50 lbs, whlse, per lb	2.20	3.50
1 lb, white clean, retail	16.00	20.00

**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
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	20.00	22.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	22.50	25.00
FIDDLEHEADS, 10 LBS	55.00	75.00
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
TOMATOES, GHS, CHERRY, 5LB	10.00	14.00
TOMS, GHS, CHRRY, 8-10 OZ	20.00	24.00

**SHIPPED IN**

ARRUGULA, NJ, 4 LBS	12.00	13.50
ASPARAGUS, NJ, L, 28 BN	74.00	78.00
BASIL, NJ, 2 - 1-1/2 LB FILM	12.00	13.50
BEANS, GREEN, GA, HNDPK, BU	16.00	18.00
BEANS, CRNBRY, GA, BU	38.00	38.00
BEANS, FAVA, CA, BU	42.00	42.00
BEANS, WAX, GA, BU	36.00	38.00
BEETS, RED, GA, 25 LBS	11.00	12.00
BLUEBERRIES, GA, 12-1 PT	44.00	46.00
BLUEBERRIES, ORG, CA, 12-1PT	38.00	39.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 50 LBS	32.00	32.00
COLLARDS, GA, 12 BN	12.00	13.00
CORN, BI-COLOR, FL 4.5 DOZ	15.00	18.00
CUKES, GA, 1-1/9 BU	26.00	30.00
DANDELION GRNS, NJ, 12 BN	16.00	16.00
DILL, NJ, 1/2 BRUCE, 24	17.00	22.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	20.00	24.00
KALE, MIXED COLORS, NJ, 12	18.00	18.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON, NJ, 24	12.00	15.00
LETT, BSTN, GHS, CAN, 12- 4 OZ	16.00	17.00
LETTUCE, GRNLF, NJ, 24	12.00	14.00
LETT, MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3LB	5.75	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	12.00	14.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, NJ, 24	12.00	14.00
LEEK, NJ, 12	16.00	18.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ 60	35.00	40.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, 60	40.00	50.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, CA, BU	55.00	58.00
RHUBARB, OPN FIELD, OR, 20 LB	40.00	44.00
SPINACH, FLAT, CTN, NJ, 24	22.00	22.00
STRAWBERRIES, CA, 8-1 LB	10.00	18.00
SWISS CHARD, NJ, 12	16.00	16.00
TURNIP GREENS, GA, 12	14.00	14.00
TOMATO, GHS, OH, 15 LBS	15.00	18.00
TOMS, CHERRY, ORG, FL, 1 PT	29.00	29.00
TOMS, CHERRY, FL, 12-1PT	16.00	22.00
TOMS, GRAPE, FL, 12-1 PT	24.00	28.00
TOMS, PLUM, FL, 25 LBS	18.00	22.00
TURNIP TOP GREENS, GA, 12	14.00	14.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**  
Middlefield, CT - May 15, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
<b>Bob Calves:</b>		
45-60 lbs.	36.00	42.00
61-75 lbs.	105.00	115.00
76-90 lbs.	122.50	125.50
91-105 lbs.	130.00	135.00
106 lbs. & up	137.50	142.50
Farm Calves	145.00	180.00
Starter Calves	40.00	45.00
Veal Calves	92.50	132.50
Feeder Heifers	90.00	145.00
Beef Heifers	78.00	89.00
Feeder Steers	110.00	127.50
Beef Steers	80.00	122.50
Feeder Bulls	105.00	110.00
Beef Bulls	75.00	93.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	80.00	85.00
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	110.00	117.50
Feeder Pigs each	120.00	140.00
Sheep each	67.50	120.00
Lambs each	95.00	290.00
Goats each	180.00	500.00
Kid Goats each	107.50	420.00
Canners	up to	69.50
Cutters	70.00	73.00
Utility Grade Cows	74.00	77.00
Rabbits each	3.00	30.00
Chickens each	3.00	27.50
Ducks each	3.00	32.50

**Auction is open and sale will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2017.****NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	.61	.80
LARGE	.55	.69
MEDIUM	.41	.54

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.11	1.29
LARGE	1.03	1.19
MEDIUM	.75	.86
SMALL	.48	.58

**DAIRY REPLACEMENT COWS**

Sold by the head.

<b>FRESH COWS:</b>		
SUPREME	1575.00	1600.00
APPROVED	1200.00	1675.00
MEDIUM	900.00	1150.00
<b>SPRINGING COWS (7-9 MONTHS):</b>		
APPROVED	1125.00	1400.00
MEDIUM	950.00	1050.00
<b>SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):</b>		
SUPREME	1500.00	1600.00
APPROVED	1125.00	1475.00
MEDIUM	800.00	1150.00
<b>BRED COWS (4-6 MONTHS):</b>		
APPROVED	1050.00	1250.00
MEDIUM	900.00	1050.00
<b>BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS):</b>		
SUPREME	1475.00	1550.00
APPROVED	1250.00	1275.00
MEDIUM	1000.00	1175.00



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and maintained so as to not contribute to the risk.

- Visitors should be discouraged from eating food while in the company of farm animals or in animal-housing areas.
- Parents should supervise their children when they are in contact with farm animals and ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly afterwards.
- Anyone who sells animals should educate their customers on safe handling and proper hygiene practices, along with proper care and feeding of the animal.
- Those who purchase animals at an exhibition, farm or sale should be prepared prior to receiving the animals to provide a clean, dry and secure place for animal housing outside the home appropriate for the type of animal.
- Keep animal food, feeding bottles, dishes and other equipment away from household food, utensils, and food-preparation areas and store them in a dedicated area outside the daily living area and away from young children. The animals, feeding bottles and other equipment should not be kept in the home.

