C O N N E C T I C U T W E E K L Y



M. Jodi Rell, Governor F. Philip Prelli, Commissioner Robert R. Pellegrino, Bureau Director Marketing & Technology Bureau, (860) 713-2503 Jessey Ina-Lee, Editor Wednesday, November 4, 2009

NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . .

INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR LEASE ON STATE OWNED AGRICULTURAL LANDS LOCATED IN LEBANON AND COLCHESTER

The State of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture will accept agricultural lease proposals from interested farmers wishing to lease farmland described herein for a period beginning no sooner than October 2010. Proposals must be submitted in writing to the address below and postmarked by February 1, 2010.

Approximately 263 acres of cropland and pasture, with improvements, are available for farm lease. Owned by the State, Department of Agriculture, the farm is located on the northerly and southerly sides of Norwich Avenue, also known as Old Route 2, the easterly and westerly sides of Foote Hill Road, and the westerly side of Geer Road in the towns of Lebanon and Colchester, Connecticut. The land presently is in corn, grass hay and pasture. A dairy facility, with a milking center barn and other agricultural structures, is located on the northerly side of Norwich Avenue and westerly side of Roger Foote Road in Lebanon. A house located at 532 Norwich Avenue in Lebanon is available for farmer tenant housing on the premises.

Proposals may be submitted for all or portions of the property in the following scenarios: (1) for land, dairy facility and house at 532 Norwich Avenue, all located on the northerly side of Norwich Avenue (163 ± acres), or (2) for land on the southerly side of Norwich Avenue (100 ± acres) or, (3) on the entire farm acreage (263 ± acres) with said improvements. Other scenarios may be considered if requested. If a dairy is proposed, no more than 80 mature milking and dry cows are permitted to be housed on the land at any given time during the lease period. Care, maintenance and upkeep of the farm is required. The property must be kept in compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations, including but not limited to the storage and disposal of trash, manure, waste and spoiled feed. The Lessee will be required to submit and utilize a USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and State-approved Conservation Plan and follow best management practices for utilization of the land during the term of the agreement. The Lessee will be required to establish a cover on the cropped areas for the fall seasons and at the end of the permit period. The Lessee will also be required to keep areas mowed or brushed hogged on at least an annual basis. Application of pesticides and herbicides may only be made by a State-licensed and certified applicator, with prior notification and approval by the Department of Agriculture, and in accordance with all applicable State laws.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Commissioner and an advisory committee. Food and fiber producing agricultural activities will be considered a priority. Overall impact on the productivity and condition of the land by the submitted applications will be considered by the State. The lease(s) may be for a term of up to five years, with the option to renew, at the discretion of the Commissioner, for an additional five years. Cropland use will be reviewed on an annual basis between the tenant farmer and the State. The submission of proposals will not be binding on the State of Connecticut, nor does it constitute a competitive bid. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all proposals not in the best interest of the State.

For a bid request form, additional information or sketches of the areas available for farm lease, please call 860.713.2511 and leave your name, mailing address, phone number and information being requested.

Proposals should be addressed to: Farmland Preservation Program, CT Department of Agriculture, Lebanon Farm Bid Proposal, Room G-8, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106. Proposals must be postmarked by February 1, 2010 to be eligible for consideration.

CONNECTICUT POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AT THE GALLERY RESTAURANT

131 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury, CT 860-659-2656 Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 8:00 am - 3:15 pm - Pesticide re-certification credits will be available. Actual number of credits pending.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCES SPECIAL FALL SALE OF RESCUED HORSES

The Department of Agriculture announces a special fall sale of rescued horses on Saturday, November 21st, hosted by the University of Connecticut's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Animal Science Department. The special auction will be held at the Horse Barn Hill Arena. Approximately 22 of the Department's rescued horses will be offered for sale – 14 of which are miniature horses including two foals that are four and seven months of age. The University may also include 6 of their horses in the auction from their various academic programs. The sale preview will begin at 10:00 AM and the auction will be held at 1:00 PM.

The horses consigned to the sale, seized in animal cruelty cases, have been rehabilitated at the Department's large animal rescue barn at Gates Correctional Institution in Niantic, CT. All will have current Coggins tests, health certificates and vaccinations.

