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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

NEWS FROM AQUACULTURE BUREAU

By David Carey, Director, Bureau of Aquaculture

The Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture recently participated in an international workshop on Bioextractive Technologies for Nutrient Remediation held at the Stamford campus of the University of Connecticut. The seminar was to explore the potential benefit of bioextractive technologies such as seaweed and shellfish cultivation and harvesting to the near shore estuarine environment of Long Island Sound.

Participants from Canada, Germany, Sweden, Chile, Maryland, New Hampshire, Virginia, California Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island totaling 100 individuals whom exchanged information on December 4-5th. The workshop was sponsored by EPA's Long Island Sound Study Program. The subject matter included:

- Shellfish Aquaculture practices & technologies and ecosystems services rendered.
- Modeling studies on the influence of Eastern oysters on ecological processes in Chesapeake Bay.
- A hypothetical case study for using extractive technologies for meeting nutrient criteria goals in the Great Bay Estuary, in New Hampshire.
- Seaweed farming practices and bioremediation.
- Seaweed use to mitigate Aquaculture induced Eutrophication processes in Chile.
- The European aquaculture experience in the North Sea from theory to reality.
- A business case for bioextraction, a sustainable ecological Aquaculture.
- Modeling the environmental impact and operations of marine fish farms.
- Hydroqual provided an application of the System Wide Eutrophication Model (SWEM) for a preliminary Quantitative Evaluation of Biomass Harvesting as a nutrient Control Strategy for Long Island Sound.
- The economics of nutrient harvest alternatives and the creation of incentives.
- The carrying capacity and economic considerations for shellfish aquaculture in US coastal waters.
- A case study for shellfish cultivation Bioextraction in Practice.

The program concluded with a panel discussion on bringing Bioextractive technologies to Long Island Sound. The Bureau of Aquaculture was represented on the panel and conveyed the message and support for further exploration of the methods and technologies available in the current regulatory framework. Increasing the acreage of shellfish and seaweed cultivation and harvesting in Long Island Sound can assist in non-point source nutrient management.

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You must sign up by January 19, 2010. The program will officially begin with the first delivery to the Welcome Centers in February 2010. We hope you will participate and help us fill the agritourism rack at each Welcome Center!

INTERESTED IN ORGANIC FARMING?

Have you always dreamed of growing your own produce, fruit, or flowers? Have you ever thought, I would like to start my own farm? The Community Farm of Simsbury may be the place for you...

The Community Farm of Simsbury (CFS) is a certified organic farm, providing the use of inexpensive farmland, from 1/8th of an acre up to 1 acre, for people interested in becoming organic farmers. CFS assists with plowing, irrigation, equipment, storage, and other services. CFS offers hands-on training so you can learn to plant crops, use a hoop house, set up irrigation systems, safely control weeds and pests, and use farm equipment. If you would like to learn more about this program and are interested in joining the Incubator Farmer Program (IFP), you must attend one of the following informational meetings.

If you are interested in becoming an Incubator Farmer for the 2010 season, you MUST attend one of the following IFP Information Meetings:

- Wednesday, January 6, 2010 (6:30-7:30pm)
- Saturday, January 9, 2010 (2:00-3:00pm)
- Wednesday, January 13, 2010 (6:30-7:30pm)
- Saturday, January 23, 2010 (1:00-2:00pm)

All Informational sessions will be held at the Eno Farm House located at the Community Farm of Simsbury, 73 Wolcott Road, Simsbury, CT 06070. To RSVP, call Tim Goodwin, 860-655-5580 or email, trgood21@mac.com

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.
December 14, 2009

Prices To Retailers, Sales To Volume Buyers,
USDA Grade A and Grade A, White Eggs In
Cartons, Warehouse, Cents Per Dozen

EXTRA LARGE	119-123
LARGE	118-122
MEDIUM	92-95

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, December 14, 2009

Live animals brought the following average prices
per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	16.00	20.300
61-75 lbs.	22.00	24.00
76-90 lbs.	26.00	28.00
91-105 lbs.	30.00	32.00
106 lbs. & up	35.00	40.00
Farm Calves	42.50	52.50
Veal Calves	40.00	105.00
Open Heifers	65.00	95.00
Beef Heifers	64.00	75.00
Feeder Steers	60.00	95.00
Beef Steers	57.00	78.50
Stock Bulls	65.00	75.00
Beef Bulls	50.00	58.00
Feeder Pigs each	20.00	60.00
Sheep each	60.00	115.00
Lambs each	50.00	145.00
Goats each	35.00	125.00
Kid Goats each	15.00	60.00
Canners	Up to	40.00
Cutters	41.50	44.00
Utility Grade Cows	45.00	50.00
Rabbits each	7.00	20.00
Chickens each	5.00	16.00
Ducks each	5.00	14.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, December 14, 2009

