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US DOT REINFORCES COMMITMENT TO NO NEW REGULATIONS FOR AMERICA'S AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

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<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/about/news/news-releases/2011/Transportation-Reinforces-Committment.aspx>



The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has announced that it has no intention to propose new regulations governing the transport of agricultural products. The agency also released guidance designed to make sure states clearly understand the common-sense exemptions that allow farmers, their employees, and their families to accomplish their day-to-day work and transport their products to market.

After hearing from concerned farmers earlier this year, FMCSA initiated this review to make sure states don't go overboard in enforcing regulations on agricultural operators, and to ensure consistent access to exemptions for farmers. No regulations will be proposed for any new safety requirements or changes to the rules governing the transport of agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm.

"We have no intention of instituting onerous regulations on the hardworking farmers who feed our country and fuel our economy," said Secretary Ray LaHood. "Farmers deserve to know that reasonable, common-sense exemptions will continue to be consistently available to agricultural operations across the country, and that's why we released this guidance."

This guidance – which does not impose any new rules on farmers – follows the Federal Register public notice which FMCSA issued on May 31, 2011, asking farmers, farm organizations and the public to give input on the agency's longstanding safety rules.

"We want to make it absolutely clear that farmers will not be subjected to new and impractical safety regulations," said U.S. Transportation Deputy Secretary John Porcari. "The farm community can be confident that states will continue to follow the regulatory exemptions for farmers that have always worked so well."

"FMCSA is pleased with the input we've received from the agricultural community and members of Congress. We received about 1700 comments and the vast majority called for us to preserve the guidance that leaves states to carry out the farm exceptions as they have for many years." said FMCSA Administrator Anne Ferro. "We want to make crystal clear that we are not imposing any new regulations."

Earlier this year, farm groups came to FMCSA with concerns that some states might not allow exemptions to Commercial Drivers License (CDL) requirements for certain farm operations using "crop-share" leasing.

When FMCSA investigated, there appeared to be wide differences among states in how the "for-hire" and related agricultural exceptions were being applied. In order to ensure consistency, FMCSA asked state officials to cease all new entrant safety audits on farmers engaged in "crop-share" leasing and issued the public notice soliciting input that would provide insight on the complex use of farm equipment on public roads. The guidance, which is based on that input, clarifies three critical issues:

- **Interstate vs. Intrastate Commerce:** Since the difference between the two has been determined by the U.S. Supreme Court and other Federal courts, FMCSA has limited flexibility to provide additional guidelines. The agency has concluded that new regulatory guidance concerning the distinction between interstate and intrastate commerce is not necessary. Generally, the states and the industry have a common understanding on this point. To the extent that fact-specific questions arise, the Agency will work with the states and the industry to provide a clarification for the specific scenario.

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WHOLESALE ORNAMENTALS

New England and New Jersey
(prices per bunch unless otherwise specified)

	Low	High
DAHLIA,long	13.50	13.50
GERBERA,mini,stem	.75	.85
GARDENIA,bloom,NE	5.50	5.50
GARDENIA,carton,3,NE	15.00	15.00
GERBERA,stem,long,NE	1.25	1.25
GLADIOLA,10,long,NJ	10.00	10.00
HYDRANGA,long,NE	20.00	22.50
LILIES,Asiatic,long,NE	12.50	12.50
LILIES,Casa Blnc,long,NE	25.00	27.00
LILIES,Siberia,long,NE	22.50	25.00
LISIANTHUS,10,Xlong,NE	16.00	16.50
PHLOX,long,NE	8.00	8.50
SNPDRAGN,10,short,NE	7.50	7.50
SNPDRAGN,10,long,NE	12.00	12.50
SUNFLWR,stem,lg,NE	1.50	1.50
SUNFLWR,5,long,NE	6.75	7.50
ZINNIA,long,NJ	5.00	6.50

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

August 22, 2011

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

49-54	220-270 lbs	75.00-78.00
	270-350lbs	74.00-76.00
	300-350lbs	n/a
45-49	220-270lbs	72.00-74.00
Sows: US 1-3	220-270 lbs	69.00-73.00
	500-700 lbs	70.00-74.00
Boars:	300-800 lbs	n/a