A complete listing of the anticipated 28 sale horses with pictures and lot numbers will be posted on the Department's website at a later date. As a further bonus, 4 goats (2 females and 2 wethers) rescued and rehabilitated by the Department will also be included in the auction and posted on the website! For more information, please contact Linda Wenner, State Animal Control Officer, at (860) 713-2506.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A. November 2, 2009 Prices To Retailers, Sales To Volume Buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White Eggs In Cartons, Warehouse, Cents Per Dozen EXTRA LARGE 114-118 LARGE 112-116 92-98 MEDIUM MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION Middlefield, CT, November 2, 2009 Live animals brought the following average prices per cwt.: Bob Calves: High Low 45-60 lbs. 30.00 25.00 61-75 lbs. 40.00 44.00 76-90 lbs. 45.00 47.50 91-105 lbs. 52.50 55.00 65.00 106 lbs. & up 60.00 75.00 Farm Calves 72.50 Started Calves 32.00 36.00 Veal Calves 60.00 100.00 **Open Heifers** 55.00 70.00 **Beef Heifers** 47.00 65.00 Feeder Steers 47.50 72.50 **Beef Steers** 62.00 71.00 Stock Bulls 87.50 46.00 **Beef Bulls** 38.00 50.00 1@ 2.00 **Boars** Sows 5.00 14.00 Hogs, Barrows and Gilts 35.00 1@ Feeder Pigs each 4@ 50.00 Sheep each 45.00 120.00 Lambs each 55.00 155.00 Goats each 37.50 110.00 Kid Goats each 32.50 70.00 Canners Up to 37.50 41.50 Cutters 38.00 Utility Grade Cows 42.00 46.00 Rabbits each 4.00 13.00 3.50 Chickens each 33.00 5.00 18.00 Ducks each Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction. **NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION** MONDAY, November 2, 2009 Bulk/ /Low Dressing High SLAUGHTER COWS: 75-80% lean Breakers 41.00-46.00 46.25-47.50 37.50-40.50 Boners 80-85% lean 40.50-45.00 45.25-46.00 37.00-40.00 85-90% lean Lean 36.00-41.00 41.50-43.50 31.50-36.00 SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 100-1430 lbs 57.00-63.00 52.00-56.00 1555-2015 lbs SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3 40-50 lbs 132.00-142.00 50-60 lbs 130.00-142.00 60-70 lbs 126.00-140.00 120.00-130.00 70-80 lbs 112.00-127.00 80-90 lbs 104.00-118.00 90-110 lbs 102.00-115.00 110-130 lbs 130-150 lbs 94.00-110.00 SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh

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METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A. **NEW YORK PRICES** WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS For 1 dozen, Grade A eggs on: November 2, 2009 EXTRA LARGE 121-125 LARGE 119-123 MEDIUM 99-103 Above quotations based on CARTON sales to retailers.



NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD **DISPLAY AUCTION**

SEA SCALLOPS PRICES IN			
DATE 11/2/09 - PF	RICES	S INC	
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	LBS	MIN	HIGH
U/12 DELMARVA	13.7	940	970
10/20	2.8	660	705
20/30	24.9	635	655

BOSTON -WHALING CITY SEAFOOD **DISPLAY AUCTION**

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN 1,000 LBS & \$/CWT DATE 11/2/09 - PRICES INCLUDE **DEALERS' FEES**

	DEALEN		0
SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
COD LGE	0.6	166	277
МКТ	2.7	188	197
SCRD	0.5	162	176
MIXED	1.1	66	113
GILLNET LGE COD	0.6	191	208
MKT	2.2	155	191
SCRD1/	0.0	116	116
IADDOCK	0.0	151	151
ADDOCK SCRD	0.2	123	123
POLLOCK LGE	5.5	81	90
MEDIUM	1.9	81	86
SCRD	0.1	81	81
MIXED	1.4	53	60
VOLF	0.0	41	41
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SML	0.1	96	96
SHOAL FLDR LGE	0.0	228	228
SML	0.2	165	181
GREYSOLE LGE	0.0	316	316

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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3-R. CT Grown Mesh Bags - The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has CT Grown Mesh Bags for sale. These bags are super strong and exceptionally attractive. The dimensions are 16" I x 5" w x 12" h. They are being sold by the case (40 per case) for \$156.16. For more information or to order, please call (860)713-2503.

