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## DOAG PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERSTATE MILK SHIPMENTS

*Wayne Kasacek, Bureau of Regulation and Inspection*

Representatives from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg)'s Bureau of Regulation and Inspection recently participated in the 2013 National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) in Indianapolis, Indiana, along with more than 300 attendees from industry, the states, The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Canada, and Israel.

The biennial conference brings together persons and organizations involved in the dairy industry, including representatives for production, processing, laboratory, equipment manufacturers, consultants, academia, consumers, and regulators. Participants deliberate proposals (called "problems") submitted by various individuals including state regulatory agencies, FDA, USDA, producers, processors, consumers, equipment manufacturers, etc., to modify the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) and related documents. Sixty-three proposals were considered this year.

The conference operates much like a legislative body. "Problems" and proposed solutions are sent to committees for review and changes. Committees report their recommendations to larger councils that can make further changes, and they make a recommendation to pass or not pass to the delegates at the general session.

Councils and committees have equal state regulatory and industry representation. Industry has a vote within committees and councils but only delegates from the states and U.S. territories have a vote during the final deliberations during the general session.

This year all states and Puerto Rico sent voting delegates, with Wayne Kasacek from DoAg serving as Connecticut's. Wayne was appointed by the NCIMS executive board to the NCIMS Council I, which deliberates changes to Section 7 of the PMO, the sanitation requirements and quality standards. DoAg's Jim Allyn also attended as a member of the Aseptic Processing and HACCP Implementation committees.

Some larger dairy states send as many as four representatives each so they can have a presence at various committee and council meetings. New England and the Northeast work cooperatively, having common interests in most cases and seeking to ensure cov-

erage at council and committee meetings where the proposed solutions to problems are hashed out.

As one would expect, the FDA has a heavy presence at the conference. FDA representatives sit in on all councils and most committee meetings as a technical resource but cannot vote. The FDA can concur or non-concur with solutions to problems that pass the conference. In general, solutions with which FDA non-concurs are rare. There is a procedure for delegates to make changes to those solutions in conference off-years.

More information on the NCIMS and the cooperative program between the FDA and the states can be found at [www.ncims.org](http://www.ncims.org).

Hot topics at the 2013 conference included lowering the somatic cell count (SCC) from 750,000 to 400,000, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), and FDA's [proposed FSMA rules](#).

Delegates again wrestled this year with the 400,000 SCC standard (currently used by the European Union), recognizing the need for and value of exports. All are keenly aware of the economics and politics of world dairy prices and the ability to compete globally.

Representatives from the National Milk Producers Federation, and locally from Agri-Mark, Inc., explained that a uniform 400,000 SCC would ease the burden of supplying information to the USDA's European Union Dairy Export Certification Program. A USDA representative reported that the European Union Dairy Export Certification Program was working but presented a heavy paperwork burden. A uniform 400,000 SCC standard would allow exports to the European Union without having to qualify using the USDA program.

Some large dairy states have lowered SCC standards in their state regulations, but still must allow milk produced using the 750,000 SCC standard to enter or risk losing their status with the NCIMS.

While most Connecticut dairy producers already meet the 400,000 SCC standard or would easily adapt, a small number would have difficulty adapting and some might lose the ability to market their product.

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**WHOLESALE LETTUCE  
U.S. GROWN**

	Low	High
BOST BIBB,24,NJ	15.00	16.00
MESCLUN,3lb,CA	6.00	7.00
OAK LF,red,2.2lb,CA	10.00	12.00
OAK LF,grn,2.2lb,CA	10.00	12.00
RED LF,24,NJ	14.00	15.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION  
June 3, 2013**

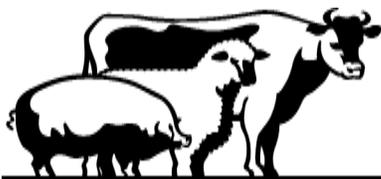
Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220lbs-300lbs	67.00-69.00
	300lbs-400lbs	66.00-69.00
45-49	220lbs-300lbs	64.00-66.50
	300lbs-400lbs	62.00-63.50
Sows US1-3	300lbs-500lbs	51.50-55.00
	500lbs-700lbs	59.50-61.50
Boars	300lbs-700lbs	18.00-20.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION  
Middlefield, June 3, 2013**

