



# Agricultural Report

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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .



### YOUNG FARMER AWARD

Matthew Peckham was recognized with the Outstanding Young Farmer Award during a ceremony at the Capitol on Agriculture Day, March 16th. The award is based on progressive agriculture sustainability while utilizing environmentally conscious technology.

Two times each day Peckham milks about 140 Holstein and Jersey cows. He began his farm career as a boy working with his grandfather Robert Peckham. After college Peckham was ready to use his new knowledge in management, budgeting, and herd production to take over the family farm.

He has worked with USDA on farm programs and conservation practices. Each spring he hosts the Old Iron Tractor Club at the farm where the community can have fun watching antique tractor enthusiasts plow the field getting ready for spring planting.

Matthew and his wife Christine are raising four children and strive to keep the farm productive to someday transition to the seventh generation on the family farm.

The Windham County Farm Service Agency committee nominated Peckham for this award. They recognized his commitment to the present and future of agriculture in Connecticut.

*At left: Matthew Peckham and family with Governor Malloy.*

### USDA TO MEASURE MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCTION

Starting in April, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct its annual Maple Syrup Inquiry. The New England field office is responsible for publishing the official USDA maple production statistics for five New England States (excluding Rhode Island). "The annual survey of maple producers is supported by the North American Maple Syrup Council, and the statistics generated are the basis for many decisions made by producers and maple industry representatives throughout the region," said Gary Keough, director of the NASS New England Field Office.

Questionnaires will be mailed to producers in April when the sugaring season is winding down. To make it as easy as possible for producers to participate, reporting can be done via mail, telephone, internet, or personal interview. Those who do not return their forms by mail will be contacted in May by the New England office and asked to complete the survey by telephone.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law and is exempt from requests under the Freedom of Information Act. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses, ensuring no individual respondent or operation can be identified.

The national survey results will be available in the Crop Production Report from Washington, D.C. on June 9, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. All reports are available on the Internet at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) within minutes of the scheduled release time.

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.**

March 28, 2011

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

EXTRA LARGE	109-112
LARGE	102-105
MEDIUM	96-98

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, March 28, 2011 - Live animals  
brought the following average prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	28.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.	50.00	58.00
76-90 lbs.	60.00	72.00
91-105 lbs.	80.00	85.00
106 lbs. & up	90.00	97.50
Farm Calves	100.00	145.00
Started Calves	40.00	52.00
Veal Calves	50.00	100.00
Open Heifers	77.50	88.50
Beef Heifers	87.00	98.00
Feeder Steers	70.00	97.50
Beef Steers	77.00	84.00
Stock Bulls	75.00	105.00
Beef Bulls	80.00	90.00
Feeder Pigs each	40.00	90.00
Sheep each	50.00	65.00
Lambs each	75.00	175.00
Goats each	50.00	180.00
Kid Goats each	52.00	85.00
Canners	Up to	64.50
Cutters	65.00	69.00
Utility Grade Cows	70.00	78.50
Rabbits each	10.00	28.00
Chickens each	5.00	18.00
Ducks each	15.00	25.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

**There will be an Easter Lamb and Kid Goat Sale on Monday, April 18 at 2:00 pm sharp at the Middletown Auction.**

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION**

Mon March 28, 2011 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	62.50-64.00
	270-300 lbs	60.50-62.50
45-49	220-270 lbs	60.50-62.50
	270-400 lbs	57.50-60.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	54.50-59.50
	500-700 lbs	56.25-63.50
Boars:	300-800 lbs	25.00-28.00

**ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

APPLES, Fuji 88ct WA	47.50	47.50
APPLES, Gala, 12/3lb bags WA	42.00	42.50
CILANTRO, 30's CA	27.75	27.75
BEETS, 25lb sacks CA	41.50	41.50
BASIL, 1lb bag GA	7.00	7.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 7/10bu 32's CA	41.25	41.25
JERUSALEM ARTICHOKEs 10lb AZ	43.00	43.00
LEMONS, 140ct CA	41.25	41.25
MESCULIN mix, 3lb	7.50	7.50
ROMAINE, 24ct CA	50.50	50.50
ONION, Red 40lb med WA	29.00	29.00
MUSHROOM, White 10lb lge PA	24.75	24.75

**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

APPLE CIDER, 4-one gallon	18.00	18.00
APPLE CIDER, 9 half-gallons	20.00	20.00
APPLES, Cortland 12-3lb US#1	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Macintosh xfcy 80ct	23.00	23.00
APPLES, Red Delicious 12/3lb xfcy 2-1/2" min	18.00	18.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb film	4.50	4.50
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 11lb med-lge	25.00	25.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 15lb lge	32.00	32.00