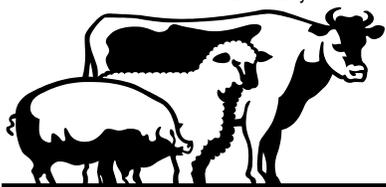
MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., August 22, 2011

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	25.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	40.00	46.00
76-90 lbs.	52.00	55.00
91-105 lbs.	60.00	65.00
106 lbs. & up	70.00	80.00
Farm Calves	100.00	130.00
Veal Calves	90.00	155.00
Open Heifers	74.00	100.00
Beef Heifers	63.50	105.00
Feeder Steers	75.00	115.00
Starter Calves	22.00	28.00
Beef Bulls	78.00	85.00
Stock Bulls	85.00	140.00
Beef Steers	70.00	103.50
Lambs each	95.00	210.00
Goats each	75.00	150.00
Kid Goats each	40.00	65.00
Canners	up to	63.50
Cutters	64.00	68.00
Utility Grade Cows	69.50	75.00
Rabbits each	3.00	14.00
Chickens each	4.00	17.00
Ducks each	5.00	24.00
Sheep	100.00	125.00

sales will be held Labor Day



FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	Low	High
APPLE,Paula Red,100ct,xfcy	27.00	30.00
BEANS,Cranberry,bu	40.00	45.00
BEANS,Green,bu	30.00	32.00
BEANS,Wax,bu	35.00	35.00
BEETS,12s	13.00	14.00
BLACKBERRIES,12-1/2pts	28.00	28.00
BROCCOLI,Cut crown,20lb	15.00	16.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	13.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Green,50lb box	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Red,50lb,box	16.00	16.00
CABBAGE,Savoy,1-1/9bu	16.00	16.00
CANTALOUPE,ea	1.25	1.50
CAULIFLOWER,9ct	12.00	12.00
CORN,5dz	12.00	14.00
CUCUMBERS,bu	20.00	22.00
CUCUMBERS,PckIng,1/2bu	12.00	12.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu	12.00	14.00
HONEYDEW,ea	2.00	2.50
KALE,crtn,bnchd	10.00	12.00
NECTARINES 22-24lb	26.00	26.00
OKRA,1/2 bu	24.00	24.00
PEACHES,25lb,2-1/2 min	22.00	22.00
PEACHES,25lb,White	26.00	26.00
PEAR,Bartlett,4/5 bu	27.00	28.00
PEPPER,Bell,1-1/9bu,Suntan	10.00	10.00
PEPPER, Bell,1-1/9bu,xl	10.00	12.00
PEPPER,Cubanelle,med,bu	14.00	15.00
PEPPER,Jalapeno,1/2bu	12.00	12.00
PLUM,Red,1/2 bu	30.00	30.00
SQUASH,Green,1/2bu,sm/med	12.00	14.00
SQUASH,Yellow,1/2bu	12.00	14.00
TOMATOES,20lb,xl	15.00	16.00
TOMATOES,Cherry,12/1pt	10.00	10.00
WATERMELON,15-19lb,ea	3.50	4.00
WATERMELON,Sugar baby,ea	2.00	3.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, August 22, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

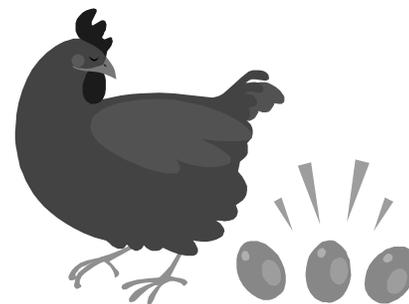
SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers 75-80%lean	69.50-74.00---	n/a----	65.00-67.00
Boners 80-85% lean	68.00-73.00--	n/a----	65.00-68.00
Lean 85-90% lean	63.50-68.00 ---	69.00-70.00---	55.00-60.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1
1365-1405 lbs 89.00-95.50

