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DAIRY INSPECTIONS: THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg)'s dairy unit inspects and regulates dairy products from "the cow to the consumer" to ensure compliance with both state and federal laws and regulations. Included in this broad regulatory oversight are dairy farms, milk processing plants, yogurt manufacturers, cheese manufacturers, and bulk milk tankers (trucks).



Connecticut Department of Agriculture Milk Safety Division representative, James Allyn conducting tests on a vat pasteurizer at one of Connecticut's cheese manufacturing facilities.

It is the responsibility of the dedicated and trained staff in this unit to ensure that Connecticut's milk and milk products are safe, wholesome, meet microbial and other quality requirements, and that such products are properly labeled.

Connecticut's dairy inspection program enforces not only the provisions of the state's laws and regulations but also those of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)'s Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO). Compliance with the provisions of the PMO is an essential requirement for the sale of Connecticut's dairy products in other states.

Connecticut is a member of the National Conference of Interstate Milk Shippers (NCIMS), a cooperative program between FDA's Milk Safety Division and all states including Puerto Rico.

The standards applied in Connecticut follow national standards that allow milk and milk products to move without restriction in interstate commerce. FDA milk safety specialists routinely audit state dairy product safety programs to ensure that those programs are successfully upholding the standards set forth in the PMO.

DoAg's dairy unit staff undergo continual training by FDA's Milk Safety Division. This keeps them up to date with the rapidly advancing technology seen in many of the state's dairy production and processing systems so that they can properly inspect and enforce

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NATIONAL FARMERS' MARKET WEEK IS AUGUST 5-11

Celebrate National Farmers' Market Week by visiting one of more than 120 farmers' market in Connecticut. Many markets are hosting special events to highlight the national week. A complete listing of Connecticut farmers' markets is available at www.CTGrown.gov/FarmersMarkets.

Farmers' markets are regular—usually weekly—community-based events that feature Connecticut Grown farm products, agriculture, and local food, and support jobs and the local economy. Farmers are nearing peak production in early August and farmers' markets offer the widest array of locally produced farm products.

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.01	1.28
LARGE	.95	1.09
MEDIUM	.57	.70

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.68	1.85
LARGE	1.55	1.75
MEDIUM	1.09	1.19
SMALL	.82	.92

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	111.00	117.00
Choice 2-3	106.00	110.00
Select 1-2	101.50	106.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	84.00	91.00
Choice 1-2	80.00	83.00
Select 1-2	78.00	81.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	55.00	60.50
boners 80-85% lean	53.00	59.50
lean 88-90% lean	46.00	53.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 120 lbs	100.00	100.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
80-90 lbs	205.00	225.00
90-110 lbs	192.00	225.00
110-130 lbs	160.00	202.00
130-150 lbs	160.00	190.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	75.00	90.00
160-200 lbs	70.00	90.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	150.00	170.00
60-80 lbs	175.00	195.00
80-100 lbs	200.00	235.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	180.00	215.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
150-250 lbs	270.00	335.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
52-56	200-300 lbs	37.00 49.00
	300-350 lbs	42.00 47.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	38.00 47.00
	300-350 lbs	36.00 49.00
	350-400 lbs	25.00 27.00
Sows, US 1-3		
	500-700 lbs	28.50 34.00
Boars		
	500-750 lbs	5.00 5.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. Aug. 3, 2018.

