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HURRICANE AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: EVERY FARM NEEDS A PLAN

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Natural and manmade disasters that disrupt agriculture can significantly affect the residents of Connecticut—potentially resulting in threats to animal health and welfare, food safety, the economy, and even the availability of food.

Natural disasters of recent years have shown it is critical for agricultural producers to be prepared in an emergency. Two blizzards made January 2011 the snowiest January on record. Hurricane Irene devastated the East Coast from the Carolinas to northern New England in August 2011. In October that year, Storm Alfred caused 10 deaths and left 830,000 without power. Superstorm Sandy caused an estimated \$65 billion in damage to the East Coast in October 2012. In February 2013, Blizzard Charlotte dumped upwards of 40 inches of snow on parts of Connecticut.

The damage from rains, storms, and tornados this past spring and summer, on top of February's heavy snowfall, prompted Governor Dannel P. Malloy to authorize \$5 million in [PLANT Grants](#) to help farms that suffered losses due to this year's severe weather salvage the season by replanting crops, applying supplemental fertilizers and other treatments, and repairing buildings and equipment damaged in the storms.

As Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky remarked when Governor Malloy announced the grants, "It has been an especially trying year for agricultural producers. Farmers are adept at dealing with the whims of Mother Nature and recovering from her changing moods, but it seems she's been particularly temperamental

this year. There are only so many times that even the toughest among us can get knocked down before needing a hand to get back up."

We can only hope that the 2013 hurricane season will turn out to be a quiet one.

As many farmers have experienced, until a response can be mobilized, everyone is essentially on his or her own. Even during the response, resources are initially deployed to make electrical power safe, save lives, clear roads for emergency access, and keep critical infrastructure such as nursing homes and hospitals functioning.



Damage to tobacco irrigation and shading systems from a July tornado in Windsor

Agricultural producers should take the time now to evaluate preparedness levels and take appropriate steps to mitigate natural hazards, which may include floods, winter storms, wind related hazards, droughts, wildfires, and earthquakes.

Managing risk is an essential part of any business. Agricultural operations are no exception. There are relatively simple steps that can be taken to protect you and your family, farm workers, livestock, and crops during times

of an emergency.

The first steps are to determine what types of disasters could occur in your area (e.g., storm surge, wind damage, flooding, hazardous material spills on a highway or railroad, and long term electrical outages) and how they might affect your farm. A plan can then be drafted to address each potential hazard.

Here are some areas to consider when putting this plan together:

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**WHOLESALE PEPPERS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
BELL,grn,1-1/9,lg	16.00	16.00
BELL,grn,1-1/9,med	14.00	14.00
BELL,sntn,1-1/9,lg	8.00	10.00
BELL,trn rd,1-1/9,lg	8.00	12.00
CUBNELL,1-1/9,lg	12.00	12.00
CUBNELL,1-1/9,trn rd,lg	8.00	8.00
CUBNELL,1-1/9,xl	15.00	15.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	77.00-83.00
	300-400 lbs	75.00-78.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	68.00-73.00
	300-400 lbs	67.00-71.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	69.00-75.00
	500-700 lbs	75.00-78.50
Boars:	300-700 lbs	30.00-34.00

PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.
July 29, 2013

Gr US 1-2	wt20-30	110.00	130.00
	wt30-40	100.00	140.00
	wt40-50	100.00	120.00
	wt60-70	70.00	70.00
	wt80-85	40.00	50.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, August 5, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	25.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	32.50
76-90 lbs.	35.00	37.50
91-105 lbs.	40.00	42.50
106 lbs. & up	45.00	50.00
Farm Calves	55.00	57.50
Starter Calves	25.00	30.00
Veal Calves	100.00	130.00
Open Heifers	75.00	110.00
Beef Steers	95.00	119.50
Beef Heifers	91.00	106.00
Feeder Steers	92.50	105.00
Stock Bulls	105.00	125.00
Beef Bulls	68.00	98.00
Boars	10.00	22.50
Sows	25.00	30.00
Butcher Hogs	55.00	75.00
Goats each	35.00	150.00
Kid Goats	25.00	100.00
Canners	up to	80.50
Cutters	81.00	84.00
Utility Grade Cows	85.50	87.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	20.00
Chickens each	4.00	20.00
Ducks each	5.00	19.00
Feeder Pigs	22.50	35.00
Lambs	50.00	145.00
Sheep	30.00	55.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
APPLE,Jmac,xfcy,bu	30.00	30.00
BEAN,crnbbry,bu	35.00	35.00
BEAN,grn,1-1/9bu	25.00	35.00
BEAN,wax,1-1/9bu	40.00	40.00
BEET,12s	15.00	16.00
BLUEBERRY, plp,12/1pt	27.00	30.00
BLUEBERRY,clmshll,12/1pt	22.00	24.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	18.00	18.00
CABBAGE,grn,50lb	10.00	10.00
CABBAGE,svy,50lb	12.00	14.00
COLLARD,12s	11.00	13.00
CORN,5dz	16.00	18.00
CUCUMBER,spr slct,1-1/9bu	22.00	24.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu	14.00	18.00
KALE,12s	12.00	16.00
MUSKMELON,ea	1.50	1.50
NECTARINE,22-24lb	30.00	30.00
PARSNIP,25lb	21.00	21.00
PEACH,wht,25lb	24.00	26.00
PEACH,yllw,25lb	20.00	20.00
PLUM,gldn,20lb	26.00	28.00
RHUBARB,20lb	35.00	35.00
RUTABAGA,50lb	13.00	14.00
SQUASH,grn,fcy,1/2bu	18.00	20.00
SQUASH,yllw zch	22.00	24.00
SQUASH,yllw,fcy,1/2bu	20.00	24.00
SWISS CHARD,12s	15.00	16.00
TOMATO,chrny,12/1pt	12.00	15.00
TOMATO,fld grwn,20lb	20.00	22.00
TOMATO,grp,12/1pt	13.00	15.00
TOMATO,hrm,gnhs,10lb	38.00	40.00
TOMATO,plm,25lb	14.00	14.00
WATERMELON,sgrbaby,ea	1.50	1.50

CT FARMERS' MARKET PRICES

July 9-27, 2013

	Low	High
APPLE,Jmac,qt	3.00	5.00
BEAN,grn,lb	2.00	3.00
BEET,bnchd	2.00	4.00
BLACKBERRY,pt	5.00	5.00
BLUEBERRY,pt	3.00	6.00
BOK CHOY,hd	3.00	3.00
CABBAGE,grn,hd	2.00	3.00
CARROT,w/top,bnch	2.00	4.00
CUKE,ea	.50	1.00
CUKE,pcklng,lb	1.50	3.00
CURRANT,1/2lb	3.00	3.00
LETTUCE,rdf,hd	1.50	3.00
LETTUCE,rmn,hd	1.50	3.00
NAPPA,hd	2.00	2.00
NECTARINE,qt	5.00	5.00
PEA,English,qt	3.00	5.00
PEACH,lb	2.00	2.00
PEACH,qt	4.00	5.00
PEPPER,bell,ea	.50	1.00
SQUASH,grn,lb	1.00	2.50
SQUASH,yllw,lb	1.00	2.50