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	25.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.	50.00	52.50
76-90 lbs.	55.00	62.50
91-105 lbs.	65.50	67.50
106 lbs. & up	85.00	92.50
Farm Calves	100.00	117.50
Starter Calves	45.00	52.00
Veal Calves	100.00	145.00
Open Heifers	70.00	117.50
Beef Steers	82.00	130.00
Beef Heifers	73.00	82.50
Feeder Steers	105.00	115.00
Stock Bulls	90.00	127.50
Beef Bulls	75.00	100.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	30.00	57.50
Goats each	90.00	280.00
Kid Goats	35.00	70.00
Canners	Up to	81.50
Cutters	82.00	85.50
Utility Grade Cows	86.50	88.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	50.00
Chickens each	5.00	15.00
Ducks each	12.00	27.00
Feeder Pigs	40.00	100.00
Lambs	95.00	155.00
Sheep	n/a	n/a



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
BEAN SPRTS, 12/12oz	13.00	13.00
RHUBARB, 20lb	25.00	30.00
SPINACH, flat, 4lb	12.00	12.00
TOMATO, cherry, 5lb	14.00	14.00
TOMATO, gnhs, loose, 25lb	20.00	21.00
TOMATO, gnhs, 10lb	15.00	15.00

**SHIPPED IN**

APRICOT, 72ct, CA	26.00	30.00
ASPARAGUS, 28lb, NJ	51.00	54.00
BEETS, 12s, NJ	14.00	16.00
BLUEBERRY, 12/1pt, GA	24.00	25.00
BOK CHOY, 50lb, NJ	16.00	16.00
CABBAGE, grn, 50lbs, NJ	16.00	17.00
COLLARD, bu, NJ	14.00	14.00
CORN, 5dz, FL	15.00	16.00
DANDELION, 12s-16s, NJ	15.00	15.00
ENDIVE, 1.3bu NJ	12.00	14.00
ESCAROLE, 1.3bu, NJ	13.00	14.00
LETTUCE, grn lf, 24ct, NJ	14.00	15.00
NAPPA, 1-7/8bu, NJ	22.00	22.00
PEACHES, 1/2bu, GA	22.00	26.00
RADISHES, 24s, NJ	12.00	13.00
WATERMELON, 24" bin 8-10lb	3.00	3.00



**HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET**

May 18, 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
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	1.66-1.80
LARGE	1.60-1.74
MEDIUM	1.22-1.36
SMALL	.91-1.01

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

May 30, 2013

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

breakers 75-80% lean	82.00-83.00	85.00-87.00	75.50-80.50
boners 80-85% lean	79.00-82.50	83.00-85.50	70.00-78.50
lean 88-90% lean	75.00-79.50	81.50-82.50	64.00-74.50

**CALVES: graded bull**

No.1	94-128lbs	122.00-126.00
No 2	102-128lbs	112.00-119.00
No 3	80-130lbs	75.00-80.00

**SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr 1**

High dressing 1030-1700lbs	98.00-101.00
Avg. dressing 840-2040lbs	93.00-97.00
Low dressing 1010-17000lbs	87.50-92.50

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS high**

Ch2-3	1100-1300lbs	115.00-119.00
Sel 1-3	1050-1400lbs	108.00-114.00

**SLAUGHTER STEERS-**

Ch/prm2-4	1250-1650lbs	127.00-131.00
Ch2-3	1270-1600lbs	123.00-126.75
Sel 1-3	1250-1650lbs	118.00-122.00

**SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS**

Ch/prm3-4	1450-1600lbs	111.00-114.00
Ch 2-3	1550-1650lbs	107.00-110.00
Sel 1-3	1400-1650lbs	99.50-106.00

**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**

Hair shp80-100lbs	67.00-70.00
120-140lbs	55.00-57.00
Hair shp 120-160lbs	52.00-56.00
160-180lbs	54.00-66.00
Bucks 140-160lbs	62.00-90.00
230-240lbs	50.00-95.00

**SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel. 1, by head, est. wt.**

40-60lbs	130.00-160.00
60-80lbs	162.00-185.00
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
150-200lbs	220.00-285.00

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.25-1.30
LARGE	1.24-1.28
MEDIUM	1.05-1.07

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has been productively engaged throughout the entire 2013 session of the Connecticut General Assembly, working with Governor Malloy's office, members of the Legislature, sister state agencies, municipal leaders, and nonprofit organizations to craft policy that will grow Connecticut farms and strengthen agriculture in the state.

Preservation of the farmland at the Southbury Training School represents an unprecedented accomplishment of these efforts.