CALVES: All prices per cwt.
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1
95-115 lbs 122.00-136.00
80-90 lbs -80.00-100.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1
85-95 lbs 240.00-365.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3
50-60 lbs 208.00-222.00
60-80 lbs 194.00-210.00
80-90 lbs 184.00-198.00
90-110 lbs 188.00-202.00
110-130 lbs 174.00-188.00
130-150 lbs 164.00-179.00



WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	190-202
LARGE	179-190
MEDIUM	111-122

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

August 22, 2011

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

EXTRA LARGE	136-156
LARGE	129-143
MEDIUM	85-98

VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

August 18, 2011

Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA.
All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

Alfalfa	sm. square, 45-55lbs
Premium	8.20-8.30 per bale
Mixed Grass	sm. round, under 1,000lbs
Good	36.00-50.00 per bale
Straw	large square
	n/a per bale

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3

40-60 lbs	178.00-190.00
60-80 lbs	169.00-190.00
80-90 lbs	170.00-185.00
90-110lbs	176.00-191.00
110-130lbs	172.00-173.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh
120-160 lbs 101.00-116.00
160-200 lbs 108.00-123.00
200-300lbs 102.00-114.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh
120-160 lbs 85.00-100.00
160-200 lbs n/a

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.
Kids: 30-40 lbs n/a
40-60lbs 116.00-130.00
60-80lbs 128.00-152.00
80-90lbs 140.00-154.00
90-100lbs n/a
100-110lbs n/a
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 115.00-130.00
130-180 lbs 132.00-146.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs 168.00-182.00
150-250 lbs 179.00-194.00

ADVERTISEMENTS

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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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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.

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130-R. Battery powered price computing scales \$328.00. Cash registers \$280.00. Repair, calibration and rental scales of all types available. 800-403-5919.

156-R. High quality Christmas Trees: Fraser-Canaan-Balsam-Nordman-Concolor-Blue Spruce-Meyer Spruce-Commercial grades available also. Hartikka Tree Farms (800)508-5099 www.treeman2.com

158-R Hebron: 79.2 acres; driveway; frontage 3 roads, abuts town and State land. 860-872-6637

159-R Ford Model 9000 silage truck, tandem 20' body, automatic gate, runs good. \$8,000; Heifer, 6 months, black baldy club calf, good 4-H project, \$400. 860-537-1974.

160-R New Holland Model 310 Baler, \$3,000. 860-628-5475.

161-R Rye straw, livestock hay, not for horses. Square or round bales. 203-484-0664.

163-R Pequea #818, metal sides Hay Wagon, \$2,200. 20 bundles sisal 9,000 ft. Baler twine \$25/each. IH #2100 Loader \$450. 203-623-2956

164- Toggenberg/Saanen cross doe. Has kidded past 2 years. \$130 Tel: 203-888-4159.

WANTED

151-R. Beardsley's Cider Mill & Orchard, Shelton, CT. P/T seasonal Retail Supervisor needed for a busy farm store on weekends and possibly some weekdays starting September 10. Responsibilities include: cashier, oversee bakery employees and retail shop. Ideal candidate will be mature, reliable, responsible and friendly, trustworthy, able to multi-task and enjoy working with the public. Must work every weekend until Thanksgiving (16-30 hrs/week). References required. Call 203-925-9746 to leave your name and best time to reach you.

MISCELLANEOUS

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- Commercial Driver's License: Federal regulations allow states to make exceptions to Commercial Driver's License (CDL) regulations for certain farm vehicle drivers such as farm employees and family members, as long as their vehicles are not used by "for-hire" motor carriers. Some states have questioned whether this exemption applies to drivers who work for "crop share" or similar arrangements. FMCSA's notice includes guidance to ensure consistent application of the exemption. After considering the public comments, the agency has determined that farmers who rent their land for a share of the crops and haul their own and the landlord's crops to market should have access to the agricultural CDL exemptions given by the states.
- Implements of Husbandry: In a perfect world, farm vehicles would only operate on farms, while commercial trucks would operate on public roads. The reality is that farm equipment that is not designed or intended for everyday use on public roads is often used for short trips at limited speeds. This creates a gray area for classification. After considering the public comments, FMCSA has determined that most states have already adopted common-sense enforcement practices that allow farmers to safely move equipment to and from their fields. In areas where farm implements are common, the enforcement community and the agricultural community have achieved a mutual understanding of which safety regulations should apply to farm equipment on their public roads.

