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SAFELY ENJOY YOUR BACKYARD FLOCK

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The first day of spring is upon us along with the holiday celebration of new life and high expectations of a new growing season.

You can see the activity in local retail stores, shops and garden centers, in magazines, and in online websites selling seeds, garden supplies, holiday decorations, and other warm weather items in anticipation of the new spring season.

It is also the time of year that the Bureau of Regulatory Services at the Connecticut Department of Agriculture receives the greatest number of import permit requests from poultry owners, dealers, and hatcheries for the movement of hatching eggs and live day-old poultry—many of which going to people with small hobby or backyard flocks.

Looking at the poultry imports over the past several years revealed a growing trend for individuals to own backyard poultry in Connecticut. A similar trend was found nationally in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) survey.

This popular trend may be contributing to an ongoing increase in *Salmonella* outbreaks linked to backyard flocks. In 2017, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and multiple state agencies investigated 10 separate multi-state outbreaks of *Salmonella* infections in people who had contact with live poultry from backyard flocks.

The investigation found 1,120 people in 48 states and the District of Columbia were reported infected with *Salmonella*. One person died and 249 people were hospitalized. This is the largest number of human illnesses linked to contact with backyard poultry ever recorded by CDC.

Here are steps you can take to protect yourself and others while enjoying your backyard flock.

- Always wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water right after touching live poultry or anything in their environment or handling clothes and shoes that had contact with live poultry. Adults should supervise hand washing of children.
- Do not let live poultry inside the house, in bathrooms, or especially in areas where food or drink is prepared, served or stored, such as kitchens or outdoor patios.
- Set aside a pair of shoes to wear while taking care of the poultry and keep those shoes outside of the house.
- Do not let children younger than 5 years old handle or touch chicks, ducklings or other live poultry without adult supervision.
- Do not snuggle or kiss birds, touch your mouth or eat or drink around live poultry.
- Clean outdoors any equipment or materials used to raise or care for live poultry, i.e. cages, feed or water containers.
- Buy baby poultry from hatcheries that participate in the USDA National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) U.S. *Salmonella* Monitoring Program. NPIP participation helps reduce the incidence of *Salmonella* in baby poultry in the hatchery, which helps prevent the spread of infection among poultry and people.

CDC Safe Handling Tips for Eggs from Backyard Poultry

Shell eggs may become contaminated with *Salmonella* through the laying process, once the eggs are laid, through poultry feed or bedding.

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.93	2.07
LARGE	1.91	2.05
MEDIUM	1.14	1.27

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	2.27	2.39
LARGE	2.26	2.35
MEDIUM	1.45	1.64
SMALL	.71	.84

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	64.00	69.50
boners 80-85% lean	63.00	68.50
lean 88-90% lean	52.00	59.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	125.00	128.00
Choice 2-3	123.00	126.00
Select 1-2	115.00	123.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	84.00	93.00
Choice 2-3	85.00	88.00
Select 1-2	77.50	84.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	124.00	125.00
Choice 2-3	120.00	123.00
Select 1-2	116.00	119.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 100-130 lbs	115.00	120.00
No 1 92 lbs	105.00	105.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	252.00	285.00
130-150 lbs	190.00	225.00
150-200 lbs	170.00	190.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	125.00	140.00
120-160 lbs	90.00	125.00
160-200 lbs	80.00	115.00
200-300 lbs	80.00	105.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	165.00	195.00
80-100 lbs	210.00	240.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	190.00	215.00
130-180 lbs	225.00	245.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	250.00	295.00
150-250 lbs	370.00	395.00

USDA NATIONAL RETAIL BEEF

Per pound.

GRND BEEF 90% plus	5.99	6.99
GROUND BEEF 70-79%	1.93	2.49
GROUND CHUCK	2.88	4.99
GROUND SIRLOIN	4.49	4.49
LONDON BROIL	2.99	3.99
ROAST, CHUCK	2.99	4.29
ROAST, BNLS RIBEYE	6.99	6.99
STEAK, CHUCK	3.99	4.99
STEAK, FLAT IRON	7.99	7.99
STEAK, NY STRIP	5.99	10.99
STEAK, BNLS RIBEYE	6.99	9.99
STEAK, B/IN RIBEYE	8.99	9.99
STEAK, BNLS SIRLOIN	4.99	6.99
STEAK, SKIRT	7.99	7.99
STEW MEAT	3.95	4.99
TENDERLOIN	6.49	13.99

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4 OZ	16.00	18.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 72	28.00	30.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 80	28.00	30.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 88	30.00	30.00
APPL, CRTLAND, FCY, 12-3LB	22.00	22.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 56	24.00	24.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 125	20.00	20.00
APPLE, GALA, US FANCY, 88	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GALA, US FANCY, 100	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GALA, #1, 12-3LB, 2-1/2"	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, FCY, 64	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, FCY, 72	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, FCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, FCY, 88	24.00	24.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, #1, 12-3LB	20.00	20.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, XFY, TRAY100	56.00	58.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 72	30.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 88	26.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 100	24.00	26.00
APPLE, MAC, USFCY, TRYPK 80	21.00	21.00
APPLE, MAC, USFCY, TRYPK 88	21.00	21.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 64	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 72	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY 125	20.00	21.00
APPLE, RED DEL, #1, 12-3LB	20.00	20.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEET, CHIOGGA, 25 LB, M-L, LSE	14.00	14.00
CIDER, 4- 1 GALLON	22.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	26.00	26.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZA, 50LB	12.00	13.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZB, 50LB	13.00	14.00
PTATO, RDWHT, NONSZA, 10-5LB	14.00	15.00

BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, WAXFANCY, 100	49.00	49.00
APPLE, GALA, WAXFANCY, 100	45.00	45.00
APPLE, BRAEBURN, WAXFY, 80	38.00	38.00
APPLE, RED DEL, WAXFCY, 80	34.00	34.00
ASPARAGUS, 11 LBS, BNCHD	35.00	35.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, 45 LBS	28.00	28.00
CARROTS, CA, 24-2 LB, M-L	29.00	30.00
CUKES, 1/2 BU, 12	18.00	18.00
KALE, 12 BUNCHES	27.00	27.00
LETT, RMAINE, CA/AZ, 12-18OZ	24.00	24.00
MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	8.00	9.00
MUSHROOMS, PA, 12- 8 OZ	17.00	17.00
SPINACH, BABY, CA, 4 LBS	16.00	16.00
SQUASH, ACORN, M, 1-1/9	30.00	30.00
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, M, 1-1/9	30.00	30.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, M, 1-1/9	30.00	30.00
SQUASH, DELICATA, M, 1-1/9	32.00	32.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, M, 1-1/9	31.00	31.00
STRAWBERRIES, CA, 8-1 LB	24.00	24.00
SWEET POTATO, 40 LBS	32.00	40.00
SWEET POTATO, 12-3LB MESH	30.00	32.00

USDA CUTFLOWERS

February 3, 2018. Price per unit.

CARNATIONS, PER STEM, CB	.28	.34
MUSCARI, NL, 10/BN, LONG	4.50	5.00
PEONIES, SEMI DBL, NZ, 5/BN	13.50	14.00
TULIPS, FRNCH, CA, 10/BN, LNG	15.00	15.00
TULIPS, STD, CD, 10/BN, LNG	6.00	6.00
TULIPS, PARROT, NL, 10/BN, LNG	9.00	10.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - March 19, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	35.00	40.00
61-75 lbs.	60.00	65.00
76-90 lbs.	70.00	75.00
91-105 lbs.	77.50	82.50
106 lbs. & up	85.00	92.50
Farm Calves	115.00	265.00
Starter Calves	20.00	26.00
Veal Calves	95.00	145.00
Feeder Heifers	65.00	100.00
Beef Heifers	64.00	105.00
Feeder Steers	62.00	112.00
Beef Steers	65.50	90.00
Feeder Bulls	90.00	170.00
Beef Bulls	75.00	87.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	87.50	175.00
Lambs each	130.00	280.00
Goats each	100.00	220.00
Kid Goats each	50.00	115.00
Canners	up to	63.00
Cutters	64.50	67.00
Utility Grade Cows	68.00	71.00
Rabbits each	9.00	24.00
Chickens each	5.00	25.00
Ducks each	5.00	15.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	58.00	61.00
	300-350 lbs	54.00	62.00
	350-400 lbs	58.00	60.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	51.00	57.00
	300-350 lbs	48.00	56.00
	350-400 lbs	48.00	49.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	39.00	48.00
	500-900 lbs	42.00	47.00
Boars	375-500 lbs	5.00	5.00

DAIRY REPLACEMENT COWS

N. Holland, PA, March 7. By the head.

FRESH COWS:		
APPROVED	1100.00	1450.00
MEDIUM	700.00	1050.00
SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	825.00	1175.00
MEDIUM	625.00	825.00
BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS)		
APPROVED	700.00	975.00

WHOLESALE ORGANIC CERTIFIED ORGANIC POULTRY AND EGGS

Price per carton for eggs. Price per lb for chicken.

EGGS, BROWN SHELL		
XLARGE, DOZEN	2.61	3.60
XLARGE, 1/2 DOZEN	1.80	1.95
EGGS, BROWN SHELL		
LARGE, DOZEN	2.30	3.50
1/2 DOZEN	1.71	1.90
YOUNG CHICKEN		
WHOLE FRYER	1.70	3.32
BNLS BREAST	5.69	10.58
B/IN BREAST	3.60	6.16
WHOLE LEGS	1.88	4.76
THIGHS	1.95	3.92
WHOLE WINGS	n/a	n/a

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To keep your family healthy, follow the tips below when collecting and handling eggs from a backyard flock:

- Always wash your hands with soap and water after handling eggs, chickens, or anything in their environment.
- Maintain a clean coop. Cleaning the coop, floor, nests and perches on a regular basis will help to keep eggs clean.
- Collect eggs often. Eggs that spend a significant amount of time in the nest can become dirty or break. Cracked eggs should be thrown away.
- Eggs with dirt and debris can be cleaned with fine sandpaper, a brush or cloth. Don't wash eggs, because colder water can pull bacteria into the egg.
- Refrigerate eggs after collection.
- Cook eggs thoroughly. Raw and undercooked eggs contain *Salmonella* bacteria that can make you sick.
- Know the regulations regarding the sale of eggs to the public.