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
Premium White	65-75% lean	
45.50-48.00	-----	42.00-45.00
Breakers	75-80% lean	
43.00-45.00	-----	41.00-42.00
Boners	80-85% lean	
40.50-43.00	43.25-44.50	39.00-40.25
Lean	85-90% lean	
37.00-40.00	40.50-41.50	33.00-36.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1

1285-1568 lbs 53.00-56.00
1705-2325 lbs 52.00-55.00

Bullocks: 850-1325 lbs 57.00-62.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Choice and Prime 2-3

40-60 lbs 130.00-146.00
60-80 lbs 124.00-144.00
90-110 lbs 100.00-120.00
110-130 lbs 98.00-116.00

Choice 2-3

40-60 lbs 120.00-136.00
60-80 lbs 114.00-132.00
80-90 lbs 102.00-116.00
90-110 lbs 94.00-108.00
110-130 lbs 88.00-103.00

Good 1-2 40-

60 lbs 94.00-112.00
60-70 lbs 95.00-108.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 4/1 gal	13.00	13.00
APPLES, Cortland 96 ct exfcy	20.00	24.00
APPLES, Empire bu 2-1/2 up no grade	10.00	11.00
APPLES, McIntosh ex fcy 96ct	18.00	20.00
APPLES, McIntosh, 140ct US#1	13.00	14.00
CRANBERRIES, 24/12's	36.00	36.00
PARSNIPS, 25lb	20.00	20.00
PARSNIPS, 18 - 1lb	20.00	20.00
POTATOES, 10/5lb	8.00	10.00
POTATOES, Round white 10lb sz A	1.30	1.80
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu lge	12.00	14.00
SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9bu	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu lge	14.00	15.00
SQUASH, Acorn organic 40lb	29.00	29.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 11 lbs on vine	17.00	17.00
TURNIPS, Purple Top 25lb	15.00	15.00

SHIPPED IN

APPLES, Pink Lady 12/3's WA	36.00	37.00
ARTICHOKES, 24ct CA	24.00	24.00
BEANS, Green bu handpicked FL	24.00	24.00
BLACKBERRIES, Organic 16/16oz CA	58.00	61.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/4.4oz Organic CAL	59.00	60.00
BRUSSEL SPROUTS, 25lb ca	24.00	25.00
CANTALOUPS, 6ct Organic AZ	19.00	20.00
CARROTS, 48/1-lb bags CAN	13.00	14.00
CARROTS, 48/1-lb bags Organic GA	42.00	42.00
CAULIFLOWER, 12ct AZ	16.00	18.00
CHERRIES, 5kg med CHILE	40.00	44.00
CLEMENTINES, 5lb CA	4.00	4.50
GARLIC, 30lb #10 CAL	46.00	48.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 40ct FLA	13.00	15.00
LETTUCE, Boston 12/4oz can. ghouse	14.00	15.00
LETTUCE, Green leaf, 24ct AZ	25.00	26.00
MUSHROOMS, 10lb White med PA	13.00	14.00
ONION, Yellow 50lb med NY	9.00	10.00
ORANGES, Navel 88's CA	18.00	19.00
PEPPER, Bell Green xl FL	10.00	12.00
POMEGRANATES, 30ct CA	31.00	32.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh
120-160 lbs 54.00-70.00
160-200 lbs 50.00-66.00
200-300 lbs 40.00-51.00

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1,
sold by the head, on estimated weights.

Kids:
20-40 lbs 32.00-42.00
40-60 lbs 54.00-78.00
60-80 lbs 84.00-110.00
80-100 lbs 92.00-116.00
100-120 lbs 104.00-128.00
120-140 lbs 112.00-130.00

Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 68.00-84.00
130-180 lbs 76.00-94.00

Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs 154.00-166.00
150-250 lbs 182.00-198.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon December 14, 2009 - Hogs sold by actual
weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	49.50-51.50
	270-300 lbs	48.50-50.50
	300-350 lbs	48.50-50.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	46.00-48.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	25.00-30.00
	500-700 lbs	35.00-40.00

**METROPOLITAN AREA
U.S.D.A.**

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS

TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,

Grade A eggs on:

December 14, 2009

EXTRA LARGE	127-131
LARGE	125-129
MEDIUM	100-104

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.

