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## **NEW STATE LAWS AFFECT POULTRY, BEES, LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS, ANIMAL SHELTERS**

The following is a summary of some of the new laws affecting agriculture that were passed by the General Assembly in the 2017 legislative session. Some of the laws were enacted after passage last summer, and the remainder took effect on October 1.

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### **PUBLIC ACT 17-184: AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR CHANGES TO THE POULTRY DEALER LICENSING STATUTE, REGISTRATION OF POULTRY FLOCKS AND THE LABELING OF FARM STAND EGGS**

This bill updates poultry registration laws in order to better control potential avian diseases by:

- Establishing a voluntary registration program for poultry flock owners to enable them to participate in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) program, which seeks to prevent and contain avian disease breakouts.
- Authorizing the agriculture commissioner to adopt regulations to implement the registration program.
- Restricting when an owner can sell poultry or eggs as being disease free or participating in the NPIP.
- Prohibiting farmers who sell eggs at certified farmers' markets from selling falsely labeled or adulterated eggs, and
- Making minor changes to the definitions of certain terms used in the poultry dealer licensing statutes.

The bill replaces current law about DoAg's inspection and certification of poultry flocks with a voluntary registration program, under which poultry flock owners may register their flocks with DoAg to participate in the NPIP program.

NPIP is a cooperative industry, state, and federal program that seeks to prevent, detect, and contain infectious and contagious diseases, such as Avian influenza.

The bill allows a poultry flock owner to register a flock with DoAg for an annual fee of \$50 for a flock of 100 or more and \$25 for a flock of less than 100. Registration fees are waived for owners age 18 or younger.



### **NATIONAL FARMERS DAY IS THURSDAY OCT. 12**

- There are roughly 3.2 million farmers in the United States—that's less than 2 percent of our population.
- Ninety-nine percent of farms are family-owned, and account for 89 percent of agriculture production.
- The average American farmer grows enough to feed 165 people.
- USDA's latest Census of Agriculture found that 25 percent of farmers were "new and beginning" – meaning they had been operating their current farm for fewer than ten years.
- There are 969,672 women farmers in the United States – nearly one-third of all farmers.

*Courtesy: Natl. Assoc. of State Depts. Of Agriculture*

Registered flocks are placed in the NPIP program. Owners are responsible for paying the full cost of laboratory testing needed to comply with NPIP standards or qualify for an avian disease status. The bill exempts from these provisions any flock tested solely for entry into fairs, shows, or exhibits.

### **PUBLIC ACT 17-21: AN ACT CONCERNING BEE INSPECTIONS**

This bill makes changes in the statutes concerning beekeepers' registration of bee hives and the state entomologist's inspections of apiaries. It also increases fines for failing to register the hives from \$5 to \$25 and violating any bee inspection provision from \$50

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**USDA WHOLESALE CUTFLOWERS**

October 10, 2017. \$/pack as noted.

	LOW	HIGH
AGERATUM, NENG/PA, /BN, L	7.50	8.50
AMRNTHS, HNG, XL, NENG, /BN	17.50	18.50
AMRNTHS, UPRT, XL, PA, /BN	8.50	8.50
CELOSIA, CA, WHEAT, /BN, L	8.50	8.50
CELOSIA, PA, PLUMOSA, /BN, L	8.50	8.50
DAHLIA, LGE, /BN, PA, L	10.00	10.00
DAHLIA, LGE 5/BN, NENG, L	10.00	10.00
GLAD, STD, CA, 10/BN, LONG	12.50	15.00
GOMPHRENA, PA, /BN, LONG	8.50	8.50
LAVENDER, PA, PER BN, LNG	10.00	10.00
LILY, ASIA, NENG, 10/BN, LNG	13.50	13.50
LISISANTHUS, NENG, 10/BN, XL	18.00	18.00
RUDBECKIA, NENG/PA, /BN, L	8.50	10.00
SCABIOSA, PA, 10/BN, L	13.50	13.50
SEDUM, PA/NENG, /BN, L	8.50	12.50
SNAPDRAGON, CD, 10/BN, XL	12.50	13.50
STATICE, EC, PER BN, L	6.50	6.50
SUNFLOWER, PA/NENG, 5/BN, L	6.50	7.50
SUNFLOWER, MA/PA/NJ, 10/BN, L	8.50	12.50
TWEEDIA, CA, /BN, LONG	12.50	12.50
ZINNIA, NENG, /BN, XLONG	10.00	10.00

**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.24	1.38
LARGE	1.20	1.34
MEDIUM	.85	.98

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.71	1.82
LARGE	1.68	1.78
MEDIUM	1.10	1.20
SMALL	.67	.77

**NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION**

Avg dressing. Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	39.00	45.00
	300-350 lbs	53.00	53.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	35.00	40.00
	300-350 lbs	38.00	41.00
Sows, US 1-3	300-500 lbs	30.50	31.00
	500-700 lbs	25.00	33.50
Boars	400-800 lbs	5.00	7.00

**ORGANIC WHLSLE BROWN EGGS**

Price range is per unit as labeled.

