

Agricultural Report

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CONNECTICUT HOSTS NATIONAL DAIRY REGULATORY CONFERENCE

Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) proudly hosted this year's annual meeting of the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials (NADRO).

The annual meeting of allied dairy industry representatives, dairy processors, dairy producers, and dairy industry public officials was held July 14-17, 2019 in Mystic, CT.

The mission of NADRO is to protect public health and promote regulatory uniformity and efficiency in the dairy industry. NADRO works to address the concerns of the dairy industry and to make recommendations to relevant federal agencies and national organizations.

The association meets annually to discuss issues relevant to dairy regulatory matters, evaluate issues impacting the nation's dairy industry and to formulate recommendations to federal agencies and national organizations. The last time the annual meeting was held in Connecticut was 49 years ago in Windsor.

This year's topics of discussion included regulation of automatic milking installations, advancements in milk testing, and updates regarding the dairy inspection pilot program.

DoAg Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt welcomed dairy industry representatives and regulators from across the country to Connecticut.

"Thank you all for being here and welcome to the great state of Connecticut," said Commissioner Hurlburt in his opening remarks to the conference.

"In Connecticut, agriculture is a \$4 billion industry. We work over 440,000 acres of land, we have 5,500 small businessmen and women, and 21,000 great paying jobs that support our communities," said Commissioner Hurlburt.

"But because we are spread out across 169

towns and we have been here for so long, people take the impact and value of agriculture for granted here in the state. And, we work very hard in this department to make sure people understand that agriculture is viable and integral to Connecticut's future."

The conference was organized in large part by DoAg Milk Safety Division representative, Jim Allyn who served as NADRO President in 2018, and NADRO Executive Treasurer Eunice Schlappi of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

"We appreciate all the hard work and effort Jim and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture put into organizing and hosting this event," said Eunice.

Conference presentations included a Grade "A" Equivalence update provided by Randy Elsberry, Senior Milk Sanitation Officer with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)'s Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

Capt. Timothy S. Roddy of FDA's Office of State Cooperative Programs provided an update regarding Appendix T Inspections associated with the FDA Dairy Inspection Pilot program.

Jamie Jonker of the National Milk Producers Federation

provided an update which included information about labeling of nondairy vegetable-based products as "milk," "yogurt," "cheese," "ice cream" and "butter".

Jamie's presentation also included information about U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney's efforts to improve childhood nutrition by making milk more readily available in schools through the School Milk Nutrition Act of 2019.

On June 7, 2019, Commissioner Hurlburt and U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney visited Mountain Dairy in Mansfield for a tour of the facility, and



Dairy Regulatory Officials from across the country attend the NADRO Annual Conference in Mystic, CT, July 14-17, 2019.

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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.56	.75
LARGE	.50	.64
MEDIUM	.33	.46

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.15	1.49
LARGE	1.05	1.39
MEDIUM	.78	.89
SMALL	.69	.79

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Choice 2-3	108.00	132.00
Select 2-3	103.00	110.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Choice 2-3	102.00	105.00
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	61.00	66.00
boners 80-85% lean	58.00	66.50
lean 88-90% lean	45.00	55.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 100-105 lbs	70.00	90.00
No 2 90-95 lbs	60.00	75.00
No 2 100-105 lbs	60.00	75.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
80-88 lbs	205.00	235.00
93-98 lbs	195.00	222.00
100-132 lbs	180.00	220.00
Choice 1-2		
50-58 lbs	195.00	220.00
60-68 lbs	195.00	215.00
73-78 lbs	180.00	205.00
80-86 lbs	180.00	200.00
Choice 2-3		
91-99 lbs	182.00	205.00
100-141 lbs	170.00	195.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Per head/ Est. weight		
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
50-59 lbs	175.00	185.00
60-69 lbs	185.00	205.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
100-149 lbs	240.00	270.00
150-199 lbs	260.00	305.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-149 lbs	260.00	340.00
150-199 lbs	380.00	400.00