**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)

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or [www.bludon.com](http://www.bludon.com)

3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

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.

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

54-R. Tolland. 21 mini farm includes a 2300 sq.ft. Contemporary with 2-1/2 baths, 2 car attached garage and post and beam barn with 3 garage bays. Geothermal and solar heating/cooling, 30x96 greenhouse and spring fed pond. Suitable for horses, vegetables, small livestock or Christmas trees. \$409,000.00. Call Clint Charter, Wallace & Tetreault Realty, 860-558-3908.

- Thoroughly wash animal feeding equipment such as utensils, bottles and nipples prior to disinfecting. Organic matter on surfaces can reduce the effectiveness of disinfectants. Follow label directions when using any disinfectant.

- Wear dedicated clothing such as gloves, coveralls and boots while handling and working around animals. After use, launder the clothes in hot water and dry on the highest heat setting. Boots should be cleaned of organic matter and disinfected after use. Leave boots outside of the home.

Connecticut law also mandates standards regarding the control of rabies in a public setting involving the exhibition of animals:

- No animal for which there is a licensed rabies vaccine may be in a public setting without being currently vaccinated for rabies. With respect to live-stock species, available rabies vaccines are licensed for use in only cattle, sheep and horses but not licensed for use in other species including goats, swine and camelids. Consult your veterinarian for rabies vaccination recommendations.

- For animals not currently vaccinated, written records must be kept by the owner, keeper, or handler of any animal that is present in a public setting in a

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55-R. Farm for sale. 9.2 acre ~9,000 sq.ft. greenhouse in Eastford, CT. Used to produce lettuce, cucumbers, herbs, tomatoes. \$399,000.00. 860-336-8000.

58-R. NH TT 75A-Tractor w/loader and bale spear. NH 276 square baler. NH 411 discbine. Cow manure. J&S Farm, NM, CT. 203-770-4199.

61-R. IH 710 5 bottom auto reset plow with on land hitch, \$900.00. IH Cyclo 400 6 row corn planter with dry fertilizer, \$600.00. 860-917-4275.

62-R. IH F756D 76 horsepower tractor with wide front end, 540/1000 rpm pto and boom sprayer, \$7,500.00. 860-917-4275.

63-R. IH 1800 silage truck with 345 gas engine, \$1,500.00. IH 1750 silage truck with DT466 diesel engine, \$2,500.00. 860-917-4275.

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](mailto:mortensen23@aol.com)

65-R. JD #5 mower w/attach, 2 way plow. Farmall Cub 2 way plows, snow plow, saw table. International 3 bottom plow quick hitch. 203-521-31-41 or 860-619-8030 leave message or [mortensen23@aol.com](mailto:mortensen23@aol.com)

**WANTED**

57-R. Hydraulic wood splitter, 30 ton, PTO or engine. Telephone: 860-779-2107.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

6-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-Tetreault Realty (860) 644-5667.

60-R. FREE Round bales of straw and hay. Call Mike – 860-930-4689.

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controlled situation. The records must include contact information for all people having direct physical contact with the animal, including the visitors' names, addresses and telephone numbers.

- Any animal not currently vaccinated for rabies that is present in a public setting in an uncontrolled situation shall be separated from the public by sufficient means to avoid direct contact between people and animals.
- Barriers such as a double fence, plexiglas, or other device to avoid direct contact between people and animals or a conspicuous sign must be posted near the animal enclosure stating: CONNECTICUT RABIES ADVISORY NOTICE – DO NOT FEED OR TOUCH THE ANIMALS.”
- All poultry being exhibited at agricultural fairs must be identified and test negative for Salmonella pullorum within 12 months of the show date. Poultry must also be certified as having originated from flocks free of avian influenza, or be tested for the virus within 30 days of entry at the fair.
- All cages, crates and vehicles used for housing and transporting poultry must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each show. Doves, pigeons and waterfowl are exempt from testing requirements, but must be identified by leg bands or wing tags.

**Further information is available at:**

<http://www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=1367&Q=579102>

<http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3123&q=397740>

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/animalexhibits/>

**FARMERS' MARKETS SEEKING VENDORS**

For a list of 73 markets currently searching for new vendors, visit [www.CTGrown.gov](http://www.CTGrown.gov) and click on “Farmers’ markets looking for vendors” under Featured Links on the homepage.

Also, the CT Department of Transportation is seeking a certified farmer at the West Hartford/ Flatbush Avenue CT Fastrak Station on Saturdays from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Workers compensation, auto, commercial general liability and \$5 million umbrella liability insurance is required. Interested farmers should contact Jaime Smith, 860-713-2559 or [Jaime.Smith@ct.gov](mailto:Jaime.Smith@ct.gov) no later than June 1.

**BROCHURE SWAP MAY 25 IN NEW HAVEN**

Got brochures? Join Greater New Haven and the Connecticut Office of Tourism on Thursday, May 25, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Orange/Milford to exchange them and network with other tourism partners.

Arrangements have been made to deliver your brochures to the CTM warehouse after the swap for future distribution to the Connecticut welcome centers – at no cost.

For more details, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/greater-new-haven-spring-brochure-swap-registration-34333542550> or email [Rosemary.Bove@ct.gov](mailto:Rosemary.Bove@ct.gov).

**Page 1 left: A rabies-warning sign displayed as required at a state agricultural fair.**

**Page 1 right: “Goat yoga” is an increasingly popular activity, and being offered by at least two Connecticut farms, where people interact closely with animals and should take proper precautions. Shown is a class in Arizona.**

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