NEW BEDFORD

**WHALING CITY SEAFOOD
DISPLAY AUCTION**

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN
1,000 LBS & \$/CWT

DATE 12/15/09 - PRICES

INCLUDE DEALERS' FEES

1/0 MEANS LESS THAN

100 POUND

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
COD LGE1/	0.0	253	253
MKT	3.1	185	191
SCRD	0.9	160	167
MIXED	0.3	72	84
GILLNET LGE COD			
	0.8	137	231
MKT	5.8	143	173
SCRD	0.1	146	146
JIG MKT COD	0.2	184	184
SCRD	0.1	161	161
POLLOCK	0.1	161	161
MED	0.1	124	124
SCRD	0.0	72	72
HAKE LGE	0.0	152	152
SOW	0.0	261	261
YELLOWTAIL LGE			
	0.3	259	259
SM	0.7	195	195

**BOSTON - WHALING CITY
SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION**

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN

1,000 LBS & \$/CWT DATE 12/15/09

PRICES INCLUDES DEALERS FEES

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
COD LGE	0.5	221	296
MKT	7.2	178	198
SCRD	0.5	168	201
MIXED	0.1	66	66
GILLNET LGE COD	1.2	186	236
MKT	1.4	160	170
HADDOCK	0.4	259	291
HADDOCK SCR D	0.1	253	253
POLLOCK LGE	5.9	144	165
MEDIUM	1.3	128	128
MIXED	1.7	76	100
CUSK1/	0.0	146	146
HAKE LGE	0.1	236	236
MED	0.1	239	239
SOW	0.1	264	264
OCN PRCH	0.3	152	152
YELLOWTAIL MIXED	1.4	236	236
DABS LGE	0.1	236	236
MED	0.1	215	215
SML	0.2	196	196

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

1-R. CT. Christmas Tree Growers, CT. Sheep Breeders and CT. Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency--Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com.. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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4-R. Gallagher High Tensile and portable electric fencing for farms, deer control, gardens. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

76-R. Rough Sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing. 203-788-2430.

188. Registered polled Hereford bred cow-calf combinations, feeder steers and heifers, 3 year old registered Hereford bull with low birth weight and high intramuscular fat. Grand View Farm (860) 485-5720. lucasleslie40@hotmail.com.

196-R. First cut 4x5 round bales \$40 p.u. First cut square bales \$4.50. 203-265-4588.

204-R. Tractors: JD 3010 \$7,500. Farmall 706 \$6,500. Kubota B7500 \$6,000. Farmall 200 \$2,500. Make offer. 860-648-1355. Dzen Brothers Farm.

205-R. Four Male Llamas for Sale- one Black and white, One Black, Two Brown. Price for all four, \$700.00. Westview Farm, Monroe, Ct.. Bernie @ 203-880-6814.

210. Tobacco hook-lath, hardened steel hooks on tulip poplar lath. Used two seasons, large quantity, reasonable. 860-982-7056.

213-R. Hay – excellent 1st cut round, plastic wrapped bales \$40. 2nd cut \$50. 2nd cut squares \$5. Lebanon 860-886-0716.

214-R. Potato Equipment – to be sold in its entirety: 1 – Haines seed cutter; 1 – International 2-row planter; 1 – 2-row 3 P.H. Hiller with adjustable wings; 1 – 1-row John Bean barrel harvester; 1 – 16" sizer-grader with roller inspection table and new screens; 1 – 16" Tew washer with absorber, like new; 1 double bagger; Miscellaneous barrels, bags, ties, etc. - \$3,500 firm. Call Dick Staples 860-933-5622.

215-R. Nearly new 13' Moritz 2 axle livestock trailer. Less than 1,000 miles of use. \$3,200. James Fazzone 203-250-6677.

WANTED

212. Cream spreader wanted. 860-354-4659 Leave message.

512. Participants WAnted for New Agritourism Brochure Distribution Program - The Department of Agriculture, Marketing Division, is offering a new program to farms with agritourism activities. The Agritourism Brochure Distribution Program allows farms with an agritourism component to have their brochures in the five major Welcome Centers in Connecticut – Darien, Westbrook, North Stonington, West Willington and Hartford. A freestanding brochure rack is dedicated to this program at each Center.

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MISCELLANEOUS

7-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-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

514. Request for Grant Applications! - The Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Marketing Bureau is requesting grant applications for projects with a maximum award of \$75,000. Applications are required to have projects that solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty

crops are defined by the USDA as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, maple syrup, honey, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture).

Projects must impact and produce measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public rather than a single organization, institution, or individual. Single organizations, institutions, and individuals are encouraged to participate as project partners. Submitted applications can have projects that last the duration of up to three years.

Workshops on how to write a successful project in accordance with USDA guidelines will be held in three locations each from 1-3pm: Wednesday, January 6, 2010: New London County UConn Cooperative Extension Center, Norwich; Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at the CT Ag Experiment Station, Valley Lab in Windsor; Thursday, January 14, 2010 at the Litchfield County UConn Cooperative Extension Center, Torrington. The snow date, should any of the locations be cancelled due to inclement weather, will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at the Litchfield County UConn Cooperative Extension Center in Torrington.

For complete application guidelines and for more information on the workshops, please visit the Department of Agriculture's website www.ct-grown.gov or www.ct.gov/doag or contact Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 or jaime.smith@ct.gov. Applications are due to the State Department of Agriculture by March 1, 2010.