BOSTON MARKET CUT FLOWERS

Wholesale price \$/ unit as listed

CALLA, White/ stem	5.00	5.00
DAHLIA, BNCH 5S	14.00	15.00
GLADIOLUS, BNCH 10S	12.50	15.00
IRIS, DK. BLUE, BNCH 10S	7.50	7.50
LAVENDER, BNCH	8.50	10.00
LISIANTHUS, BNCH 10S	20.00	20.00
PEONY, BNCH 10S	20.00	20.00
SNAPDRAGON, BNCH 10S	12.75	15.00
SUNFLOWER, BNCH 5S	7.50	8.75
SUNFLOWER per stem	1.00	1.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, GHS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 80	31.00	32.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, 88	31.00	32.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 125	18.00	19.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 138	18.00	19.00
BEANS, GREEN, 1 BU	26.00	28.00
BEANS, WAX, 1 BU	35.00	35.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
CABBAGE, GRN, 50 LB	17.00	18.00
CABBAGE, RED, 50 LB, M/L	20.00	26.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, 1 7/8 BU	20.00	20.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	24.00	24.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	28.00	28.00
COLLARDS, 1 3/5 BU, 12S	13.00	16.00
CUCUMBER, 1 1/9 BU, MED	26.00	34.00
KALE, CTN, 1 3/5 BU, 12'S	13.00	16.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, 1 1/9 BU	60.00	60.00
PEAS, SUGAR SNAP, 10 LB	25.00	25.00
RADISHES, RED, BNCH 24S	13.00	14.00
RHUBARB, 20 LBS, CRT, L	34.00	35.00
SQUASH, ZUCCHINI, 1/2 BU, M	8.00	10.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, 1/2 BU, S	16.00	18.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8- 1 QT	36.00	37.00
TOMS, GHS, 25 LB, M	20.00	20.00
TOMS, GHS, ON VINE, 11 LB	13.00	13.00
TOMS, GHS, CHERRY, 12 10-OZ	24.00	25.00

SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, NY, XFCY, 64	31.00	31.00
APPLE, FUJI, NY, XFCY, 125	19.00	19.00
APPLE, JONAGOLD, NY, XFCY, 125	24.00	24.00
BEETS, CHIOGGA, NJ, BNCH 12S	18.00	18.00
BEETS, GOLD, NJ, BNCH 12S	20.00	22.00
BLUEBERRIES, GNJ, 12-1 PT	15.00	18.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 2 BU	33.00	33.00
BROCCOLI, CTN, CA, 14S	16.00	19.00
CARROTS, CA, BNCH, 24S	22.00	24.00
CUKE, PICKLES, GA, 150-200	26.00	30.00
EGGPLANT, GA, 1 1/9 BU, MED	15.00	16.00
LETTUCE, GRN LF, CA, 24S	28.00	35.00
LETTUCE, RDLF, CA, 24S	24.00	32.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	6.50	8.00
PEACHES,, YELLOW, NJ, 1/2 BU	22.00	22.00
PEPPER, CUBANELLE, NJ 1 1/9 BU	20.00	23.00
PEPPER, JALAPENO, GA 1/2 BU	14.00	15.00
SQUASH, KABOCHA, NJ, 1 1/9 BU	22.00	24.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, NJ, 1 1/9 BU	20.00	22.00
SWISS CHARD, MIXED, NJ, 12's	18.00	18.00

BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC

Price Range. Per unit.

APPLE, FUJI, WA, XFCY, 80'S	35.00	35.00
BLUEBERRIES, CAN, 12-1 PT	30.00	30.00
CABBAGE, GRN, 45 LB CRT	26.00	26.00
CABBAGE, RED, 45 LB CRT	34.00	38.00
CARROTS, CA, 25 LB LOOSE	23.00	24.00
CUKE, LONG SEEDLESS, CRTN	14.00	16.00
KALE, BNCH, 12S, CRT	25.00	25.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3 LB	9.50	10.00
RASPBERRIES, CA, 6-12 OZ	30.00	33.00
SQUASH, ZUC, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00
SQUASH, YEL, 1/2 BU, S-M	20.00	20.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - July 15, 2019

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	10.00	15.00
61-75 lbs.	27.50	30.00
76-90 lbs.	35.00	37.50
91-105 lbs.	40.00	45.00
106 lbs. & up	50.00	55.00
Farm Calves	n/a	n/a
Starter Calves	n/a	n/a
Veal Calves	100.00	125.00
Feeder Heifers	n/a	n/a
Beef Heifers	80.00	84.00
Feeder Steers	80.00	85.00
Beef Steers	84.00	86.00
Feeder Bulls	87.50	110.00
Beef Bulls	79.00	83.00
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	80.00	80.00
Sheep each	100.00	140.00
Lambs each	130.00	245.00
Goats each	145.00	330.00
Kid Goats each	75.00	210.00
Canners	up to	78.00
Cutters	69.00	72.00
Utility Grade Cows	73.50	76.00
Rabbits each	5.00	47.50
Chickens each	4.00	24.00
Ducks each	7.00	35.00
Pigeons each	3.00	14.00

DAIRY CATTLE

New Holland, PA. Price per animal.

FRESH/MILKING COWS		
APPROVED	850.00	1350.00
MEDIUM	600.00	825.00
SPRINGER HEIFERS:		
APPROVED	900.00	1150.00
OPEN HEIFERS		
APPROVED	225.00	250.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HAY REPORT

Price per ton, small squares. July 15, 2019

ALFALFA/ GRASS		
PREMIUM	400.00	420.00
GOOD	250.00	335.00
FAIR	140.00	150.00
GRASS HAYS		
GOOD	310.00	320.00
FAIR	150.00	165.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

SLAUGHTER HOGS		
BARROWS AND GILTS		
US 1-2 216-298 lbs	45.00	60.00
307-350 lbs	46.00	51.00
US 2-3 212-295 lbs	41.00	50.00
SOWS		
US 1-2 390-395 lbs	32.00	35.50
415-465 lbs	31.00	38.00
523-580 lbs	35.00	39.00

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to announce the legislation intended to reverse the decline of milk consumption in schools.