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.

99-R. Battery powered price computing scales with state compliance, battery powered cash registers, 60-pound pumpkin scale \$348. Call for information at 1-800-403-5919.

116-R. Hay for sale – off meadow in Lebanon. Round bales \$45. Call 860-886-0716.

149-R. Round bales 40"x54" approximately 600 lbs. Real nice mix of Timothy and Orchard grass. Call Steve 860-729-6408 in East Windsor.

173-R. Christmas greens, balsam wreaths, several varieties of roping, kissing balls. Samples gladly shown. We deliver. 203-457-1344.

186-R. Four Llamas for Sale- One Black and white, One Black, both 3 years old, in excellent condition, both have long Fiber. Two more, Ilamas, both with brown medium fiber. Both 13 years old. One in excellent condition, one a little lame, but OK. All 4 castrated. Price for all four, \$700.00. Westview Farm, Monroe, Ct.. Bernie @ 203-880-6814

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. lucasles-lie40@hotmail.com.

192-R. 400 bales of second cutting hay - \$5 per bale. Call 860-274-8159 or cell 203-206-1344.

194-R. Registered yearling Hereford bulls for sale, halter broke, performance bred. Old Beech Farm 860-693-2052.

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

197. Registered Angus bull: Trowbridge Cross Country -701, Born 1-3-07. An elite herd sire, nice quiet bull with manners. Looking to move him in Jan/Fed 2010. No reasonable offer will be refused. Call Red Tail Ridge Farm 203-888-7779.

198. Brillion seeder 9' wide, scraper blade 3 pt hitch 8' wide. Call for information at 203-272-6540.

199-R. 1466 International \$14,500. Parts International tractor 3588 2+2. Fiat Allis 16B bulldozers. Bandit chipper - \$6,000. 860-274-8162.

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.

181-R. Unique Farm Lease Opportunity in Glastonbury, CT: Centrally located 140 acre farm with 40 acres tillable (currently in hay). Many possibilities...hay, vegetables or use for livestock or a horse farm. Property includes 29,000 s.f. indoor riding ring, 2 buildings with 28 horse stalls, lots of indoor storage for hay and equipment, tack room, outdoor riding ring, fenced turn out areas, electric fence, heated outdoor water stations, well, electricity and much more! Well maintained property. Will consider long and short term lease proposals. For more information, visit www.glas-

tonbury-ct.gov, select "Town departments G-P", select "Purchasing", select "Solicitations & Addendums", select "RPGL-2010-17 Winter Hill Farm Property Lease". Optional site visit: November 10, 2009, 11:00 a.m. at the site. Proposals due: December 10, 2009 by 11:00 A.M. EST. Unique lease opportunity-don't miss it! Check it out!

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2009 GREENHOUSE AND HIGH TUNNEL TOMATO CONFERENCE

The University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension, University of Massachusetts Extension and Northeast SARE are sponsoring the educational program, "2009 Greenhouse and High Tunnel Tomato Conference" at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

This one day educational program will feature:

 Judson Reid, from Cornell University who will speaking on High Tunnels for Tomato Production

• Dr. Richard Snyder from Mississippi State University who will be speaking on Greenhouse Tomatoes: Problems and Solutions as well as Greenhouse Tomatiology

Dr. Sharon Douglas from the CT Agricultural Experiment Station who will be speaking on Disease Management

There will also be a panel discussion with growers of greenhouse and high tunnel tomatoes.

The registration fee of \$40.00 per person includes coffee, lunch, refreshments and seminar materials). One pesticide recertification credit for attendees from CT, MA, RI, ME, NH, and VT have been applied for (pending state approval).

Please make checks payable to University of Massachusetts Amherst and return to Greenhouse Tomato Conference, Room 203 French Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003 (registration deadline October 27, 2009)

You may also register online at www.umass.edu/umext/floriculture/upcoming_events/index.html

For more information contact Leanne Pundt, at 860-626-6240 or email: leanne.pundt@uconn.edu or Jude Boucher at 860-875-3331 or email: jude.boucher@uconn.edu

NEW ENGLAND VEGETABLE AND FRUIT CONFERENCE

The New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference will be held this December 15, 16, 17 at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH and will include thirty educational sessions over 3 days, covering major vegetable, berry and tree fruit crops as well as various special topics. A Farmer to Farmer meeting after each morning and afternoon session will bring speakers and farmers together for informal, in-depth discussions on certain issues.