GIRLS AND SCIENCE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) announced the launching of a new, after-school outreach program titled CAES Girls and Science Mentorship Program. The goal of the pilot Program is to assist middle school girls with their science education by giving them the opportunity to work in active research laboratories with our professional scientists. Research has shown that it is critical to support science and math education for girls at this age, so that they do not begin to fall behind male students in math and science. Dr. Sharon M. Douglas, head of the mentorship program said, "We want to help prepare them for the future--science careers that require advanced degrees or other careers that utilize science but do not require advanced degrees, such as medical and technical assistants, horticulturalists, or environmental technicians."

Participants were selected based on a competitive basis, which included recommendations from science teachers and student applications. In this mentorship program, selected students are paired with Ph.D.-level female research scientists working in professional science environments at the CAES. Each professional scientist will work with their selected student to design a project or experiment in the scientist's area of expertise that involves inquiry-based and "hands-on" science in the professional scientific research center at the CAES.

This 12-week program began with an Information Meeting for student participants and their parents, teachers, scientist mentors, and others on November 12, 2009 at the Experiment Station's New Haven campus. It provided an important opportunity for parents and students to meet CAES scientists and to discuss the program. Dr. Louis A. Magnarelli, Director of CAES, welcomed everyone to this event and highlighted the resources that the Experiment Station offers to the community and to the selected girls. Director Magnarelli emphasized the value of mentorship programs in science education and said, "It is important for scientific institutions to support science educational programs and help prepare students for future science careers."

The CAES Girls and Science Mentorship Program is supported by a grant to The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Research Foundation, Inc. from the Community Fund for Women & Girls, a component fund of The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven. The Community Fund for Women & Girls promotes social and economic advancement for women and girls through strategic philanthropy, grants, advocacy and collaboration.

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USDA LAUNCHES TOLL-FREE HELP DESK FOR SMALL MEAT AND POULTRY PROCESSORS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has opened a small plant help-desk, which will provide for operators of small and very small meat, poultry and processed egg products establishments seeking help with agency requirements with direct access to knowledgeable staff specialists. The help-desk also will provide assistance to state and local food regulatory agencies – FSIS' partners in keeping meat, poultry and egg products safe for consumers.

"USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service is committed to providing assistance to businesses of all sizes that provide American consumers with access to a safe and healthy food supply," said Deputy Secretary for Food Safety Jerold R. Mande. "The small plant help-desk will help the development of small, local producers by offering a one-stop shop for questions about how to make sure their meat, poultry and processed egg products are safe, wholesome and properly labeled."

The new help-desk will support USDA's "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food" initiative by helping small processors to reduce the time and expense of dealing with agency requirements. "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food" is designed to continue the national conversation about developing local and regional food systems and finding ways to support small and mid-sized producers. It emphasizes the need for a fundamental and critical reconnection between producers and consumers, building on the 2008 Farm Bill, which provides additional flexibility for USDA programs to promote local foods. More information on the "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food" initiative can be found at: www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer.

The FSIS small plant help-desk will serve as a "one-stop shop" for plant owners and operators with questions. More than 90% of the 6,000 plants inspected by FSIS are small or very small. FSIS staff will assess callers' requests and provide information and guidance materials that best meet their needs. In situations where the answer is not readily available, the staff will research the issue and follow-up with the caller. As appropriate, the

help-desk will provide a portal to other services, such as AskFSIS, FSIS' existing internet service offering official agency responses to inquiries on agency policy.

Inquiries can be made to the small plant help-desk by toll-free telephone or by email. The help-desk is open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. To speak to a staff specialist during this time, call 1-877-FSISHelp (1-877-374-7435). Customers may also contact the help-desk by email at InfoSource@fsis.usda.gov.

MAPPING AND MODELING EASTERN U.S. FOOD PRODUCTION

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists are mapping an array of county-level data from Maine to Virginia on weather, soil, land use, water availability and other elements. Then they'll use their map to model potential crop production and find out where local food production could meet current and projected demand--and where it won't.

Until recently, low fuel prices have contributed to the globalization of the U.S. food system. Food crops that are grown and processed in one region are often transported over long distances to a range of different markets. As a result, many of the fruits and vegetables consumed in the U.S. Eastern Seaboard Region have been produced and brought in from other parts of the country or other parts of the world.

Expanding the opportunities for local food production could stimulate rural development and offset the risk of food shortages in one area by increasing and diversifying local production in other areas. So scientists are collaborating with a range of partners to model actual crop production practices and the flow of agricultural products into supply chains, including all the associated handling and transportation costs, from farm field to market. This will help identify how the costs and benefits of locally grown produce compare with produce that is transported over long distances to the Eastern Seaboard market.



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