Alfalfa-Premium	260.00	290.00
Alfalfa-Good	190.00	190.00
Alfalfa/Grass-Supreme	290.00	335.00
Alfalfa/Grass-Premium	255.00	285.00
Alfalfa/Grass-Good	205.00	220.00
Alfalfa/Grass-Fair	120.00	165.00
Grass Hays-Premium	235.00	280.00
Grass Hays-Good	195.00	215.00
Grass Hays-Fair	125.00	175.00
Straw	180.00	200.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, JERSEY MAC, LOOSE,NG	22.00	22.00
BEANS, RND GRN, MACH PK, BU	28.00	30.00
BEANS, POLE, BU	28.00	30.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	28.00	32.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEET, CHIOGGA, 25LB, M-L, LOOSE	22.00	25.00
BEETS, RED, 12 BN/CARTON	13.00	18.00
BLUEBERRY, ORG, WILD, 12-1 PT, L	60.00	60.00
BLUEBERRY, ORG, 12-1 PT, L	30.00	36.00
BROCCOLI, CROWN, 20 LB	17.00	18.00
CARROTS, 24-2 LB FILM, L	18.00	18.00
CARROT, 25 LB SACK, LOOSE, JBO	14.00	14.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	22.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	26.00	26.00
CORN-SWEET, BAG, 5 DOZEN	10.00	20.00
COLLARDS, 12 BNCH/CTN	13.00	14.00
CUKES, 1-1/9, M	12.00	16.00
EGGPLANT, WRPPD, 1-1/9, M	13.00	18.00
EGGPLANT, WRPPD, 1-1/9, L	10.00	12.00
KALE, GRN, 12 BNCH/CTN	13.00	14.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB LOOSE, MED	23.00	25.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB, MEDIUM	20.00	25.00
PEPPER, GRN, 1-1/9, JMBO	15.00	18.00
PEPPER, GRN, 1-1/9, XLARGE	15.00	18.00
PEPPER, CUBANELLE, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	22.00
PEPPER, JALEPEN0, 1-1/9, M-L	24.00	26.00
PEPPER, LONG HOT, 1-1/9, GREEN	16.00	20.00
PEPPER, POBLANO, 1-1/9	20.00	22.00
RHUBARB, OPNFIELD, 20 LB	35.00	38.00
SQUASH, ACORN, 1-1/9 M-L	18.00	22.00
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	22.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	22.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9, M-L	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, YLWSTRNCK, 1/2 BU, M	8.00	12.00
SQUASH, YLWSTRNCK, 1/2 BU, S	10.00	14.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, 1/2 BU, M	8.00	10.00
SQUASH, ZUCH, 1/2 BU, S	10.00	12.00
TOMS, GHS, 10 LBS, HEIRLOOM	14.00	16.00
TOMS, GHS, ONVINE, 11LBS, S-M	15.00	15.00
TOMS, VINERIPE, LT RED, 8QT, L	20.00	20.00
TOMS, VINERIPE, LT RED, 8QT, M	16.00	16.00
TOMS, VINERIPE, LT RED, 8QT, S	14.00	14.00

BOSTON SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

BEAN, CRANBERRY, NJ, BUSHEL	45.00	45.00
BEETS, GOLD, NJ, 12 BN/CRATE	22.00	24.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 2 BU CARTON	22.00	28.00
BOK CHOY, BBY SHINGHAI, NJ, 1.35	22.00	24.00
CABBAGE, GRN, DE/NJ, 50 LB, M	13.00	24.00
CABBAGE, GRN, DE/NJ, 50 LB, L	18.00	20.00
CABBAGE, RED, DE/NJ, 50 LB, M/L	18.00	22.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, NJ, 40 LB, M/L	16.00	20.00
CHINESE CABBAGE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 12	23.00	25.00
CUKES, PICKLER, NJ, BU, S-M	16.00	20.00
CUKES, PICKLER, NJ, BU, S-M	16.00	20.00
ENDIVE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	15.00	18.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24	15.00	18.00
KOHLRABI, NJ, 12 BN, CTN	15.00	20.00
LEEKS, NJ, 12 BN/CRATE	22.00	24.00
LETTCE, NJ, GRNLF, 24/CTN	12.00	15.00
LETTCE, NJ, REDLF, 24/CTN	12.00	15.00
LETTCE, NJ, ROMAINE, 24/CTN	14.00	16.00
NECTARINES, NJ, 2-3/4, 1/2 BU	28.00	28.00
PEACH, YLW, NJ, 2-3/4"UP, 1/2 BU	27.00	28.00
RADISHES, NJ, 24 BN/CRATE	12.00	14.00
SPINACH, FLAT, NJ, 24	22.00	24.00
SWISS CHARD, MX CLR, NJ, 12	16.00	18.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - August 6, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	30.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.	44.00	47.50
76-90 lbs.	50.00	55.00
91-105 lbs.	60.00	65.00
106 lbs. & up	70.00	75.00
Farm Calves	80.00	85.00
Starter Calves	22.00	26.00
Veal Calves	85.00	120.00
Feeder Heifers	70.00	87.50
Beef Heifers	67.00	83.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	127.50
Beef Steers	81.00	95.00
Feeder Bulls	75.00	110.00
Beef Bulls	61.00	76.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs each	38.00	105.00
Feeder Pigs each	52.50	65.00
Sheep each	115.00	320.00
Lambs each	144.00	340.00
Goats each	80.00	405.00
Kid Goats each	60.00	195.00
Canners	up to	54.00
Cutters	55.00	58.00
Utility Grade Cows	59.00	62.00
Rabbits each	3.00	15.00
Chickens each	3.00	19.00
Ducks each	n/a	n/a