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

August 2, 2013

Average Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	75.25	79.00
boners 80-85% lean	72.75	76.75
lean88-90% lean	67.50	72.50
CALVES graded bull		
No.1 95-120lbs	99.00	113.25
No 2 95-120lbs	83.75	98.00
No 3 80-120lbs	47.25	65.50
SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr		
High dressing	101.75	109.25
Avg.dressing	92.50	98.00
Low dressing	82.25	89.25
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm3-4	120.25	123.50
Ch2-3	115.50	119.00
Sel 1-3	107.00	112.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/prm3-4	124.50	127.00
Ch2-3	117.25	121.00
Sel2-3	114.00	119.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/prm3-4	105.75	108.25
Ch 2-3	101.25	104.50
Sel1-3	94.50	102.50
Vealers 60 120lb	21.00	39.25
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3		
40-60lbs	n/a	
50-60lbs	140.00	142.00
60-80lbs	126.00	154.00
80-100lb	126.00	130.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh		
120-160lbs	54.00	68.00
160- 180lbs	54.00	62.00
Bucks 120-150lbs	36.00	104.00
160-200	50.00	90.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est. wt.		
40-60lbs	117.00	142.00
60-80lbs	122.00	142.00
80-100lbs	130.00	140.00
Nannies/Does: 100-130lbs	130.00	150.00
130-140lbs	124.00	152.00
Bucks/Billies: 110-150lbs	195.00	217.00

LANCASTER, PA, HAY AUCTION

July 30, 2013

	premium	good
ALFLFA	220.00-400.00	140.00-140.00
GRASS	N/A	130.00-350.00
MXD HAY	230.00-400.00	140.00-210.00
STRAW	90.00-205.00	N/A
TIMTHY	260.00-260.00	N/A

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

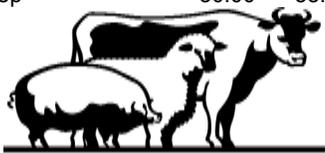
Per doz., USDA Grade A/Grade A white in cartons (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.15	1.19
LARGE	1.13	1.17
MEDIUM	.90	.94

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons (delivered)

XTRA LARGE	1.53	1.63
LARGE	1.45	1.55
MEDIUM	1.06	1.16



ADVERTISEMENTS

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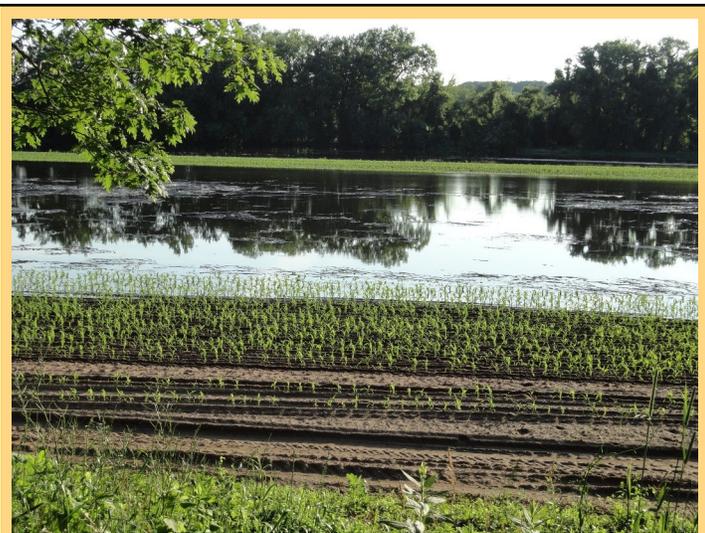
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A production field in South Glastonbury flooded by heavy June rains

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- Review your insurance coverage with a professional to see what insurance is needed and how much.
- What supplies are needed to protect your livestock?
 - Lumber and plywood to protect windows
 - Extra fuel for tractors and vehicles
 - A safe supply of feed
 - A generator capable of supplying essential power needs
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers.
 - Your veterinarian
 - Extension service
 - Local emergency management
- Inventory your farm.
 - Livestock (species, number of animals)
 - Crops (acres, type)
 - Machinery and equipment (make, model number)
 - Hazardous substances (e.g., pesticides, fertilizers, fuels, medicines, other chemicals)
- Know how to contact your suppliers in an emergency.
- How will you provide feed and water to livestock and/or poultry during a prolonged emergency?
- What services are critical to your operation and how will you replace those services if they are not available for an extended period?
- Prepare your family and farm employees.
 - Keep them informed of the farm's emergency plan and review it with them regularly
 - Identify shelter-in-place or evacuation locations
 - Establish a phone tree with contact information for all employees

There are online materials available to help agricultural operations with preparedness planning. Penn State University has published the *ReadyAG@: Disaster and Defense Preparedness for Production Agriculture* workbook, available at <http://readyag.psu.edu/>. It is an excellent tool developed to assist farmers become better prepared for any disaster.