FMCSA is committed to the safety of our highways and the long-term success of America's agricultural industry. To learn more about federal safety regulations that impact the transportation of agricultural products and equipment, please visit the FMCSA website at www.fmcsa.dot.gov.

NURSERY & LANDSCAPE RESEARCH TOUR 9/13/11

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Valley Laboratory, 153 Cook Hill Road, Windsor, CT, will offer a free tour from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on September 13, 2011. Topics will include most common and new plant health problems, invasive insects & diseases (Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer, Phytophthora ramorum), invasive plants update, IPM for ornamentals, weed management in containers and field. There is no registration fee. Pesticide applicator recertification credits provided. For more information call 860-683-4977.

DIVERSIFIED DAIRY FARM TOUR 9/14/11

Learn how a dairy farm diversified to meet 21st Century market challenges as you tour the Freund's Farm Market and Bakery on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, in East Canaan, CT, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. See the innovative Cow-Pot operation, manure storage facility, and the tomato greenhouse. Enjoy lunch from the farm's catering staff. Register by September 7, 2011, (\$15 for lunch) with Joe Bonelli at joseph.bonelli@uconn.edu. A free bus will leave from the Tolland Extension Center in Vernon at 8:30 a.m. Details at <http://www.ctfarmrisk.uconn.edu> or call 860-875-3331. Sponsored by the CT Farm Risk Management team and UConn Cooperative Extension.

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CT DEPT OF AG LEGISLATIVE REPORT: 2011 SESSION

S.B. 462 - AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CONNECTICUT WINE AT FARMERS' MARKETS AND ESTABLISHING A FARMERS' MARKET WINE PERMIT
PA 11-164, signed 7/13/11, effective 7/1/11

This bill creates a farmers' market wine sales permit that allows farm wineries to sell wine they manufactured on their premises under a manufacturer's permit and other specified conditions. Under the bill, a municipality may ban, by ordinance or zoning regulation, wine sales at a farmers' market by farmers' market wine sales permittees.

The law allows liquor permittees to hold only one permit, unless they are specifically exempted. Currently, a manufacturer's permittee for a farm winery can hold an in-state transporter's permit, a wine festival permit, or any combination of such permits. The bill adds the farmers' market wine sales permit to the exemption, thus allowing a manufacturer's permittee for a farm winery to hold any of these permits.

The bill requires the commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection to issue a farmers' market wine sales permit to a farm winery when the permittee submits proof he or she is in compliance with the farm winery manufacturing permit statute. The farmers' market wine sales permit authorizes the farm winery to sell wine it manufactures at up to three farmers' market locations a year for an unlimited number of appearances.

The permittee must

1. have an invitation from the farmers' market;
2. sell wine only by the bottle;
3. be present, or have an authorized representative present, anytime wine is sold.

The permit is valid for one year and requires an annual fee of \$250, with a \$100 nonrefundable filing fee.

Under this permit, wine sales are allowed from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, but not allowed on Sunday or when the farmers' market is not open to the public. Any town may, by town meeting vote or ordinance, reduce the wine selling hours.

The bill also authorizes any municipality, by ordinance or zoning regulation, to prohibit the sale of wine by a farmers' market wine sales permittee at a farmers' market held in the municipality.

A farmers' market is a cooperative or nonprofit enterprise or association that consistently occupies a given site throughout a season. It must operate principally as a marketplace for farmers to sell Connecticut Grown fresh produce or farm products to consumers. Farm products that are sold must be produced by farmers with the sole purpose of generating a portion of household income.

For questions about state agricultural legislation, please contact George Krivda, Legislative Program Manager, at 860-713-2573 or George.Krivda@ct.gov.



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