Raised H.B. No. 6542

#### *AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF FARMLAND AT THE SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL*

Effective date: upon passage

This bill establishes a procedure to preserve and manage state-owned property known as the "Farm at the Southbury Training School."

The bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) commissioner to transfer the care, custody, and control of the property to the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) commissioner, who must grant a permanent conservation easement on it to a nonprofit organization.

It specifies that the easement must (1) provide for conservation of the farm for agricultural use and (2) allow the DoAg commissioner to lease, permit, or license farm property for such use.

The proposed easement and any proposed DoAg lease permit or license is subject to State Properties Review Board (SPRB) review and approval. The SPRB must complete its review within 30 days after receiving the proposed easement or any proposed lease, permit, or license from the DoAg commissioner.

The bill exempts the leased, permitted, or licensed property from local property taxes and adds its value to the assessed value of state-owned land and buildings for calculating state payments in lieu of taxes. By law, the state must reimburse towns for 45% of their lost revenue from state-owned property.

The DoAg commissioner must obtain a survey of the property that conforms to a horizontal Class A-2 (boundary) survey. Based on the survey, the DoAg commissioner must grant to a nonprofit organization, whose mission includes protecting agricultural lands for agricultural use, a permanent conservation easement on the property.

Under the bill, the leases, permits, or licenses must (1) be for a term of up to 15 years and (2) comply with the permanent conservation easement. They are renewable for up to 15 years.

The bill also requires that any permanent conservation easement shall provide that all agricultural activities conducted on the Farm at the Southbury Training School be in accordance with a conservation plan prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and approved by the DoAg commissioner.

Such conservation plan shall be updated periodically and whenever the nature of any agricultural operation on the farm changes.

The plan shall provide for management of the farm in a manner that (1) is consistent with generally accepted agricultural practices, including, but not limited to, practices identified by the Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office Technical Guide, and (2) is consistent with the protection of the agricultural and conservation values of the farm.

This is Governor Malloy's bill. It passed in the state House of Representatives with an amendment on May 29, 2013, by a vote of 135-0. The Senate passed the bill May 29, 2013, on the Consent Calendar, 35-0.

The bill currently awaits Governor Malloy's signature.

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Some conference delegates debated the need to adopt the lower standard as a means to improve milk quality and reduce the use of antibiotics, but presented no scientific evidence to support their contention. Regional differences in climate make it more difficult to meet the lower standard in some areas of the country than others. In the end, the proposal to adopt a 400,000 SCC (using the traditional enforcement tool of taking regulatory action when three of the last five counts exceed the standard) failed.

It is expected that the 400,000 SCC proposal will be debated again at the 2015 NCIMS conference. In the intervening two years, industry has time to develop the case for a 400,000 SCC based on such things as reducing the risk of residues and improving animal health, and to craft a proposal that, like the EU standard, accounts for seasonality, climate, and other factors affecting the SCC that are not under a milk producer's control.

On another topic, FDA's proposed FSMA rules were discussed. The proposed rules should have minimal impact on milk producers as they are harvesting and storing milk for further processing. What is unclear is how the proposed rules apply to mixed-type facilities such as those dairy farms that also grow fruits and vegetables.

FSMA does clearly apply to milk producers who introduce "intentionally adulterated" milk into the marketplace. The proposed rules do not flesh out how the FDA intends to apply this section of the act. For now, it appears current policy of tolerances and safe levels will continue to be enforced as is.

The proposed FDA rules as written--specifically a requirement to implement hazard analysis and risk based controls--will have a major impact on milk processors.

Congress did not explicitly exempt milk processing facilities regulated by the states under the PMO from complying with FSMA. The FSMA language passed by Congress did tell the FDA to review preventive control programs in place, referenced the PMO, and charged the FDA to promulgate regulations that were consistent with standards in place.

NCIMS delegates passed a resolution charging the Liaison Committee to review/compare the proposed rules and the PMO. Delegates cited the memorandum of understanding and the long history the FDA has with the conference, and highlighted a track record of food safety.

The Liaison Committee, through the NCIMS executive board, will report their findings/comments to the FDA. We believe the PMO is a model preventive-controls document that has been very successful at controlling the food safety hazards associated with milk.

Besides the above two controversial topics discussed, most of the other conference work was routine. Delegates dealt with such things as standardizing the language used to describe the pasteurizer testing procedures, modifying language for robotic milking systems to allow for different methods of protecting milk in bulk tanks from cleaning solutions, and changes to laboratory procedures.

Changes to the PMO with which FDA concurs will become effective in October 2013.

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