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YOUNG WOODSTOCK MAPLE PRODUCER EXPANDS WITH HELP OF USDA FARM SERVICE (FSA) YOUTH LOAN

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It was during a drive to the local farm supply store when 16-year-old Orion Newall-Vuillemot's mother Jane posed a question to him: "Why don't we boil our own maple syrup?"

That conversation about four years ago not only sparked the Woodstock teenager's interest – it inspired the creation of his award-winning Sap Happens Farm.

Orion started with just five buckets, collecting sap and processing it on his parent's kitchen stove. After borrowing equipment from other producers for a while, he soon was looking to expand, and did so with the help of the FSA Youth Loan Program.

The program provides financing for young people between the ages of 10 and 20 to start and expand income-producing projects.

Orion (pictured at right) received a \$5,000 loan to purchase a maple syrup evaporator to help increase production.

Today, he works about 350 taps on his family's three acres and also at nine other locations, collecting about 1,500 gallons of sap each year.

That produces about 30 gallons of syrup that can retail for \$70 each or more. Orion shows his appreciation to the tree owners by giving them bottles of his maple syrup, which won first place at the Woodstock Fair in 2015 and 2016.

Making maple syrup is now a year-round commitment for Orion, who begins the process by cutting seven cords of wood in the fall.

In the winter, he taps the trees then collects and hauls the sap to the sugar house. There, he boils the sap down and uses a recently-purchased finishing unit to complete the bottling process.

"You have to put your mind to it and make it happen," Orion said.

FSA Youth Loans are available up to \$5,000 for projects connected with participation in 4-H, FFA, a tribal youth group, or similar agricultural youth organization. Projects being financed with an FSA Youth Loan need



to provide an opportunity for young people to acquire experience and education in agriculture-related skills.

Youth loan funds must be used only to pay the expenses associated with an approved project, including:

- Buying livestock, seed, equipment and supplies.
- Buying, renting or repairing needed tools and equipment.
- Paying operating expenses for the project.

Ron Clark, farm loan manager for Connecticut FSA, assisted Orion on his youth loan application, an experience he said was uplifting for him and his staff.

"It was nice to see how interested and determined he was to pursue producing maple syrup for sale," Clark said. "Orion was well-organized, passionate and motivated to succeed. He sought advice and was able to develop it into a small-scale business."

Orion also found a mentor in Glenn Boies, a fellow maple syrup producer from Woodstock, who loaned him equipment as he got started in syrup production.

Boies, along with other local maple producers, has
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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
ASCLEPIAS, PA, 10/BN, LONG	8.50	8.50
CELOSIA, PA, PLUMOSA, EA, L	8.50	8.50
DAHLIA, LGE, /BN, PA, L	10.00	10.00
DAHLIA, LGE 5/BN, NENG, L	10.00	10.00
GOMPHRENA, PA, /BN, LONG	8.50	8.50
LAVENDER, PA, PER BN, LNG	10.00	10.00
LISISANTHUS, NENG, 10/BN, XL	18.00	18.50
ROSE HIPS, PA, LONG	10.00	10.00
RUDBECKIA, NENG/PA, /BN, L	8.50	10.00
SCABIOSA, PA, 10/BN, L	12.50	13.50
SEDUM, PA/NENG, /BN, L	8.00	12.50
SUNFLOWER, PA/NENG, 5/BN, L	6.50	6.50

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.09	1.26
LARGE	1.03	1.17
MEDIUM	.82	.95

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.72	1.79
LARGE	1.68	1.78
MEDIUM	1.10	1.20
SMALL	.67	.77

RETAIL GRASS FED BEEF

Monthly report for September 2017. \$ per lb.

RIBEYE STEAK	15.00	26.40
CHUCK ROAST	6.25	10.49
FLAT IRON STEAK	10.95	15.50
RUMP ROAST	6.97	10.99
BOTTOM ROUND ROAST	7.00	12.42
FILET MIGNON	21.00	42.00
TENDERLOIN	17.00	39.99
TRI TIP	9.60	15.49
SIRLOIN STEAK	10.00	18.00
BRISKET	7.00	12.10
FLANK STEAK	13.99	16.00
SKIRT STEAK	12.99	15.00
SHORT RIBS	4.00	9.99
STEAK MEAT	7.25	9.99
CARCASS PURCHASE SIZE		
WHOLE	5.25	8.50
HALF	5.50	8.69
QUARTER	5.75	9.35

WHOLESALE NEW ENGLAND POTATOES

Price range is per unit as labeled.

