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2013 CONNECTICUT LEGISLATIVE SESSION WRAP-UP

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The 2013 regular session of the Connecticut General Assembly concluded June 5, 2013. While much of the session was dominated by issues arising in the aftermath of the Newtown/Sandy Hook tragedy, and by the state budget, considerable time also was spent on many bills proposed by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) and others that directly or indirectly affect agriculture.

Legislators considered proposals regarding farmland preservation, aquaculture, poultry, eggs, swine, farm wineries, animal control issues, energy policy, state contracts, truck weight limits, and much more, passing an unprecedented amount of legislation that will benefit the state's agricultural producers.

This success did not come without a great deal of hard work and some anxious moments. DoAg's last two bills, for example, were called in the House at 11:50 and 11:52 p.m. on June 5, and passed with only moments remaining in the session.

DoAg spent months working with legislators, Governor Malloy's office, sister state agencies, municipal leaders, and industry partners, crafting proposals, answering questions, and providing supporting information, as well as following each bill through an often labyrinthine path punctuated with numerous amendments and other transformations.

In the end, there is much to celebrate. The complete list of agriculture-related bills is too long to publish here, but some highlights of legislation passed this session are included below, with more to come in upcoming issues of the *Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report*.

Please also see the [May 22, 2013](#), and [June 5, 2013](#), issues for updates previously published.

[Substitute for Raised House Bill No. 6316](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION AND CERTAIN REVISIONS TO THE COMMUNITY FARMS PROGRAM

Effective date: upon passage

This bill makes changes to the state's Community Farms and Farmland Preservation programs, which allow the state to purchase

development rights to certain agricultural land. By law, the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) establishes these programs.

The bill generally applies certain requirements for acquiring development rights under the Farmland Preservation Program to the Community Farms Program. Among other things, it:

1. Requires the DoAg commissioner to file a notice of acquisition of the land's development rights.
2. Provides a procedure to remove the restriction.
3. Allows partnerships with nonprofit organizations and municipalities to purchase development rights.
4. Allows special terms when purchasing development rights with federal funds under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The bill also expands the development rights that a municipality may jointly own with the state under the Farmland Preservation Program if the municipality pays part of the purchase price. Current law restricts a municipality's ownership to the development rights of the land within its border. The bill removes this restriction, thus allowing a municipality to jointly own all of the purchased development rights, even if part of the land is outside its border. The bill correspondingly applies the expanded purchase rights to the Community Farms Program.

The bill passed in the state House of Representatives on 5/2/13 by a vote of 140-0. The bill passed the state Senate on the Consent Calendar by a vote of 35-0 on 5/30/13. Governor Malloy signed the legislation on 6/6/13. It is Public Act 13-104.

[Substitute for Raised Senate Bill No. 803](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING ENTREPRENEURIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF OYSTER HARVESTERS

Effective date: upon passage

By law, the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) must license and inspect aquaculture producers who cultivate and harvest aquatic animals. This bill expands the definition of aquaculture producer to include one who cultivates and harvests aquatic plants, including seaweed, for various purposes (e.g., food, feed, or fertilizer).

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**WHOLESALE NEW POTATOES
U.S. GROWN**

	Low	High
RED,50lb,sz A,AZ	32.00	34.00
RED,50lb,sz B,FL	30.00	35.00
WHITE,50lb,sz A,FL	28.00	28.00
WHITE,50lb,sz B,FL	26.00	28.00
LNG WHITE,50lb,CA	65.00	65.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

June 10, 2013

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

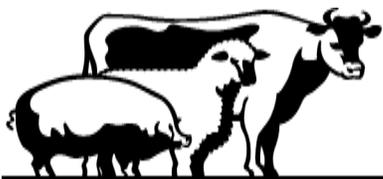
49-54	220-300 lbs	62.00-65.00
	300-400 lbs	58.00-60.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	58.00-61.50
	300-400 lbs	49.00-52.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	52.00-54.00
	500-700 lbs	57.50-58.00
Boars:	300-700lbs	17.00-17.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, June 10, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	35.00	40.00
61-75 lbs.	95.00	100.00
76-90 lbs.	110.00	112.50
91-105 lbs.	115.00	119.00
106 lbs. & up	120.00	124.00
Farm Calves	125.00	190.00
Starter Calves	45.00	56.00
Veal Calves	75.00	270.00
Open Heifers	92.00	115.00
Beef Steers	87.00	124.50
Beef Heifers	84.00	92.00
Feeder Steers	70.00	105.00
Stock Bulls	80.00	137.00
Beef Bulls	90.50	97.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	14.00	26.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	65.00	260.00
Kid Goats	40.00	95.00
Canners	Up to	80.75
Cutters	81.00	87.00
Utility Grade Cows	88.00	92.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	7.00	30.00
Chickens each	6.00	37.50
Ducks each	11.00	18.00
Feeder Pigs	50.00	80.00
Lambs	60.00	200.00
Sheep	55.00	160.00



