

Agricultural Report

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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

PREVENTING INFLUENZA (FLU)—ADVICE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH SWINE

By Dr. Mary Jane Lis, State Veterinarian, Dept. of Agriculture, and Dr. Randall Nelson, State Public Health Veterinarian, Dept. of Public Health

Swine are commonly infected with swine influenza viruses that are different from human influenza viruses. However, some types of influenza viruses can spread from pigs to people and from people to pigs. When an influenza virus normally found in swine infects a person, it is called a “variant virus” and is labeled with a “v”.

In 2011, H3N2v, a new variant virus, was detected in people who had contact with swine. Recently more than 150 people, mostly children, in four different states have contracted H3N2v flu. Many had mild symptoms and a few were hospitalized. Presently, no people or swine have been found infected with H3N2v flu in Connecticut.

However, during this fair season, it is important that everyone takes steps to ensure that show and exhibition pigs stay healthy. Exhibitors should monitor their pigs for signs of coughing, sneezing, runny nose, or going off feed, and contact a veterinarian and the fair superintendent if pigs are found sick. No sick pigs should be brought to a fair or any other event.

People with flu-like symptoms, such as cough, sore throat, body aches, tiredness, runny or stuffy nose, or a fever, should not attend a fair for seven days after symptoms begin or until they have been fever-free for 24 hours. All people should not have direct contact or be in close proximity to swine. If contact cannot be avoided, wear protective clothing, gloves, and a mask that covers the mouth and the nose to keep from spreading the virus.

If you have severe flu symptoms or are concerned about your illness, contact your health care provider. Be certain to tell your provider about any contact you may have had with swine recently so that proper testing for H3N2v influenza can be done.

Influenza is spread from pigs to people by touching pigs or their environments and then touching the eyes, mouth or nose. You cannot get the flu from eating or handling pork and pork products.

Here are some simple ways to reduce the spread of influenza or any other disease between people and animals while at the fair:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and running water before and after being with animals.
- Keep food and drinks out of animal areas.
- Avoid close contact with animals that look or act sick.

Some groups of people are at a higher risk to develop serious complications from the flu. These groups include:

- Those with underlying chronic medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, or neurological conditions
- Women who are pregnant
- Children under 5 years of age
- Persons 65 years of age or older

For more information about swine, contact the Connecticut Department of Agriculture at 860-713-2505 and see the National Pork Board website at www.pork.org/Resources/1389/influenza.

For more information about people and influenza, contact the Connecticut Department of Public Health at (860)509-7994 and see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/flu/swineflu.

CT AG FAIR SEASON UNDERWAY

Connecticut’s agricultural fair season is underway, with a wide assortment of local, 4-H, district, and major fairs around the state through the fall. Fairs coming up this week include:

- [Brooklyn Fair](#), August 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2012
- [Chester Fair](#), August 24, 25 & 26, 2012
- [Terryville Lions Country Fair](#), August 24, 25 & 26, 2012
- [Cheshire Grange Community Grange Fair](#), Aug. 25 & 26, 2012
- [Harmony Grange Fair](#), August 25, 2012

For more information, visit the Association of Connecticut Fairs’ website, www.ctfairs.org.

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**WHOLESALE TOMATOES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
TOMATOES,8qt,Ig	2.00	10.00
TOMATOES,20lb	15.00	20.00
TOMATOES,Chrry,12/1pt	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES,Grp,12/1/2pt	10.00	10.00
TOMATOES,Plm,25lb	8.00	8.00
TOMATOES,10lb,hrIm,xl	32.00	35.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

August 20, 2012

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	66.50-70.00
	270-300 lbs	n/a
	300-400 lbs	n/a
45-49	220-300 lbs	63.00-66.00
	300-400 lbs	n/a
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	29.00-31.00
	500-700 lbs	39.00-42.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	13.50-15.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, August 20, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	22.00	28.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	40.00
76-90 lbs.	42.50	45.00
91-105 lbs.	47.50	50.00
106 lbs. & up	52.50	55.00
Farm Calves	60.00	110.00
Starter Calves	32.00	35.00
Veal Calves	85.00	137.50
Open Heifers	83.00	110.00
Beef Heifers	83.00	85.00
Beef Steers	85.00	109.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	125.00
Stock Bulls	97.50	125.00
Beef Bulls	75.00	96.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	35.00	125.00
Kid Goats	35.00	55.00
Canners	Up to	74.50
Cutters	75.00	80.00
Utility Grade Cows	81.00	85.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	3.00	41.00
Chickens each	3.00	32.00
Ducks each	8.00	21.00
Feeder Pigs	55.00	75.00
Lambs	45.00	150.00
Sheep	60.00	110.00



