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**COMMISSIONER REVICZKY REPRESENTS CONNECTICUT AT WASHINGTON, D.C. CONFERENCE**

*Jason Bowsza, Office of the Commissioner*

In order to strengthen the work the Connecticut Department of Agriculture does within our state's borders, Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky believes Connecticut must have a place at the table in national discussions on agricultural policy and regulations.

That is why he recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) Winter Policy Meeting—his third trip to the nation's capital to advocate on behalf of Connecticut's farmers and the residents they serve.

Highlights of the meeting included discussion and action on a wide range of issues, including the following:

- The 2014 federal Farm Bill.
- The future of the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) administered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).
- The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) administered by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), particularly regarding waters of the U.S. and wood-burning furnace emissions, and their potential impacts on farmers.

"Connecticut's agricultural economy is making significant advances, and that includes progress in the halls of government," Commissioner Reviczky said. "Governor Malloy and our Congressional delegation are extremely supportive of agriculture, and I am committed to ensuring that support translates into benefits for both our producers and consumers."

**FARM BILL**

Commissioner Reviczky met with all five representatives and both senators from Connecticut as the Farm Bill was debated and reached final passage during the NASDA meeting. Led by Congressman Joe Courtney, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, the delegation was instrumental in voicing concerns that resulted in several changes in the bill relevant to Connecticut's farmers.

The bill included an \$800 million annual reduction in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that threatened Con-

necticut Grown certified farmers' markets. Governor Malloy subsequently ordered Connecticut to spend about \$1.4 million in federal energy aid, preserving monthly SNAP benefits of \$112 for 50,000 low-income Connecticut residents.

Specialty Crop Block Grant programs will now set aside funding for multi-state projects, and also will consider both the value and the acreage of specialty crops planted in each state.

A significant change was made to the dairy safety net by eliminating the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program, and replacing it with a dairy insurance program.

This new system will provide producers with indemnity payments when actual dairy margins are below the margin coverage levels the farmer chooses on an annual basis, although payment rates may fluctuate, to discourage over-production.

**FARM AND RANCH LANDS PROTECTION PROGRAM**

Also at the meeting, NASDA President Chuck Ross, secretary of Vermont's Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets, named Commissioner Reviczky chairman of a working group that will address frustrations experienced by the states with NRCS's current Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP), which, under the 2014 Farm Bill, will be called the Agricultural Lands Easement (ALE) program.

FRPP has been a source of frustration for many state farmland preservation programs, particularly in Northeast states.

More than 300 Connecticut farms have been protected over the past three decades under Connecticut's Farmland Preservation program, which includes partial reimbursement through federal funds. The state has typically spent \$5-6 million per year on this program, and since 1996 has averaged \$2.4 million annually in federal reimbursements.

Commissioner Reviczky, however, has publicly stated that the federal review and approval process has become so cumbersome and redundant that some recent potential purchases have been delayed for up to two years, or threatened to be canceled altogether.

As uncertainty about federal reimbursement has grown, the state has used its own funds to finalize purchases and protect vital lands.

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**WHOLESALE GREENHSE PRODUCE  
U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL**

	Low	High
LETTUCE,bstn,12/4oz,CT	15.00	17.00
MACHE,3lb,PA	12.00	12.00
PEPPR,bl,or,11lb,DR	25.00	28.00
PEPPR,bl,rd,11lb,MX	18.00	20.00
RHUBARB,10lb,MI	22.00	22.00
TOMATO,12lb,vnpr,ME	24.00	25.00
TOMATO,chrry,5lb,,ME	14.00	15.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

	Low	High
49-54 220-300 lbs	73.00	78.00
300-400 lbs	74.00	79.00
45-49 220-300 lbs	70.50	73.00
300-400 lbs	67.00	73.00
Sows,US1-3 300-500 lbs	67.00	69.00
500-700 lbs	70.00	73.00
Boars 300-700 lbs	15.00	16.00

**PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS**

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.

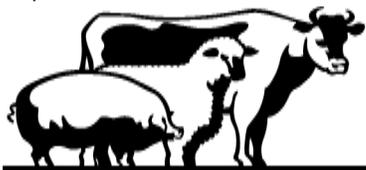
	Low	High
Gr US 1- wt 20-30	290.00	300.00
wt 30-40	240.00	280.00
Gr US 2- wt 15-30	110.00	130.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, March 10, 2014