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
BEAN SPRT,12/12oz	13.00	13.00
COLLARD,12-16	10.00	10.00
KALE,12-16	10.00	10.00
LETTUCE,Gm lf,24ct	11.00	14.00
LETTUCE,Icebrg,24ct	11.00	12.00
LETTUCE,Rd lf,24ct	11.00	14.00
LETTUCE,Rmn,24ct	11.00	16.00
MINT,1/2bu	10.00	10.00
RHUBARB,20lb	22.00	30.00
SQUASH,grn,1/2bu	14.00	14.00
SQUASH,yllw,1/2bu	14.00	14.00
STRAWBERRY 8/1qt	28.00	30.00
SWISS CHARD,12s	15.00	15.00
TOMATO,25lb,gh	20.00	21.00
TOMATO,chrmy,5lb	14.00	14.00
TOMATO,hrlm,10lb.gh	30.00	30.00

SHIPPED IN

APRICOT,72ct,CA	30.00	32.00
ASPARAGUS,28lb,CAN	52.00	54.00
BLUEBERRY,12/1pt,GA	24.00	28.00
BOK CHOY,50lb,NJ	16.00	18.00
CUCUMBR,1 1/9bu ,NJ,med	27.00	28.00
CORN,5dz,FL	15.00	16.00
PEACH,25lb,GA,2-1/2min	26.00	28.00



HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET

June 1, 2013

Wholesale, lease tenants and/or farmers' market vendors

	Low	High
BEDDING PLNT,48/flat	7.50	10.00
HERB PLNT,4"pot	3.00	2/5.00
HANGING BSKT,10"	7.00	10.00
HANGING BSKT,mix,10"	10.00	12.00
HANGING BSKT,mix,12"	15.00	25.00
HONEY,bear,12oz	5.50	5.50
HONEY,cream,1lb	8.00	8.00
HONEY,jar,1lb	5.50	5.50
HONEY,jar,2lb	10.00	10.00
HONEY,jar,5lb	23.00	23.00
PATIO TOMATO	5.00	10.00
SCNTD GERANIUM,6"pot	6.00	6.00
SUCCULENTS,4"pot	3/10.00	3/10.00
VEG PLNTS,48/flat	10.00	10.00

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.47-1.66
LARGE	1.43-1.60
MEDIUM	1.11-1.23

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCT.
AND VA CATTLE SUMMARY**

June 7, 2013

Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean		78.25-81.25
boners 80-85% lean		76.00-79.50
lean 88-90% lean		71.25-75.50
CALVES: graded bull		
No.1 98-128lbs		n/a
No.2 112-128lbs		n/a
No.3 80-130lbs		n/a
SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr 1		
High dressing		103.75-107.00
Avg.dressing		90.50-95.50
Low dressing		71.25-75.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS high		
Ch/Prm 2-3		122.75-124.00
Ch2-3		115.50-119.50
Sel 1-3		107.50-112.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS-		
Ch/prm2-4		126.50-129.50
Ch2-3		121.75-124.75
Sel 1-3		115.50-119.75
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Ch/prm3-4		110.25-113.50
Ch 2-3		103.75-108.00
Sel 1-3		96.25-100.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3		
40-60lbs		160.00-187.00
60-80lbs		155.00-159.00
80-110lbs		n/a
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh		
120-140lbs		567.00-67.00
Bucks 140-160lbs		62.00-90.00
230-250lbs		50.00-96.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est. wt.		
40-60lbs		130.00-160.00
60-80lbs		160.00-185.00
90-110lbs		177.00-200.00
110-120lbs		n/a
Nannies/Does:80-125lbs		150.00-165.00
130-150lbs		144.00-175.00
Bucks/Billies:130-150lbs		225.00-250.00
150-170lbs		220.00-285.00

PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS

June 7, 2013, Lancaster, PA, per cwt.

Gr US 1-2	wt30-40	150.00-180.00
	wt 40-50	150.00-170.00
	wt 50-60	140.00-150.00
Gr US 2	wt20-30	170.00-230.00
	wt 30-40	80.00-130.00
	wt 40-50	90.00-110.00
	wt 50-60	120.00-120.00

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.96-1.00
LARGE	.94-.98
MEDIUM	.85-.89

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To receive an aquaculture producer license, seaweed or aquatic plant producers must

1. Be registered with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as a food facility.
2. Pass inspection by the Department of Consumer Protection.
3. Receive species approval from the DoAg commissioner.

The law allows the DoAg commissioner to assess civil penalties, up to \$2,500 per violation and \$250 per day, for a continuing violation (CGS § 22-7). He may also issue cease and desist orders (CGS § 22-4d).

The bill also allows the DoAg commissioner to issue a license to anyone who wants to plant and cultivate seaweed within Connecticut's coastal waters. A seaweed license must be nontransferable, up to five years in duration, and subject to an annual fee of \$25 per acre.