**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

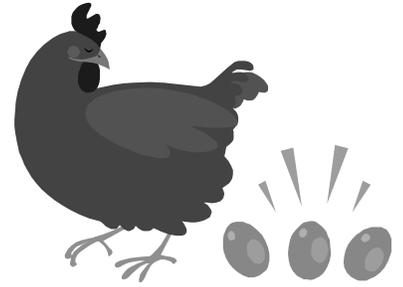
	Low	High
APPLE,Gngr gld,bu,xfcy	32.00	34.00
APPLE,Paula rd,bu,xfcy	30.00	32.00
ARUGULA,24s	11.00	14.00
BEAN,Grn,bu	16.00	18.50
BEAN,Wax,bu	29.00	29.00
BLACKBRRY,12/1/2pt	28.00	30.00
BLUEBRRY,12/1pt,plp	28.00	33.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	12.00	13.00
CABBAGE,Grn,bx	10.00	12.00
CANTALOUPE,6ct	8.00	8.00
CAULIFLWR,12ct	14.00	14.00
CORN,5dz	8.00	14.00
CUCMBR,1-1/9bu, spr slct	14.00	18.00
CUCMBR,PckIng,1/2 bu	10.00	10.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu	8.00	12.00
LEEKs,12s	22.00	22.00
NECTARINES,24lb	26.00	28.00
PEACHES,25lb,2-1/2min	22.00	24.00
PEACHES,Wht,25lb	26.00	28.00
PEAR,BarlItt,4/5bu	30.00	32.00
PEAR,Sckl,1/2bu	26.00	26.00
PEPPER,Cubnll,1-1/9bu	8.00	8.00
PEPPER,Grn bli,med	7.00	8.00
PEPPER,Grn bli,1-1/9bu,Ig	8.00	9.00
PEPPER,Grn bli,xl	11.00	12.00
PLUM,Italn,20lb	28.00	30.00
PLUM,Rd,20lb	28.00	30.00
POTATOES,Chef,50lb	13.00	16.00
POTATOES,10lb,sz A	12.00	12.00
SQUASH,Acrn,bu	12.00	14.00
SQUASH,Grn,1/2bu,md	10.00	12.00
SQUASH,Grn,1/2bu,fncy	14.00	16.00
SQUASH,Yllw,1/2bu,md	12.00	14.00
SQUASH,Yllw,1/2bu,fncy	16.00	18.00
SWISS CHRd,24s	15.00	15.00
WATRMLN,Icexb,6ct	10.00	10.00
WATRMLN,SI,45ct	175.00	175.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

August 20, 2012

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers	75-80% lean		
	76.00-79.00	79.00-84.00	69.00-76.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	74.00-78.00	79.00-84.200	68.00-72.00
Lean	88-90% lean		
	69.00-74.00	74.00-79.50	60.00-68.00
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Graded Bull Calves			
	No.1	100-115lbs	105.00-117.00
	No.2	100-115lbs	80.00-100.00
	No.3	80-120lbs	60.00-80.00
Slaughter bulls	905--1810lb	-	100.00-104.00
Holstein Heifers No.1	80-110lb		105.00-117.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:			
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	40-60lbs		146.00-198.00
	60-80lbs		152.00-195.00
	80-90lbs		132.00-176.00
	90-110lbs		142.00-180.00
	110-130lbs		114.00-139.00



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown eggs in cartons, delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.81-1.93
LARGE	1.71-1.83
MEDIUM	1.12-1.21

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

August 20, 2012

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A+, white eggs in cartons, per dozen. (Range)