This conference is put together with close collaboration between growers and Extensions from across the region. The steering committee gathers the best speakers from within our region and across the country to let you know about the latest innovations and advances in the fruit and vegetable industry.

The educational sessions over three days will mix the best theory and practice regarding major fruit, berry and vegetable crops. Virtually every session – from "Year-Round Growing and Marketing" on Tuesday morning to "Greenhouse Tomato" on Thursday afternoon will include the perspective of farmers, Extension staff and researchers.

There is also an extensive Trade Show with over 100 exhibitors. It is hoped that everyone will leave with new ideas and new information that will have a positive impact on their farms.

The 3-day educational program offers 4 to 5 concurrent sessions each morning and afternoon. Tuesday, December 15 features sessions on yearround growing and marketing, pumpkins, strawberries, crunching numbers, minor crops, tunnel innovations, tree fruit, pepper and eggplant, and new farmers. On Wednesday, December 16 sessions are on tree fruit, blueberries, soil health, sweet corn, organic pest management, deep zone tillage, lettuce and greens, and efficiency on the farm. The sessions on Thursday, December 17 are on tomato, greenhouse tomato, brambles, vine crops, viticulture, brassicas, marketing, irrigation, and crop nutrient content.

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FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED:

Get a head-start on your resolutions for 2010 - get prepared to really deal with your financial plans for your agri-business in 2010 by attending Introduction to Financial Planning for Small Farms and Agri-businesses this fall sponsored by the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System, Connecticut Women's Agricultural Network, and the Northeast Center for Risk Management Education. The 3 hour Financial Planning workshop will introduce you to ways to tackle this important element of your business plan. Whether you're just dreaming, starting out, or expanding, you'll find what's key for price setting, projecting costs and income, risk management, securing a business loan or grant, taxes, etc. Joseph Bonelli, UConn Agricultural Economist, will be the workshop leader. There are four locations on four different evenings to select from:

Wednesday, Novermber 11, North Haven

Wednesday, November 18, Vernon

Wednesday, December 2, Bethel

Workshops are from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. There is no charge. However, please pre-register! The workshops are open to all.

Complete details and the pre-registration form are at www.ctwagn.com Questions - e-mail ctwagn@cox.net

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The pre-registration fee to attend any part or all of the conference or trade show is \$90 for the first member of the farm or business and \$60 for each additional member (family or employee) when pre-registered with first member. The pre-registration fee for students (high school or college) is \$40 each when pre-registered by the instructor. Pre-registration must be received by November 30, 2009. There is an additional fee of \$10 per person for late registration or walk-ins.

The event is sponsored by the New England Vegetable & Berry Growers Association and the Massachusetts Fruit Grower's Association in conjunction with the Universities of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Maine, as well Cornell University and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station – in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Additional information on the New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference, including downloadable registration material, and on-line pre-registration may be found at http://www.newenglandvfc.org/.

Monday, December 14, a pre-conference afternoon workshop on US-DA's Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) food safety auditing program will also be offered. Registration for the GAP workshop is separate; please contact Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd at 413-545-4420 or email mietlicki@umext. umass.edu for more information.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND BEEKEEPERS ASSEMBLY 2009 CONNECTICUT

Co-sponsored by: Wicwas Press The Connecticut Beekeepers Association Survivor Bees for the Surviving Beekeeper Saturday November 21, 2009 8:30am – 5:00pm Unitarian Society of New Haven

700 Hartford Turnpike Hamden, Connecticut 06517 Speakers: Dr. Larry Connor, David Mendes, Randy Oliver

An all day event presenting current research and practical information in lecture and panel discussion form. Tables for regional beekeeping associations will be provided. Vendors of beekeeping equipment and supplies will be present. Morning coffee and light refreshments will be included. Advance registration fee: \$39.00 per person, \$49.00 after Oct. 31. A lunch will be available for \$10.00 additional.

Any questions, please visit www.sneba.com or contact Larry Connor 203-435-0238 www.wicwas.com; Ted Jones 860-677-9391 t.c.jones@snet.net

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