BOSTON MARKET CUT FLOWERS

Wholesale. \$/unit listed.

Long stem unless noted. August 7.

AGERATUM, NENG, /BN	8.50	8.50
ALLIUM, BULLT, PA, 5/BN	10.00	10.00
AMRNTHS, UPRT, PA, /BN	8.50	8.50
ASCLEPIAS, PA, 10/BN	8.50	10.00
ASTER, MATSA, CA, /BN	7.50	8.50
CELOSIA, CKCMB, PA, /BN	8.50	8.50
CELOSIA, PLMSA, PA, /BN	8.50	8.50
DAHLIA, NENG, 5/BN	12.50	12.50
DELPH, HYB, NENG, 10/BN	15.00	15.00
ECHINACEA, CD/NL, /BN	8.50	9.50
FEVRFW, NENG, /BN	7.50	7.50
GERBERA, CD, EA, L	1.00	1.35
GLADS, CA, 10/BN, L	13.50	15.00
HYDRNGEA, NL, /BN	28.50	28.50
HYDRNGEA, NL, EA	5.50	5.50
IRIS, DK COLORS, CA, /BN	6.50	7.75
LARKSPUR, CA, 10/BN, L	9.50	10.00
LAVENDER, EC, /BN, L	9.50	12.00
LILY, ASIA, CD, /BN, XL	18.50	18.50
LILY, SIBERIA, CD, 10/, L	30.00	35.00
LILY, SORB, CD, 10/BN, L	30.00	35.00
LISIANTHS, NENG, 10/BN	18.50	18.50
QU AN LACE, CA, /BN, L	8.50	9.50
RUDBECKIA, NENG, /BN	7.50	7.50
SALVIA, PA, /BN	7.50	7.50
SCABIOSA, NL, /BN	8.50	10.00
SNAPDRGN, CD, /BN	12.50	13.50
STOCK, DBL, CA, 10, L	8.50	10.00
SUNFLWR, NENG, 5/BN	7.50	8.75
SUNFLWR, NENG, EA	1.00	1.00
SNFLWR, MINI, NL, /BN	8.50	9.50
YARROW, NENG, /BN	7.50	7.50
ZINNIA, NENG, /BN	6.50	6.50

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In addition to identifying problems or violations that affect milk quality and safety and issuing enforcement actions, DoAg's inspectors have an equally important responsibility to provide technical assistance when needed to help dairy facilities comply with state and federal regulations. Continual training is essential in serving this role.