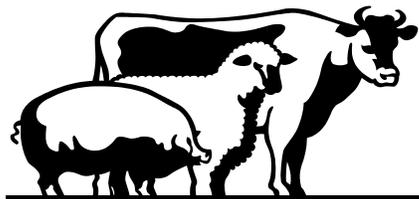
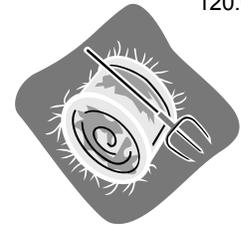
EXTRA LARGE	1.26-1.30
LARGE	1.24-1.28
MEDIUM	.85-.89

PENNSYLVANIA HAY REPORT

August 13, 2012

Eastern Pennsylvania, prices per ton.

Alfalfa, Premium	240.00-415.00
Alfalfa, Good	190.00-225.00
Mixed Hay, Premium	230.00-420.00
Mixed Hay, Good	165.00-225.00
Timothy, Premium	220.00-320.00
Timothy, Good	185.00-220.00
Straw	120.00-185.00



130-150lbs	120.00-120.00
Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60lbs	124.00-144.00
60-80lbs	96.00-137.00
80-90lbs	92.00-120.00
90-110lbs	86.00-114.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
80-100lbs	74.00-82.00
100-130lbs	60.00-76.00
130-160lbs	50.00-78.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
80-100lbs	46.00-62.00
130-160lb	30.00-62.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
30-40lbs	60.00-68.00
40-80lbs	78.00-112.00
80-120lbs	104.00-150.00
Nannies/Does: 80-120 lbs	106.00-130.00
130-150lbs	126.00-156.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	156.00-180.00
150-250lbs	210.00-245.00

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheepbreeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com.

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com.

4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. 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.

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

10-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.

68-R. Vicon fertilizer sower. Model # 2219. Very Good. J.D. Model L.A. tractor. Completely restored. Call 860-871-0171. Cell 860-559-5031.

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98-R. Hoophouse 76' x 26', already taken down. \$3,500 or best offer. Call 860-248-3070 or email vegetablemanager@earthlink.net.

101 1995 Dodge Dump Rack Body 4X4 A.T. 6 Cyl Cummins Diesel engine with 9' plow, no reverse. Asking \$4,500. 203-288-9676.

106-R. Massey-Ferguson farm tractor, 251 XE 4-wheel drive, 53 HP diesel. 2002, 585 hours, always garaged, like new condition, asking \$15,500. Photos available, call Bob at 860-456-3333, Oak Haven Farm Scotland, CT.

110-R. Used tobacco netting. Great for protecting your blueberry bushes. 860-683-0266.

116-R 1988 F250 4X2 Supercab w/ 7.3 liter diesel, decent shape w/ very strong motor, \$1,000 (corrected price). NH Rake, good condition, \$1,000. International Model 46 Baler w/rebuilt knotters, excellent condition but needs paint, \$1,500. Call Dick Staples 860-933-5622.

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123 16 ft steel cattle trailer (Corn Pro Model) \$1,100. International Diesel Engine, DT466, can hear it run, \$1,200. Call 860-617-5688.

MISCELLANEOUS

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IT'S AGRICULTURAL FAIR SEASON

by Steven K. Revczky, Commissioner

Connecticut's Agricultural fairs are an important part of our state's history. Agricultural fairs, some dating back to the early 1800s, bring our communities together each year to celebrate our agricultural achievements.

There are about 20 major fairs in Connecticut, including the Bethlehem Fair, Chester Fair, and Guilford Fair, to name just a few. Major fairs are generally the largest fairs in the state, typically with entertainment, amusements, rides and games, commercial exhibits, and mechanical or animal pulling events, as well as competitions and exhibits of livestock, fruits, vegetables, flowers, baked goods, needlework, handcrafts, and hobbies.

District fairs include the Hamburg Fair, Ledyard Fair, Riverton Fair, and Wapping Fair. District fairs tend to be somewhat smaller than major fairs, both in size and exhibit capacity, but otherwise are similar to major fairs with respect to the competitions offered.