Someone who has a shellfish grounds lease is exempt from this seaweed license fee. Anyone issued a seaweed license can buy, possess, ship, transport, or sell seaweed approved by the commissioner.

The bill prohibits the commissioner from granting a seaweed license if it would conflict with an "established right" of fishing or shellfishing.

This bill allows the DoAg commissioner to direct to the Shellfish Fund a portion of the payments received from utility companies with projects crossing Long Island Sound.

The law requires the commissioner to assess the owners of certain facilities with projects that cross Long Island Sound (e.g., electric power lines, gas pipelines, or telecommunications) an annual fee of 40 cents per linear foot located in Connecticut's jurisdiction.

The fee applies to facilities that require either (1) a certificate of environmental compatibility from the Connecticut Siting Council or (2) Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval.

By law, the commissioner must deposit 25% of the proceeds in the General Fund. Current law requires him to deposit the remaining 75% in the "expand and grow Connecticut agriculture" account, which funds the Connecticut Grown Program.

The bill instead requires him to deposit the remaining 75% in the "expand and grow Connecticut agriculture" account and the Shellfish Fund. The bill allows the commissioner to determine the portion of the 75% to be deposited in each account.

The law allows the commissioner to use the Shellfish Fund for the state shellfish program. Under the program, DoAg may purchase cultch (shell or other material upon which young oysters can fasten), management supplies, material, and spawn oyster stock.

The bill passed the Senate with an amendment on 5/22/13 on the Consent Calendar by a margin of 36-0, and passed the House with the Senate amendment on 6/5/13 on the Consent Calendar by a margin of 146-0. It currently awaits Governor Malloy's signature.

[Substitute for Raised Senate Bill No. 804](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING A PREFERENCE FOR CONNECTICUT GROWN PROTEIN IN CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTS AND THE INCLUSION OF FARMERS' MARKETS IN CERTAIN PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Effective date: upon passage

By law, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) commissioner must generally purchase or contract for all supplies and materials needed by state agencies.

This bill requires him to give preference to Connecticut Grown beef, pork, lamb, and farm-raised fish if these compare in cost to those grown or produced outside the state when he is purchasing or contracting for such products.

The law already requires the DAS commissioner to give preference to Connecticut Grown or produced dairy products, poultry, eggs, fruits, and vegetables.

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2013 CONNECTICUT LEGISLATIVE SESSION WRAP-UP (continued from Page 4)

The bill passed the state Senate on the Consent Calendar, 35-0, with an amendment requiring the Department of Agriculture to advertise farmers' markets in all promotional materials and on the department's website, upon request.

The bill passed the House 136-0 on 5/15/13 with the Senate amendment and added a House amendment requiring the fish be farm-raised. The bill then passed the Senate 5/22/13 on the Consent Calendar, 35-0. Governor Malloy signed the legislation on 6/5/13. It is Public Act 13-72.

[Substitute for Raised House Bill No. 6644](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES

Effective date: upon passage

Among other provisions this bill reenacts a section of law that was inadvertently repealed in 2012 and relates to the registration of swine growers with the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) and the control of swine diseases. Specifically, the bill

1. Requires anyone growing swine in one location for use or disposal at a different location to register with the DoAg commissioner.
2. Authorizes the commissioner to issue orders and regulations for protecting swine from contagious and infectious diseases.
3. Requires the commissioner to investigate swine diseases and issue instructions for quarantines and disinfection of diseased premises.

4. Requires most imported swine to be disease-free, as certified by a health official and accompanied by a DoAg permit.
5. Requires swine brought into the state for immediate slaughter to be killed in an approved slaughterhouse under veterinary inspection.

By law, the penalty for diseased animal violations is a Class D misdemeanor, subject to a fine of up to \$500, up to three months' imprisonment, or both (CGS § 22-321).

Under the bill, as under the repealed law, swine cannot be imported into Connecticut unless they come from a validated brucellosis-free and pseudorabies-negative herd. Imported swine must come with a permit from the DoAg commissioner and an official health certificate that certifies the swine are free of infectious or contagious diseases.

Swine that are imported for immediate slaughter on federally inspected premises do not need a health certificate, but the owner of the premises must report to the commissioner weekly the number of such swine imported.

Swine imported for other than immediate slaughter that are older than three months old, other than a barrow (i.e., castrated swine), must pass a brucellosis and pseudorabies blood test within 30 days of being imported.

The state veterinarian may waive the 30-day blood test for swine imports from (1) a state validated to be brucellosis- and stage V pseudorabies-free, if the swine spent at least 30 days there before importation, or (2) a herd she determines is pathogen free.

The House passed the bill with an amendment on 5/30/13 by a vote of 142-0. The Senate passed the bill 6/4/13 on the Consent Calendar by a margin of 35-0. It currently awaits Governor Malloy's signature.



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