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	25.00
61-75 lbs.	40.00	45.00
76-90 lbs.	47.50	50.00
91-105 lbs.	60.00	65.00
106 lbs. & up	75.00	85.00
Farm Calves	100.00	110.00
Starter Calves	22.00	30.00
Veal Calves	100.00	190.00
Open Heifers	120.00	140.00
Beef Steers	75.00	125.00
Beef Heifers	80.00	120.00
Feeder Steers	95.00	110.00
Stock Bulls	100.00	135.00
Beef Bulls	92.00	118.00
Boars	1 at	.02/lb.
Sows	20.00	36.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	140.00	250.00
Kid Goats	10.00	25.00
Canners	up to	96.50
Cutters	97.00	101.00
Utility Grade Cows	102.00	109.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	8.00	35.00
Chickens each	5.00	35.00
Ducks each	9.00	22.50
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Lambs	185.00	280.00
Sheep	125.00	210.00



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
ALFALFA SPRT,5lb	14.00	14.00
APPLE,hnycrsp,US1,140ct	15.00	16.00
APPLE,mcntsh,12/3lb,fcy	15.00	15.00
APPLE,mcntsh,fcy,100ct	17.00	17.00
CIDER,9½gal	18.00	18.00
SQUASH,bttrnt,md,1½bu	14.00	15.00



**SHIPPED IN**

ASPARAGUS,28lb,CA	32.00	32.00
BEAN,grn,bu,FL	16.00	20.00
BLUEBERRY,12/1pt,CH	28.00	30.00
BRUSSEL SPRT,25lb,CA	20.00	22.00
CABBAGE,grn,50lb,FL	17.00	19.00
CELERY,2dz,FL	15.00	16.00
CORN,4dz,FL	17.00	22.00
DENDELION GREEN,12s,GA	16.00	18.00
EGGPLANT,1½bu,FL	15.00	18.00
JERUSLM ARTCHK,10ct,CA	42.00	42.00
KALE,12ct,GA	18.00	18.00
LEMON GRASS,30lb,CA	40.00	52.00
OKRA,½bu,MX	18.00	22.00
ORANGE,nvl,113ct,CA	26.00	28.00
PEACH,44ct,CH	34.00	34.00
PEAR,bsc,80ct,OR	36.00	36.00
POTATO,50lb,yllw,szA,FL	25.00	30.00
SWEET POTATO,40lb,LA	22.00	24.00



**WHOLESALE BROILER/FRYER PARTS  
TRUCKLOTS**

Prices per pound

	Low	High
BACK/NECK	.16	.18
BREAST,b/s	1.60	1.63
BREAST,w/rib	.86	.87
DRUMSTICK	.65	.66
GIZZARD	.75	.80
LEG	.64	.65
LEG,quarters	.41	.42
LIVER,5lb tub	.55	.60
TENDERLOIN	1.60	1.65
THIGH	.65	.66
WING	1.28	1.29

**PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

March 10, 2014  
Average Dressing

<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>		
breakers 75-80% lean	91.25	94.00
boners 80-85% lean	87.00	93.00
lean 85-90% lean	81.50	86.75
<b>CALVES graded bull</b>		
No 1 95-120lbs	197.25	224.00
No 2 95-120lbs	174.25	205.75
No 3 80-120lbs	127.00	171.50
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr</b>		
High dressing	115.75	121.00
Avg.dressing	103.00	106.25
Low dressing	94.25	97.25
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>		
HiCh/Prm2-3	143.00	148.00
Ch1-3	138.75	142.00
Sel1-2	129.25	134.00
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS.</b>		
HiCh/prm2-3	147.75	153.25
Ch1-3	142.00	146.75
Sel1-2	138.50	143.50
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS</b>		
HiCh/prm2-3	126.75	136.75
Ch2-3	120.00	124.00
Ch1-2	117.00	119.00
Vealers-60-120lbs	33.50	65.50
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3 HAIR</b>		
40-60lbs	200.00	235.00
60-80lb	220.00	234.00
70-80lbs		n/a
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3</b>		
80-110lbs		n/a
120-160	96.00	106.00
160-200	88.00	90.00
Bucks 125-140lbs	90.00	98.00
160-200lbs	70.00	90.00
210-250lbs	70.00	94.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est.</b>		
40-60lb	150.00	192.00
60-80lb	165.00	197.00
80-110lb	183.00	200.00
Nannies/Does: 110-130lbs	167.00	192.00
130-180lbs	172.00	217.00
Bucks/Billies: 125-150lbs	230.00	280.00
150-200lbs	300.00	357.00

**EASTERN PA GRAIN**

Average price per bushel

BARLEY	3.22
CORN	4.96
OATS	n/a
SOYBEANS	14.38
WHEAT	6.93

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.41	1.45
LARGE	1.39	1.43
MEDIUM	1.19	1.23

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	2.43	2.55
LARGE	2.36	2.48
MEDIUM	1.45	1.55

## ADVERTISEMENTS

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.

Advertisements of 35 or fewer words for job openings at Connecticut farms may be placed for up to four weeks for free in the report's new **CT FARM EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION SECTION.**

### CT FARM EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION

26-R. Mid-size farm looking for farm manager to assist small fruit and vegetable crop management. Minimum 3 years practical agricultural work experience required- combination of crop and livestock production. 4 year college degree preferred. 860-683-0266.