Connecticut is also known for its 4-H fairs (the four Hs stand for head, heart, hands, and health). Youth in 4-H programs manage and run these fairs for the purposes of displaying the work of 4-H members throughout the state. 4-H fairs have exhibits of livestock, fruits and vegetables, flowers, home arts, and other projects. There are several county 4-H fairs held each year, including Hartford, Windham, Tolland, Litchfield, New London, and a Middlesex/New Haven county fair.

Local fairs are generally run by Grange associations, and tend to run only one day with smaller amounts of exhibit space. Exhibits are usually fruits and vegetables, flowers, and home art projects.

One of our oldest fairs is the Brooklyn Fair. Sponsored by the Windham Agricultural Society, the Brooklyn Fair has roots dating back to 1809. A visit to the Windham Agricultural Society's website (www.wc-as.org) will reveal the rich history of the society and the fair. The fair originally rotated between the towns of Brooklyn, Pomfret, and Woodstock to "ease the burden of travel" to the fair. Early fairs began as "cattle shows" which also included needlework and household articles. In addition to livestock competitions, home and garden exhibits, and a chainsaw show, there are now truck pulls, tractor pulls, garden tractor pulls, vegetable racing, an arm wrestling contest, and a skillet toss. There is also a 5K road race, a talent show, and little Ms./Mr. pageants, and, of course, an abundance of entertainment and food.

While our oldest fair may be the Brooklyn Fair, one of the largest is the Durham Fair, where some 200,000 people can attend if the weather cooperates. Sponsored by the Durham Fair Foundation, this fair was first held in 1916. The first few fairs featured a parade down Main Street starting at Haddam Quarter Road. In 1924, the parades had to be discontinued due to traffic concerns. The first fair was held entirely on the town green, while now the fair occupies the town green and several buildings on an additional 45 acres adjacent to the town green.

The Durham Fair offers numerous categories of livestock competitions, competitive exhibit departments, personal skills and youth exhibits, and motorized events.

Among competitive livestock categories, awards are given for the Animal Costume Parade and the Battle of the Barns (for the most illustrious banner).

Included among the competitive exhibits area are Christmas tree and giant pumpkin competitions. Last year's pumpkin competition brought in a state record, submitted by Ken Derosiers of Broad Brook, weighing in at 1482.5 lbs. (The world record, for those of you trying to enter one this year, is reported to be 1810 lbs.)

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The Connecticut Week Agricultural Report offers affordable classified advertisements for your farm-related needs. See Page 4 for details and rates, or call Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2588 for more information.

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In the personal exhibits area, there are ribbons for arts and crafts, canning, baking, needlework, and photography. There are also youth competitions in many of the above categories, and several motorized categories, such as a truck and SUV pull, a garden tractor pull, and a demolition derby.

These are just a few examples. There are many fairs to choose from and they all have something different to offer—there is a fair for everyone in Connecticut to enjoy that is not far from home.

For many, fairs are the first introduction to agriculture. It is up to the agricultural community to make these fairs both fun and informative for those who attend.

Whether a local Grange fair or a major fair like the Durham or Brooklyn fair, our agricultural heritage is rooted in these fairs and they play a major role in the marketing of agricultural products and the businesses that support agricultural producers. I want to encourage all of our producers to support and participate in our fairs.

And while Connecticut's fairs are all different in size and scope, one similarity is their reliance on volunteers. This year, we should all take some time to recognize the many volunteers that support our fairs and, in doing so, support the agricultural industry as a whole.

As commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, I am committing to do my part by attending as many of our agricultural fairs as possible, and I hope you will do the same.

For a complete list of fairs, please visit the website for the Association of Connecticut Fairs at www.ctfairs.org.

See you at the fair!



Giant pumpkins at Durham Fair. Photo from Durham Fair website.

USDA OFFERS VALUE-ADDED PRODUCER GRANTS

The Rural Business-Cooperative Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced the availability of grants through the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) Program for Fiscal Year 2012. Approximately \$14 million in competitive grant funds is available to help agricultural producers enter into value-added activities. The announcement appeared in the *Federal Register* (77 FR 48951, August 15, 2012).

The text of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service announcement can be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-15/pdf/2012-20082.pdf>. The application deadline is October 15, 2012. All questions about this public meeting should be directed to the point of contact listed in the ARS announcement.



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