EXTRA LARGE		
DOZEN	2.61	3.60
1/2 DOZEN	1.80	1.95
LARGE		
DOZEN	2.30	3.50
1/2 DOZEN	1.71	1.90

**HAY - LANCASTER, PA**

October 6, 2017 Small squares, each.

ALFALFA	Good	225.00	265.00
ALFALFA/GRASS	Supreme	300.00	350.00
	Premium	260.00	
300.00			
	Good	170.00	245.00
GRASS HAYS	Premium	255.00	290.00
	Good	180.00	240.00
STRAW		140.00	160.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
APPLE, GALA, LOOSE	24.00	25.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK, 80	30.00	30.00
APPLE, MAC, US FCY, TRYPK 80	20.00	21.00
APPLE, MAC, FCY, TRYPK, 88	20.00	21.00
APPLE, MAC, USFCY, TRYPK 100	21.00	21.00
APPLE, MAC, NG, LOOSE	20.00	21.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 72	30.00	30.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, NG, LOOSE	18.00	25.00
APPLE, GINGRGOLD, BU, LOOSE	20.00	20.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, FCY, TRAY, 72	36.00	36.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, FCY, TRAY, 80	36.00	36.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, FCY, TRAY, 88	36.00	36.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, NG, LOOSE	50.00	50.00
APPLE, MACOUN, NG, LOOSE	28.00	28.00
APPLE, MUTSU/CRISPIN, NG	20.00	22.00
BEANS, CRANBERRY, BU	40.00	45.00
BEANS, FLAT, BU	25.00	25.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	25.00	25.00
BEETS, RED, 12 BUNCHES	15.00	15.00
BEETS, GOLD, 12 BN/CRATE, S-M	24.00	24.00
BROCCOLI, BUNCHED, 14	21.00	23.00
BROCCOLI, CROWN CUT, 20 LB	17.00	21.00
BRCCOLI, CRWNCT, TRIM, 20 LB	19.00	21.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, M-L, 50 LBS	13.00	14.00
CABBAGE, RED, M, 50 LBS	14.00	14.00
CARROTS, S-M, 10-5 LB FILM	14.00	14.00
CARROT, L, 25LB SACK, LOOSE	10.00	11.00
CAULIFLOWER, WHITE, JTPK, 9	15.00	16.00
CAULIFLOWER, WHITE, JTPK, 12	15.00	17.00
CIDER, 4- 1 GALLON	21.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	22.50	25.00
COLLARDS, CRATE, BNCHD, 12	13.00	13.00
CORNSTALKS, 5 BUNDLES	7.50	7.50
CORN, 5 DOZ	10.00	12.00
KALE, BUNCHED, 12	13.00	13.00
MUSTARD, CURLY, 12	16.00	16.00
ORNMENTAL CORN, 3/BN, 20	40.00	50.00
ORNMENTAL GOURD, 20 LBS	15.00	15.00
ORNMENTAL GOURD, SHEL, 1/2BU	22.00	24.00
ORNMENTAL GOURD, SHEL, BU	32.00	35.00
PARSNIP, M, 20LB FILM, LOOSE	23.00	23.00
PARSNIP, M, 20LB FILM, 18-1LB	23.00	23.00
POTATO, RUSST, #1, 50 LBS, 70	22.00	24.00
POTATO, RUSST, #1, 50 LBS, 80	20.00	21.00
POTATO, RUSST, #1, 50 LBS, 90	18.00	19.00
PMPKIN, BIGMACK, JBO, 36"	200.00	225.00
PMPKIN, BIG MACK, S-XL, 36" BIN	175.00	200.00
PMPKIN, HOWDEN, JBO, 36"	200.00	225.00
PMPKIN, HOWDEN, L-XL, 36" BIN	175.00	200.00
PMPKIN, PIE, L-XL, 36" BIN	270.00	300.00
PUMPKIN, PIE, M-L, BUSHEL	20.00	24.00
SQUASH, ACORN, L, 1-1/9	18.00	18.00
SQUASH, BTTRNUT, M-L, 1-1/9	16.00	20.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, S, 1/2 BU	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, M, 1-1/9	22.00	24.00
SQUASH, GREY, S, 1/2 BU	20.00	22.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, M, 1-1/9	17.00	17.00
SQUASH, SPAGHET, M, 1-1/9	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, YEL, S-M, 1/2 BU	12.00	12.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, M, 1/2 BU	12.00	14.00
STRAW BALE, STD, PER BALE	8.00	10.00
STRAW BALE, MINI, PER BALE	6.00	6.00
SWISS CHARD, MXD, 12/CRATE	15.00	15.00
TOMS, REG/ROMA, XL, 25 LBS	14.00	15.00
TOMATOES, L/XL, 20 LBS	18.00	18.00
TURNIP GREENS, BNCHD, 12	16.00	16.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - October 9, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	40.00	42.00
61-75 lbs.	52.00	55.00
76-90 lbs.	60.00	63.00
91-105 lbs.	67.50	70.00
106 lbs. & up	77.50	80.00
Farm Calves	90.00	195.00
Starter Calves	35.00	40.00
Veal Calves	100.00	135.00
Feeder Heifers	n/a	n/a
Beef Heifers	80.00	99.00
Feeder Steers	n/a	n/a
Beef Steers	74.00	98.00
Feeder Bulls	90.00	125.00
Beef Bulls	81.00	87.00
Replacement Cows	1@	860.00
Replacement Heifers	310.00	385.00
Boars	17.00	25.00
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	1@	55.00
Feeder Pigs each	60.00	65.00
Sheep each	122.00	170.00
Lambs each	50.00	250.00
Goats each	80.00	240.00
Kid Goats each	60.00	220.00
Canners	up to	59.00
Cutters	60.00	63.00
Utility Grade Cows	64.00	67.00
Rabbits each	6.00	25.00
Chickens each	5.00	30.00
Ducks each	6.00	35.00

**LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	59.00	63.50
boners 80-85% lean	59.00	63.50
lean 88-90% lean	52.00	58.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	108.00	113.00
Choice 2-3	103.00	107.50
Select 1-2	98.00	103.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Choice 2-3	87.00	89.50
Sel 1-2	78.50	85.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	105.00	106.50
Choice 2-3	103.00	105.00
Sel 1-2	101.00	103.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 90-130 lbs	68.00	87.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	205.00	210.00
110-130 lbs	152.00	170.00
130-150 lbs	140.00	170.00
150-200 lbs	140.00	155.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	75.00	86.00
160-200 lbs	75.00	90.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.		
40-60 lbs	145.00	170.00
60-80 lbs	170.00	210.00
80-100 lbs	190.00	225.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1, by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	170.00	185.00
130-150 lbs	180.00	220.00

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to \$100 for a first violation, \$300 for a second violation, and \$500 for any subsequent violation.

The bill requires beekeepers to register their bee hives with the state entomologist when they acquire bees. Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, they must also annually register the hives with the entomologist by October 1.

The bill expands the reasons the state entomologist or his appointed inspectors may examine, quarantine, treat, or destroy apiaries. Under current law, they may take such action only because of disease. Under the bill, they may take such action if the apiaries are diseased or harboring insects, mites, or parasitic organisms that adversely affect bees and cause harm to the bee population, crops, or other plants.

By law, no one may receive a shipment of bees in the state unless it is accompanied by a certificate of good health, or the state entomologist inspects bees transported into the state without one.

By law, no one may sell bees until they have been inspected by an authorized inspector, who must issue a certificate of good health if they are free of disease. Under the bill, the certificate must also indicate that the bees are free of insects, mites, or parasitic organisms that cause harm to the bee population, crops, or other plants.

By law, inspectors must have access at reasonable times to any apiary or place where bees are kept or where honeycomb and appliances are stored. No one may resist or hinder the state entomologist's or his appointed inspectors' inspection activities.

#### **PUBLIC ACT 17-167: AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ANIMAL SHELTERS**

##### **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.

88-R. Beautiful winter squash, Acorn, Butternut, by the box or bin. East Windsor, Conn. Call Karl 860-268-5931 or Glenn 860-930-4331 to arrange pick up.

89-R. 1/2 bushel apple baskets. Truck load sale: 1,000 or more = \$2 each. 500 or more = \$3 each. Less than 500 = \$4 each. Call Doug 860-657-4172.

This bill requires a person who wants to operate or maintain an animal shelter in Connecticut to register with the DoAg commissioner and comply with regulations he issues as to sanitation, disease, humane treatment of cats and dogs, and public safety protection.

Under the bill, an "animal shelter" is a private entity operating a building or facility that is not within a private residence and that is used solely to house homeless animals for rescue or adoption.

Under the bill, DoAg must issue a registration to an applicant upon application and payment of a \$50 fee if the applicant complies with applicable state regulations and, for an initial registration, municipal zoning requirements.