**SHIPPED IN**

ASPARAGUS, 11lb lge CA	19.00	20.00
BEANS, Green Handpick bu FL	17.00	18.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/6oz med FL	28.00	28.00
BOK CHOY, 30lb CA	16.00	20.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct FL	13.00	13.00
CABBAGE, Green med 50lb GA	16.00	17.00
COLLARD GREENS, 16-18'S, SC	12.00	14.00
CORN, 4-1/2dz FL	24.00	26.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9bu med FL	54.00	54.00
DANDELION GREEN, loose crate NJ	18.00	18.00
DATES, 11lb xfcy lge CA	55.00	55.00
EGGPLANT, Thai 35lb med HD	45.00	45.00
GARLIC, 30lb white col CA	55.00	58.00
LEEKs, 12's CA	18.00	20.00
LEMON, 115ct CA	20.00	23.00
LETTUCE, Red leaf 24ct AZ	15.00	17.00
NECTARINES, 2-layer 40's CHILE	16.00	16.00
ONION, Yellow Sweet 40lb MX	17.00	20.00
PEACHES, 44ct CHILE	20.00	20.00
PEAS, English 1 1/9bu MX	50.00	50.00
PEPPER, Cubanelles 1-1/9bu md FL	18.00	20.00
PEPPER, Green bell 1-1/9bu xl FL	12.00	15.00
POTATOES, Round White 50lb FL	30.00	32.00
RASPBERRIES, 12/6oz lge CA	30.00	30.00
RHUBARB, Greenhouse 10lb MI	33.00	33.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2 bu med FL	30.00	32.00
STAR FRUIT, 20's FL	29.00	29.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb CA	14.00	16.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

ORANGES, Navel 88ct CA	28.25	28.25
PEARS, Bartlett 90sz ARG	47.50	47.50
PEPPER, Bell Yellow xl 11lb MX	40.75	40.75
SPINACH, 4lb AZ	17.00	17.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb CA	30.00	30.00
SQUASH, Yellow 20lb sm-med FL	55.75	55.75

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

MONDAY, March 28, 2011

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Boners	80-85% lean		
	71.50-74.50	76.00-81.00	66.50-71.00
Lean	85-90% lean		67.50-71.00
	73.00-76.00	63.00-67.00	
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1			
Bullocks:	985-1340 lbs	83.50-87.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:			
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	40-60 lbs	259.00-274.00	
	60-80 lbs	248.00-280.00	
	80-90 lbs	251.00-265.00	
	90-110 lbs	238.00-253.00	
	110-130 lbs	220.00-235.00	
	130-150	214.00-229.00	
	150-200 lbs	210.00-225.00	

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

**NEW YORK PRICES WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,  
Grade A eggs on:  
March 28, 2011

XTRA LARGE	111-115
LARGE	109-113
MEDIUM	103-107

Above quotations based on  
CARTON sales to retailers.



**PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT**

March 28, 2011

Hay and Straw Market for Eastern Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	175.00-205.00
Mixed Hay	180.00-215.00
Timothy	140.00-160.00
	Good
Alfalfa	150.00-175.00
Mixed Hay	130.00-160.00
Timothy	120.00-140.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	140.00-150.00
Mixed Hay	120.00-130.00
Timothy	115.00 - 120.00

Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60 lbs	225.00-243.00
60-80 lbs	220.00-245.00
90-110 lbs	181.00-196.00
110-130 lbs	190.00-205.00
130-150 lbs	180.00-195.00
150.00-200.00 lbs	190.00-196.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh	
120-160 lbs	92.00-107.00
160-200 lbs	91.00-106.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
120-160 lbs	66.00-80.00
160-200 lbs	63.00-77.00
200-300 lbs	60.00-72.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.	
Kids:	
40-60 lbs	118.00-145.00
60-80 lbs	138.00-158.00
80-90 lbs	130.00-145.00
90-100 lbs	150.00-164.00
100-110 lbs	166.00-168.00
110-120 lbs	175.00-190.00
Nannies/Does:	
80-130 lbs	106.00-121.00
130-180 lbs	122.00-137.00
Bucks/Billies:	
100-150 lbs	172.00-187.00
150-250 lbs	203.00-218.00

## 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, 1-888-526-8815, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com.. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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

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

11-R. Hay – excellent 1st cut, plastic wrapped round bales \$40. 860-886-0716.

33-R. Premium mulches. Natural, dark brown, black and vibrant colors. Call for pricing, orders and delivery. Contact Charles Leigus (860) 301-0673.