RNDRED, #1, SZA, 50#	15.00	15.00
RNDRED, #1, SZB, 50#	16.00	17.00
RNDWT, #1, CHEF, 50#	14.00	14.00
RUSST, #1, 50LBS, 40-80	17.00	17.00
RUSST, #1, 50 LBS, 90	16.00	17.00
RUSST, #1, 50#, 100-120	14.00	17.00
YELLOW, #1, 50#, SZA	15.00	15.00
YELLOW, #1, 50#, SZB	14.00	14.00
YELLOW, #1, 50#, CHEF	17.00	17.00
YELLOW, #1, 10-5LB, SZA	18.00	18.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 72	28.00	28.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, NG, LOOSE	18.00	20.00
APPLE, EMPIRE, NG, LOOSE	20.00	20.00
APPLE, GALA, LOOSE, NG	24.00	25.00
APPLE, GOLD DELICIOUS, NG	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	45.00	45.00
APPLE, MACOUN, NG, LOOSE	18.00	22.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK, 80, 88	28.00	28.00
APPLE, MAC, US FCY, TRYPK 80	21.00	21.00
APPLE, MAC, FCY, TRYPK, 88	21.00	21.00
APPLE, MAC, USFCY, TRYPK 100	21.00	21.00
APPLE, MAC, NG, LOOSE	18.00	20.00
APPLE, MUTSU/CRISPIN, NG	22.00	22.00
APPLE, RED DELICIOUS, NG	20.00	20.00
BEANS, CRANBERRY, BU	40.00	40.00
BEANS, FLAT, BU	25.00	25.00
BEANS, GREEN, MACHPK, BU	18.00	18.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	20.00	25.00
BEETS, RED, 12 BUNCHES	15.00	15.00
BROCCOLI, BUNCHED, 14	21.00	23.00
BROCCOLI, CROWN CUT, 20 LB	17.00	21.00
BROCCOLI, 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	16.00	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	7.00	8.00
CORN, 5 DOZ	10.00	12.00
CRANBRY, HOWE, M, 25 LBS	33.00	33.00
CRNBRY, HOWE, M, 24-12 OZ	28.00	30.00
EGGPLANT, M, 1-1/9	18.00	18.00
KALE, BUNCHED, 12	13.00	13.00
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
PEPPER, BELL, GREEN, JMB, 1-1/9	15.00	16.00
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, ACORN, M, 1-1/9	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, M, 1-1/9	16.00	18.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, S, 1/2 BU	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, M, 1-1/9	22.00	24.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, M, 1-1/9	18.00	18.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, M, 1/2 BU	14.00	14.00
STRAW BALE, STD, PER BALE	8.00	10.00
STRAW BALE, MINI, PER BALE	6.00	6.00
TOMS, REG/ROMA, XL, 25 LBS	14.00	16.00
TOMATOES, L/XL, 20 LBS	18.00	18.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - October 16, 2017

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	22.00	25.00
61-75 lbs.	34.00	38.00
76-90 lbs.	39.00	45.00
91-105 lbs.	50.00	55.00
106 lbs. & up	56.00	60.00
Farm Calves	65.00	110.00
Starter Calves	18.00	20.00
Veal Calves	75.00	165.00
Feeder Heifers	125.00	135.00
Beef Heifers	68.00	85.00
Feeder Steers	n/a	n/a
Beef Steers	70.00	84.00
Feeder Bulls	100.00	140.00
Beef Bulls	72.00	86.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	1@	10.00
Sows	30.00	31.00
Butcher Hogs	36.00	49.00
Feeder Pigs each	54.00	60.00
Sheep each	75.00	150.00
Lambs each	190.00	340.00
Goats each	65.00	320.00
Kid Goats each	52.50	135.00
Canners	up to	56.00
Cutters	57.00	61.00
Utility Grade Cows	62.00	66.00
Rabbits each	5.00	40.00
Chickens each	5.00	25.00
Ducks each	4.50	25.00

LANCASTER, PA, LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted.