FDA's Milk Safety Division training programs are designed to standardize the dairy programs for all the states. This helps to ensure all Grade A dairy farms and processing plants are held accountable to the same standards and allows for interstate commerce. Connecticut's dairy inspectors receive training by attending several FDA courses:

- The FD 375 Dairy Farm Sanitation and Inspection course is one week of training. This course covers all aspects of conducting dairy farm inspections, from understanding approved water systems to equipment design and construction requirements. All the various types of milk systems must meet the requirements in the PMO.
- The most recent technology within dairy production is Robotic Milking Systems/Automated Milking Installations (AMI). DoAg has sent staff for AMI training to understand how they operate and what is required to meet the requirements of the PMO and state regulations.
- The FD 371 Milk Pasteurization Controls and Tests course helps develop the understanding and skills necessary to evaluate basic and complex pasteurization systems. Participants use pasteurizer controllers, instrumentation, and perform hands-on practical sessions for testing various parts of a pasteurizer. Whenever possible, a processing plant field trip is integrated into the training to demonstrate product flow and equipment testing.
- The FD 372 Milk Plant Sanitation and Inspection course helps participants gain knowledge and skills necessary to evaluate and inspect the sanitary status of milk plants using the applicable sections of the current edition of the PMO, 3A Sanitary Standards, and other applicable guidelines. Classroom discussions, exercises, audiovisuals and milk plant field trips help provide the participant with information regarding inspection techniques, equipment and process control, identifying chemical, biological and physical hazards, current quality assurance concepts, and milk processing sanitary procedures.
- The FD 577 Special Problems in Milk Protection course discusses current changes to the PMO and how they affect regulating Grade A dairy farms and processing facilities. State Rating Officers (SRO) are required to attend every three years. This course helps standardize DoAg staff with their colleagues from other states as well as FDA Milk Specialists.
- The FD 578 Advanced Milk Processing course discusses many key topics related to aseptic systems, Extended Shelf Life (ESL), and Higher Heat Shorter Time (HHST) systems. It also discusses computer controls, packaging and filling technology, and advanced Clean-In-Place (CIP) systems.

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WANTED

7-R. Livestock wanted: Dairy cattle, heifers of any age, beef cows, bulls, steers, feeder cattle, veal, groups of sheep and goats. RyanM01@comcast.net or 860-655-0958. If no answer, leave message. All calls returned.

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68-R. Bulldozing in Eastern CT. Farm ponds up to 3 acres. Need farm water, call Don Kemp. Also, land clearing. 860-546-9500.

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Connecticut's dairy inspectors also receive training by attending Regional FDA Seminars, which are held every two years.

With the recent passage of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), DoAg's dairy inspectors have begun training for FSMA based inspections. Recently, they attended a Preventative Controls Qualified Individual (PCQI) course jointly offered by the University of Connecticut and the University of Rhode Island to become qualified for FSMA based inspections. The three day course covered all aspects of developing a food-safety plan.

Dairy inspectors also have training in radiological sampling. This is part of a federal program directed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to have staff trained for any type of radiological event. DoAg works directly with the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Radiological sampling involves the sampling of dairy products as well as other agriculture products after some type of a radiological event. Every six years the federal government evaluates DoAg staff for proficiency in taking various agricultural product samples.

HIRING AND LABOR ISSUES WORKSHOP

Join the Department of Agriculture (DoAg), Tuesday, September 4, 2018, for a workshop to discuss hiring and labor issues at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123

Huntington St., New Haven, CT, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Heather Callahan from the U.S. Department of Labor will give a presentation on the H2A Program, discussing H-2A standards related to recruitment, wages, housing, transportation, and recordkeeping for employers of temporary non-immigrant agricultural workers admitted to the country under Section 218 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Following, a panel of Connecticut producers will share their experience with the program and answer questions.

This is a free program funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency in cooperation with UConn Extension and DoAg. To register for this event email Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov by Friday, August 31, 2018.

FARM AID OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Farm Aid is bringing its 2018 annual concert to Hartford September 22 and is starting to profile Connecticut's "Farmer Heroes." To nominate a farmer, go to <https://www.farmaid.org/our-work/nominate-farmer-hero/> and complete the nomination form.

Read about some Connecticut farmers already featured at <https://www.farmaid.org/blog/farmer-heroes/shining-spotlight-your-connecticut-farmer-heroes>.

Farmers, farm service providers, and farm advocates comfortable interacting with the media about Connecticut agriculture can sign up for potential speaking opportunities at <https://www.farmaid.org/festival/farm-aid-2018-farmer-media>.



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