The bill authorizes the commissioner, or his agent, to inspect an animal shelter at any time. Anyone operating a shelter without a valid registration is subject to a fine of up to \$200.

Existing law establishes similar requirements and penalties for commercial kennels, pet shops, groomers, and animal training facilities.

#### **PUBLIC ACT 17-168: ACT CONCERNING PET OWNER ACCESS TO STATE AGENCY RECORDS OF INVESTIGATION FOR COMPLAINTS OF WRONGDOING BY VETERINARIANS**

This bill allows certain pet owners to have access to Department of Public Health (DPH) records of an investigation against a veterinarian. Under current law, with limited exceptions, DPH's veterinarian investigations are confidential, exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, and may not be disclosed to a third party.

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90-R. Pumpkins-sugar, face, specialty, prizewinner. Mixed gourds and munchkins. Good stems, spray program. By the bin or trailer load. Dzen Farms, 860-648-1355 or 860-604-3452.

91-R. Yorkshire - heritage piglets – 12 to choose from. Ready end of September. \$75.00 each. Suffield. 860-668-2181.

92-R. Round hay bales – 52" x 48" – Tight, triple plastic wrapped, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, dry, haylage, grass, alfalfa. 200 available. 860-884-2889.

93-R. Christmas greens: wreaths and roping, many sizes and varieties. Excellent for fundraisers. We deliver. 203-457-1344.

94-R. For sale: Byron 103 sweet corn harvester. Call 860-670-1275.

95-R. First cut hay bales \$5.00 each. Mulch hay \$3.00 each. Pick up only. Suffield. 860-668-2181.

##### **WANTED**

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

##### **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.

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The bill specifies that the owner of an animal that is the subject of a DPH investigation against a veterinarian is not a third party for purposes of disclosure. Therefore, the owner may receive information about the investigation.

By law, allegations against a veterinarian may include things such as fraudulent use of health certificates, incompetence, cruel or negligent treatment of animals, failure to keep veterinary premises and equipment clean and sanitary, and failure to comply with continuing education requirements.

By law, disciplinary action may include revocation or suspension of the veterinarian's license, a reprimand, probation, or civil fine of up to \$25,000.

### **PUBLIC ACT 17-133: AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF COMMISSION SALES STABLES**

This bill revises the law governing the places where livestock animals are sold at private auction ("commission sales stables"), which the DoAg commissioner licenses and oversees. Livestock animals are camelids (llamas or camels) or hooved animals raised for domestic or commercial use.

The bill:

- Requires that all dairy and breeding animals at a commission sales stable, instead of just those older than six months, be identified.
- Establishes a 72-hour deadline for slaughtering animals after a sale.
- Eliminates a requirement that certain dairy and breeding animals be vaccinated against brucellosis as calves to be sold.
- Requires commission sales stables to maintain certain records on animals sold or bought at the facility and make them available to DoAg for inspection.
- Explicitly prohibits commission sales stables from selling wild animals, captive cervidae(deer), pets and companion animals, and psitticane birds (parrots).

- Explicitly requires commission sales stables to obtain separate licenses to sell poultry or equines, as applicable, if they conduct those activities.
- Allows the DoAg commissioner to adopt regulations regarding commission sales stables.

The bill requires a commission sales stable licensee to maintain, for a three-year period from the date of sale, accurate records on each animal sold.

Under the bill, anyone who does not provide the records as required, obstructs DoAg in performing its duties, or provides false or misleading information, is subject to a fine of up to \$100 per day until accurate, complete information is provided.

### **FARM VIABILITY GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 13**

Grant guidelines and applications for the Department of Agriculture's Farm Viability Grant program are available online and must be submitted by November 13.

The Farm Viability Grant can provide matching funds to Connecticut municipalities, groups of municipalities, regional councils of governments, and/or agricultural non-profit organizations for projects that foster agricultural viability. Please note this program may be limited by the availability of funding.

The maximum award under this program is \$49,999. Applicants must provide a 40% match through cash or in-kind services.

Previously funded projects have included town-owned farm improvements, efforts related to farmland preservation, the purchase of processing equipment to increasing the availability of Connecticut Grown products year-round in schools, and a host of other efforts that foster agriculture viability.

Grant guidelines and forms can be found at

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

A workshop on how to write a project plan and apply for the grant will be held Tues., Oct. 17, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Connecticut Farm Bureau, 78 Beaver Road, Suite 2A, Wethersfield, CT.

Please RSVP at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to Mark Hood, 860-713-2530 or [Mark.Hood@ct.gov](mailto:Mark.Hood@ct.gov). Directions and parking information will be emailed to all meeting attendees the day before the meeting.

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