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	57.00	62.50
boners 80-85% lean	54.00	59.50
lean 88-90% lean	50.00	54.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	111.00	112.50
Choice 2-3	104.00	107.50
Select 1-2	100.00	104.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Choice 2-3	83.00	88.00
Sel 1-2	76.00	83.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	107.00	108.50
Choice 2-3	105.50	106.50
Sel 1-2	95.00	100.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 80-130 lbs	80.00	87.00
FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium & Large 1		
200-300 lbs	125.00	135.00
300-400 lbs	120.00	132.00
400-500 lbs	117.00	130.00
500-600 lbs	115.00	137.00
600-700 lbs	115.00	139.00
700-800 lbs	112.00	120.00
800-900 lbs	109.00	109.00
FEEDER STEERS: Medium & Large 1		
200-400 lbs	155.00	170.00
400-500 lbs	165.00	180.00
500-600 lbs	150.00	172.00
600-700 lbs	140.00	162.00
700-800 lbs	140.00	160.00
800-900 lbs	136.00	154.00
900-1000 lbs	126.00	147.00
1000-1100 lbs	115.00	135.00

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taken the time to advise Orion on all aspects of syrup production.

"A lot of people in the area who do maple syrup have been very supportive of Orion by lending him equipment and supporting the project," said Jane Newall, Orion's mother. "We are thankful for their community spirit and their willingness to pass on the knowledge and experience they have to help Orion keep the tradition of producing maple syrup going."

Sap Happens Farm maple syrup is sold at local stores in Woodstock.

Orion also sells the syrup to his high school, Woodstock Academy, where some students are trying maple syrup for the first time. The use of his syrup on the school menu has expanded his sales to others.

After he graduates from high school, Orion plans to continue tapping trees while he attends community college.

He also plans to encourage other young entrepreneurs as his mentors helped him get started.

"You learn so much from the experience," Orion said. "Producing maple syrup has also taught me to be prepared to deal with unexpected situations. You can choose to raise a calf, start a greenhouse or other agriculture venture. At least try something and challenge yourself to do your best."

More information and an application for the Youth Loan Program is available at:

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index>

Those interested may also contact Ron Clark, CT FSA Farm Loan Manager, at 860-319-8073.

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NEW ENGLAND/CT OBSERVATIONS FROM THE USDA/NASS CROP PROGRESS & CONDITION REPORT FOR 10/9 THROUGH 10/15

New England averaged 6 days suitable for field work last week. Unusually dry and warm weather continued throughout the New England states last week.

Some areas reported receiving a light rain on Monday but dry weather and temperatures in the low 60s to mid-70s persisted throughout the week.

Regional weekly temperatures ranged from 1 degree to 12 degrees above normal. Weekly precipitation ranged from 0.00 to 1.68 inches throughout the region.

Corn silage harvest continued at a good pace with weather cooperating most of week. Some producers reported getting fourth cuttings of hay but pasture growth has generally been slowed due to killing frosts.

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• Litchfield County/Richard Meinert

Hay harvest has pretty much ceased. Corn is still coming off slowly. Dry matter in fields and between fields is extremely variable.

The full report and other publications are available at:
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The third annual dinner at begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes tours of the school's agriscience program. All proceeds benefit Woodbury FFA members through scholarships, entrepreneurial grants and support of other FFA activities. Keynote speaker is Henry Talmage, Executive Director of the Connecticut Farm Bureau. The event is sponsored by the Connecticut Community Foundation and Arethusa Farm in Litchfield.

Tickets are \$100 each and are available for purchase at: <https://www.woodburyffa.org/>

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LEASE PROPOSALS AT REGIONAL MARKET SOUGHT

The Connecticut Marketing authority is seeking proposals to lease warehouse stalls at the Regional Market, 101 Reserve Road, Hartford.

Proposals must be received no later than October 30, 2017.

To read the entire request for proposals, and for more information about the Regional Market, go to:

www.CTGrown.gov/RegionalMarket

UCONN BEEF AUCTION SUNDAY

Approximately 30 UCONN animals are expected to be auctioned and may include Angus and Hereford heifers and steers. Consignments will not be accepted this year.

The auction will be held at the UConn Cattle Resource Unit (Heifer Barn) on Horsebarn Hill Road in Storrs. The event is free and open to the general public.

Preview of animals begins at 10 a.m. and the auction will be held at noon. The auction list is posted at:

s.uconn.edu/beefauction