After you touch ducklings or chicks, wash your hands so you don't get sick!



To learn more about *Salmonella* and eggs visit the CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/features/salmonellaeggs/index.html>

THERE'S STILL TIME TO RESPOND TO THE 2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) needs a Census of Agriculture response from ALL the nation's producers. In order to get an accurate representation of American agriculture – of all farmers and ranchers across the country – NASS will continue to accept completed census questionnaires through spring.

Federal law mandates that everyone who received the 2017 Census of Agriculture questionnaire complete it and return it even if not currently farming.

NASS will follow-up via mailings, phone calls, and farm visits with producers who have not yet responded. Farmers are encouraged to complete their census either online at www.agcounts.usda.gov or by mail as soon as possible.

For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov. For questions about or assistance filling out the census, producers can call toll-free (888) 424-7828.

ADVERTISEMENTS**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

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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.

10-R Greenhouse furnaces, 300,000-400,000 BTU's. Price range from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Call Alex 203-223-4853.

16-R. Farm stand for rent May and June. 30x30 building with attached greenhouse. Established customer base for annuals, bedding plants and perennials. Contact Alex Arisco @ 203-271-0549.

21-R. Round hay bales – 52" X 48" – Triple plastic wrapped, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, dry, haylage, grass, alfalfa. \$40.00 and up. 860-884-2889.

24-R. Hay for sale from fertilized fields. \$4.50 per bale. 203-453-9865.

26 –R. Diesel trucks: F350 F450 1989 7.3 4X4 dump, Army trucks. D-8 Cat, Dynahoe 200. 203-598-0807.

27-R. For Sale: 35 x 100 gabled greenhouse – included tables for hydroponics, fans, lights. For more information, call Marshall at 860.810.4440.

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.

28. Grain bin/silo: Seeking a pre-owned 1.5 ton bin or smaller. Polyethylene preferred. Please call Dave at 860-922-7437 or email farmtone@gmail.com.

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.

SURVEY OF COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

Do You Operate a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) business? Please help UConn Extension with their 2018 Survey of CSAs in Connecticut.

The survey will take less than five minutes. UConn Extension tracks the number of CSAs, locations, share prices, share models, years of operation, and USDA certified organic/CT-NOFA pledge. The results are always shared with CSA farm businesses.

Go to: <http://s.uconn.edu/2018CSAsurvey>. For questions, contact jiff.martin@uconn.edu.

CONNECTICUT CHEESE WINS AWARDS

Two Connecticut cheeses have been recognized as best in class at the 2018 World Championship Cheese Contest.

Arethusa Farm Dairy was awarded best in class in the Blue Veined Cheeses category for their Arethusa Blue which is an English-style blue cheese made and aged at the company's Bantam, CT, facility.

The Calabro Cheese Corporation of East Haven, CT was awarded best in class in the Ricotta category for their hand dipped Ricotta. The Calabro Cheese Corporation was also recognized with a third place award for their Ricotta di Bufala in the All Other Milk Cheeses category.

The 2018 World Championship Cheese Contest was held March 6 – 8 in Madison, WI. The first World Championship Cheese Contest was held in 1957 and is today held every two years. It is the largest technical cheese competition in the world.

This year the competition saw 3,402 entries in 121 categories from 26 foreign countries and 32 US states. These entries were evaluated and scored over a 3-day period by an international team of 55 judges hailing from 20 countries and 15 U.S. states.

EXHIBIT AT THE 2018 BIG E

The Connecticut Building at the Big E offers a unique opportunity for agricultural businesses, non-profits, and other entities with an agricultural mission to showcase the diversity



Arethusa Blue made by Arethusa Farm Dairy in Baltic, CT.

of Connecticut agriculture. The 2018 Big E is scheduled to run from September 14 – 30, 2018. Connecticut Day will take place on Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is accepting vendor applications for the agriculture booth spaces in the Connecticut Building with the purpose of providing Connecticut farms, small agricultural businesses, and agricultural non-profit organizations the opportunity to market and promote their products and/or service.

Applications are available at www.ctgrown.gov and are due by Friday, March 30, 2018. Please call 860-713-2538 or email Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov for more participation information.

TOLLAND COUNTY FARM BUREAU EQUINE NUTRITION & LIABILITY PROGRAM MARCH 30, 2018

The Tolland Country Farm Bureau will hold a program on equine nutrition and liability issues on Friday, March 30, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at Pleasant View Farm, 452 South Road, Somers, CT. The program will feature Nichole Rambo, Ph.D., an equine nutritionist with Tribute Equine Nutrition. Additional information on equine liability issues will be presented by a liability representative from Nationwide Insurance.

The program is free for CT Farm Bureau members or \$15 for non-members. For more information please contact tollandcountyfarmbureau@gmail.com or call 860-742-5725.

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