Commissioner Hurlburt and U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney visited Mountain Dairy to announce legislation to reverse the decline of milk consumption in schools. Photo courtesy of U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney on Facebook.

From 2014-2016, schools served 213 million fewer half pints of milk, even though school enrollment was growing.

The School Milk Nutrition Act of 2019 would codify recent regulatory changes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that provided schools with the option to serve low-fat, 1-percent flavored milk.

Providing students with the option to consume low-fat milk with flavor has the potential to positively affect milk consumption and student health trends, while at the same time supporting local dairy farmers.

"What's happened to dairy farms in Connecticut has been a troubling trend across the country," said Commissioner Hurlburt. "A vibrant dairy industry is crucial to the entire agricultural economy."

Commissioner Hurlburt told the conference of dairy regulators about the dairy support program created by the Connecticut legislature to provide additional dollars to dairy farmers based on the cost of production.

"In the past two years the general assembly and the previous governor, put millions of additional dollars into that pool," said Commissioner Hurlburt. "The new biennial budget signed by Governor Lamont just a few weeks ago provides an additional \$2.5 million to support the dairy industry."

"We have very difficult costs of productions given the size and scale of the dairy industry, but we have hard working families who are doing everything they can to make sure their business continues," said Commissioner Hurlburt.



Jim Allyn presents a cowbell to DoAg Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt on behalf of NADRO.

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USDA SEEKING CROP PROGRESS REPORTERS

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FARM STRESS & MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY

The UConn Extension Farm Stress & Mental Health Collaborative Committee is in the process of planning future programs for farmers and agriculture service providers in Connecticut. UConn Extension is seeking feedback about what should be include in these future programs. We hope you can find 5 minutes within the next few weeks to complete this simple survey to help make the next program successful. You can find the survey at this link https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bx6TCvmhIxswG4I or email mackenzie.white@uconn.edu.

CT NRCS EQIP APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 26TH

Are you a Connecticut landowner operating a vegetable, nursery, orchard, greenhouse, or other field crop operation who's looking for ways to improve your conservation efforts?

Are you the owner or operator of an Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) or Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) in Connecticut looking for ways to protect natural resources?

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to help farmers take voluntary actions to minimize potential resource concerns by providing technical and sometimes financial assistance for the adoption of practices that will protect natural resources.

NEW – qualified applicants can use EQIP to address gypsy moth damage. Options include an opportunity for early successional cutting, an addendum to applicants with an existing forestry management plan to remove dead and dying trees, and a template plan for those with a current forest stewardship plan.

Applications are accepted year-round; however, to be eligible for current year funding you must ensure your application is submitted to your local NRCS office by July 26, 2019.

For more information go to the Getting Started section of the Connecticut NRCS website at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ct/home>.

To find out more, fill out eligibility forms, or obtain an application, contact your local USDA Service Center: Danielson – (860) 779-0557; Hamden – (203) 287-8038; Norwich – (860) 887-3604; Torrington – (860) 626-8852; Windsor – (860) 688-7725.

DAIRY PLANT FOOD SAFETY WORKSHOP

The International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) is hosting a Dairy Plant Food Safety Workshop, October 22-23, 2019; 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Friendly's Ice Cream, 1855 Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA.

The registration fee is \$495. For more information and online registration go to <https://www.idfa.org/events/dpfsfsw>. If you have questions or need assistance with registration, please contact IDFA at 202-737-4332 or registrar@idfa.org.

TASTE THE ADVENTURE AT THE CT WINE FESTIVAL

This weekend, July 20-21, 2019, is the Connecticut Wine Festival, presented by the CT Wine Trail. Attendees will have the opportunity to taste the best of Connecticut's wineries, sample locally produced specialty foods, enjoy live music and browse handcrafts.

The two-day event will be held at the Goshen Fairgrounds, 116 Old Middle Street, Goshen, CT. The participating wineries this year are Bishops Orchards & Winery, DiGrazia Vineyards, Holmberg Orchards & Winery, Hopkins Vineyard, Jones Winery, Land of Nod Winery, Jonathan Edwards Winery, Paradise Hills Vineyard, Priam Vineyards, Sharpe Hill Vineyard and Sunset Meadow Vineyards.

Be sure to bring your Passport to Connecticut Farm Wineries book (or mobile app) to get a stamp on the Wine Festival page. Wineries will not be stamping their individual pages at the festival.

Additional details on the event, include FAQ, entertainment schedule and more, can be found here: <https://ctwine.com/events/wine-festival>.

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