60-R. Hay 4x5 round bales, square bales 1st cut \$4. & 2nd \$5. 3 yr. Hereford with club calf heifer 1-26, \$1,000. 860-537-1974.

63-R. Hay, 2nd cut grass, livestock and mulch, few 4x4 round bales. 203-484-0664.

65-R. INT 2-row trail type corn planter with fiberglass hoppers and extra plates \$1,000. Farmall Super "A" with cultivators \$2,500. Brush hog #256 trail type \$1,500. 6 ft, 3pt cultivator \$450. 500 gal fuel skid tank \$300. Farmall Cub cultivators 400. 203-265-6012.

66-R. New Holland baler twine 9000 natural fiber \$28 per bale picked up at farm. Call 860-668-2181.

67-R. John Deere 500-A loader-backhoe, 2-wheel drive, low hours. Very good condition. \$7,995.00 Colchester, CT Call Art 860-984-3196.

70-R. Hay, 1st cut \$4.00/bale. Feeder calves .90/lb live. Firewood, cut and split \$150/cord – you pick up. 860-916-9449.

71-R. JD 6310 4x4 640 loader - \$27,000. 6405 2wd 620 loader, low hours - \$26,000. IH 986 4-post with roof - \$8,500. JD 750 2wd with loader - \$4,500. JD 5320 2wd low hours - \$13,500. Farmall 300, JD B, Massey 375, JD and IH front and rear wheel weights. 203-530-4953.

72-R. NH 575 balers with throwers, 3 to choose from - \$12,000 and up. NH 258 hydraulic drive rake - \$3,500. IH reset plows 710, 720 4 & 5 bottom. JD 336 with kicker, real sharp \$5,000. NH 311 baler with chute and hitch \$4,500. 2 Case IH 8430 round balers \$6,500 and \$7,500. NH BR 730 round baler like new \$10,500. Case IH SBX 520 baler same as NH 565 like new \$8,000. JD Wheel harrow, kicker wagons new and used. Kuhn 4-star hydraulic fold tedder. New Morra 4-star hydraulic fold tedder \$4,500. New Pequay 11-foot rotary rake \$6,000. NH 256, 258 rakes 5-ton fertilizer spreader \$3,000.

73-R. Rye straw clean, seedless, excellent for garden mulch. Newly used lawns, erosion control, animal bedding. 860-289-5188; 860-289-5055.

74-R. Kuhn #GF440T four-star hay tedder, excellent condition - \$2,400. Low usage (203) 623-2956.

75-R. Kiln dry sawdust for bedding. Excellent for cows and horses. Good rates. Trailer load. Call for price in your area @ 860-974-3853.

### WANTED

51-R. Golden Jubilee parts wanted, carburetor and drawbar, also 9N-2N parts wanted 6 volt generator, distributor and drawbar, also pieces of angle iron and steel. Please call Bill 860-653-0491.

62-R. Prides Corner Farms is a diversified 500 acre wholesale production nursery located in Lebanon, CT that produces plants for customers in the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic region. Our product lineup includes perennials, grasses, herbs, native plants, trees, shrubs, & edible ornamentals. We are actively seeking individuals for Foreperson Trainees and Grower Interns. Qualified applicants will be enthusiastic, positive minded people that like working outdoors and have an interest in plants. We provide on-the-job training for these full-time career opportunities with benefits. A great team

environment! Give us a call or email. Human Resources HR@pridescorner.com 1-860-642-3081 www.pridescorner.com

69-R. Cow manure wanted for garden. Would like it loaded. Please call 203 217-4508.

### 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.

59-R. Cropland for lease. Willington near Exit 69 I84. Thirty (30) acres, consisting of several fields suitable for hay, no-till silage, etc. Must use NCRS guidance. Winter cover crop and liability insurance required. \$750 per year. Long term lease. Evelynne Parizek, o.a. Parizek Realty 860-429-9984.

68-R. For rent in Enfield – 4-acre tobacco shed with land. Call 860-841-4480.

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### NEW ENGLAND HEREFORD ASSOCIATION SPRING PURE BRED SALE

North End of the Mallory Building, Eastern States Exposition Grounds  
May 7, 2011, 12:00 Noon - [www.newenglandhereford.org](http://www.newenglandhereford.org)

To New England Hereford Breeders and Friends from NEHA,

The time has come for our Annual Spring Select Sale, this marks our 71st year for this sale and it promises to be a dandy. We hope you will come out and inspect what the New England breeders have brought for your consideration. This year we have very special consignments from around the area (CT, MA, PA, ME, NH, NY, VT, and OH); the selection and depth of this sale is outstanding. There will be 16 show quality heifers that will excel in the ring, go home, and work in New England pastures; Cow and Cow/calf pairs; a very select number of bulls for your breeding program, as well as embryo and semen packages from notable Donors and AI sires to move your breeding program ahead. As always each year, we ask our breeders for the best and they do not let us down. Come and see the genetics everybody reads and dreams about right here in New England; no traveling across the country. Bring your trailer and semen tank. You will not be disappointed.