USDA maintains an Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery website, which can be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/USDAPrepare>. This also is an excellent resource for the agricultural community.

With funding from a Farm Viability Grant from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association (CFBA), in cooperation with the Connecticut Agricultural Education Foundation, has developed a survey (available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8ZHBRNF>) to produce a statewide voluntary database of shared resources that may be used to help Connecticut farmers during times of emergency. This database will be an important tool for the agricultural community during a disaster.

In addition to the database of shared resources, CFBA has posted an emergency preparedness page on their website at <https://www.cfba.org/emergency.htm> and has mailed emergency planning materials to Connecticut farmers. For more information (or if you have not yet received the packet of emergency planning materials), contact CFBA at 860-768-1100 or at info@cfba.org.

Proper planning will help your farm survive future disasters in whatever form they take. Do not wait to take action. Prepare now—the next disaster could strike at any time.

CT OFFICE OF TOURISM NOW COLLECTING FALL/ WINTER EVENT LISTINGS FOR CTVISIT.COM

The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development's Office of Tourism is now accepting the submission of event listings for the 2013-14 fall/winter season for posting on CTvisit.com.

All listings are complimentary. The deadline to submit is August 19, 2013.

Submissions must meet qualification criteria established in the office's listing guidelines, available at http://www.cultureandtourism.org/cct/lib/cct/tourism/eventsurvey/ctvisit.com_event_guidelines2013.pdf.

There are two options for submitting events:

1. Directly enter the events by becoming a registered user on CTvisit.com. Go to <http://manage.ctvisit.com>, complete the information, and, once you receive an email confirming registration, return to the management website and begin entering the event listings. If you are already a registered user, just sign in and begin entering events.
2. Complete the survey form available at http://www.cultureandtourism.org/cct/lib/cct/tourism/eventsurvey/general_form_2013-2014.pdf for each event, and submit by fax, U.S. Mail, or email. All information on the form must be completed.

Up to six images in JPEG format may be submitted via either option above for each event to be posted.

For more information, contact Jean Hebert at 860-256-2739 or Jean.Hebert@ct.gov.

NRCS TO OFFER FREE SMALL-SCALE MIRCO-IRRIGATION IRRIGATION WEBINAR AUG 28

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is offering a free, live webinar at 2:00 p.m. on August 28, 2013, designed to teach the basics of micro-irrigation design and components with emphasis on small-scale systems within the context of NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 441.

Small-scale micro-irrigation is on the rise in the East region and producers are taking advantage of NRCS programs to install micro-irrigation systems to enhance resource conservation, food security, produce quality, and rural livelihoods.

Small-scale micro-irrigation systems are generally a fraction of an acre or a few acres in size that also include the smaller systems in high tunnels, gravity-fed irrigation, and community gardens.

Regardless of how small the micro-irrigation system is, it must be planned, designed, installed, and maintained properly or the system will perform poorly or even fail.

Viewers of this webinar will be introduced to the basics of micro-irrigation and its components, and they will learn about the critical design factors for a system. A list of available micro-irrigation information resources and tools with a brief introduction to an NRCS design spreadsheet tool will be provided, along with many other useful handouts and factsheets.

This webinar is sponsored by the USDA NRCS East National Technology Support Center. Contact Holli Kuykendall, Ph.D., National Technology Specialist, at holli.kuykendall@gnb.usda.gov for more information, or go to <http://www.conservationwebinars.net/webinars/small-scale-micro-irrigation-design-and-components>.



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