As before, Juniors can purchase and show the same weekend at the Big East Regional Hereford Show, held concurrently with our spring sale. It is a great opportunity to gain experience and confidence for you and your new project before going to the Jr. Nationals in July or your local fairs.

As always, our sale will kick off on Friday night, May 6th with a social hour and banquet for all New England Members. And don't worry if you're not a member yet, you can join at the door! Held at the nostalgic Storrowton Tavern in the Carriage house, located conveniently on the fairgrounds of Eastern States Exposition, the social hour starts at 6:00pm; dinner at 7:00pm. Come early and inspect the sale lots before the banquet. During the banquet we will hold our annual meeting and honor this year's Sale Honoree, Ruth Payne and her late husband, Rayfield Payne, of Old Homestead Farm for their years of Hereford involvement and dedication to our organization. If you cannot join us, -- you can preview sale lots on Saturday--but why miss a good dinner?

Please come and enjoy the common link that brings us together - Hereford cattle - make new friends, renew old ones and, of course, bring home some new genetics on Saturday that will work for you in New England.

**SMART PHONES SOON WILL ACCESS AGRO/ENVIRONMENTAL MODEL SERVICES**

By Don Comis, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Soon there will be U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) "apps" for smart phones, now that the Object Modeling System (OMS) is operational. The OMS is a framework for making software applications that use the power of cloud computing to run science computer models.

Laj Ahuja and other scientists with USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) created the OMS framework in partnership with Frank Geter and others at USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Olaf David and others at Colorado State University at Fort Collins, Colo., the U.S. Geological Survey, and other collaborators. Ahuja is research leader at the ARS Agricultural Systems Research Unit in Fort Collins. Jack Carlson, retired NRCS chief information officer, is collaborating with the project.

ARS is USDA's principal intramural scientific research agency.

The OMS framework houses agro-environmental computer models and modules for building models. It has been handed over to NRCS for use and is available to anyone at: <http://oms.javaforge.com>. Modelers from around the world can collaboratively develop and contribute to models in OMS, as modelers from Europe are already doing. Work has begun to design applications that connect to computer model services in large data centers, often referred to as "the cloud."

Here's an example of what an NRCS app might look like: A farmer shows an NRCS conservationist the soil carried off a field after a heavy rain and asks how much soil is being lost and what can be done about it. The conservationist picks up a smart cell phone for answers. The phone's GPS (Global Positioning System) locates the field's coordinates and connects to the Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation version 2 (RUSLE2) model service in the cloud to calculate soil erosion under various agricultural management practices. The answers return quickly, harnessing the power of the large data centers.

The current primary ARS application of OMS is to deliver science model services to NRCS in support of their Conservation Delivery Streamlining Initiative.

Every work day, NRCS conservationists service more than 5,000 conservation plans. In the past, running models has been a laborious process. OMS will improve the efficiency of using these model services for farmers by 80 to 90 percent.

Read more about the research in the February 2011 issue of Agricultural Research magazine.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR READING PROGRAM**

CT Ag in the Classroom would like to invite you to read for the 5th Annual Read Across CT Agricultural Literacy Event. Last year, over 600 books were read to over 18,500 primary and elementary school students throughout the eight counties! This year's book is *The Edible Pyramid Good Eating Every Day*, by Loreen Leedy. Consider participating in this educational event by reading to a primary grade (K-2) classroom in your community during March through November 2011. At the conclusion of the day's activities, the book will be donated to the school library so students and teachers have it to reference throughout the school year. Your involvement would be a tremendous show of public support in your community and provide an agricultural education opportunity for children in your town. They will learn about their food, fiber, floral and fuel systems. Support your industry's important role in their lives. Agriculture has a vital role in our state's economy. Thank you for considering adding the 2011 Agriculture Literacy event to your busy calendar. If you choose to participate in this exciting educational event, please contact Eleanore Provencal via e-mail so she can make further arrangements. The book, resource packet and volunteer reader forms will be provided to you. This statewide reading initiative is funded by a partnership of the Connecticut Agricultural Education Foundation and Farm Credit Northeast Ag Enhancement. Specific questions can be addressed to: Eleanore Provencal, at [eleanore@ctaef.org](mailto:eleanore@ctaef.org)

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