28-R. Farm in Canton offering part-time work Apr-Oct. All positions are learning opportunities! If you want to spend your summer growing food, getting fit, working hard, and feeling great - contact Tara 860-881-2280.

31-R. Spring Farm Apprentice Position available mid-April start date. Housing, food and stipend. Learn all aspects of running 200-member CSA Vegetable Farm Share and Grassfed Beef farm business. Learn more at: [www.devonpointfarm.com](http://www.devonpointfarm.com) or call 860-974-9004.

32-R. Help wanted, seeking farm educator for spring field trips, April - June, Community Farm of Simsbury, educational organic farm in Simsbury, contact Cori Behm, [cbehm@communityfarmofsimsbury.org](mailto:cbehm@communityfarmofsimsbury.org), 860-217-0453, per diem rate, [www.communityfarmofsimsbury.org](http://www.communityfarmofsimsbury.org)

33-R. Part time summer help experienced with operating New Holland round and square balers, etc. Four Winds Farm, 860-886-0716.

### FOR SALE

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

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or [www.bludon.com](http://www.bludon.com).

3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

5-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.

8-R. Corn silage stored in corn pit. Augur Farm. 203-530-4953.

27-R. Bally Walk-in-Cooler 18'x24', 11' high, L'il Orb doughnut machine--\$4,500 for both (you must remove cooler from barn) 860-673-3550 days/860-675-3666 until 9pm.

29-R. KINZE CORN PLANTER, model DF, 4 row, 30" between rows, double frame, no till, excellent condition. \$5,000. Call 860-537-1974.

30-R. DRIED CHICKEN MANURE, best fertilizer for hay lots, by the trailer load. HAY, 1st & 2nd cut square bales. Call 860-537-1974.

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10-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

13-R. \$500/acre. Landowners, I am looking to lease 25+ acres of "A" land for up to \$500 per acre per year. Tell your friends or call Doug at 203-952-8542.

25-R. Pruning Workshop. Saturday, March 29 from 10-12 noon at Strong Family Farm, Vernon. For more information go to <http://www.strongfamilyfarm.org> or call 860-874-9020.

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In response, Commissioner Reviczky decided to forgo seeking USDA/NRCS reimbursement, and instead use only state funding. He voiced his frustration with the federal program while in Washington during meetings with the Congressional delegation and with USDA Deputy Secretary Krista Harden, who expressed her willingness to streamline the process and improve partnerships.

### FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT

Commissioner Reviczky and other state leaders also spent a significant amount of time at the NASDA meeting discussing their concerns about the implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). As a result of visits to many states around the country, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced that it will make changes to the proposed Produce Safety Rule.

While the specific changes are not yet known, the willingness of FDA to consider the concerns raised by agricultural producers around the country is encouraging.

### COORDINATION WITH EPA

The NASDA meeting also provided an opportunity for Commissioner Reviczky and other officials to have a dialogue with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy, the former head of Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection. Administrator McCarthy stressed that she was increasing EPA's efforts to be more receptive to the concerns of agricultural interests nationally.

Commissioner Reviczky expressed Connecticut's keen interest in the upcoming EPA rule concerning wood-furnace emissions and its potential impact on Connecticut farmers. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has generally favored not overly restricting the use of these furnaces.

Administrator McCarthy also noted she has already taken steps to demonstrate her commitment to a stronger agricultural relationship with the states. She said she is working closely with current Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to develop federal rules pertaining to waters of the U.S. and farm worker protection, specifically with the application of pesticides.

Commissioner Reviczky looks forward to continuing this dialog and collaboration with federal partners, and to future opportunities to advocate for Connecticut's hardworking farm families at the national level, while he continues to champion for them at the state Capitol and in local communities.

To learn more about NASDA, please visit [www.nasda.org](http://www.nasda.org).



Commissioner Reviczky with U.S. Representative Elizabeth Esty during his recent trip to Washington, D.C., to advocate for Connecticut farmers

### SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT REQUEST FOR CONCEPT PROPOSALS

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is seeking concept proposal for projects that solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined by the USDA as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, maple syrup, honey, horticulture, and nursery crops.

Projects must impact and produce measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public. Submitted projects cannot begin until after January 1, 2014, and can last up to three years. The maximum award is \$75,000.

For more info and complete application guidelines visit The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's website at [www.ctgrown.gov/grants](http://www.ctgrown.gov/grants), or contact Jaime Smith, 860-713-2559 or [jaime.smith@ct.gov](mailto:jaime.smith@ct.gov).

Concept proposal applications are due to the Department of Agriculture by 4:00 p.m. on April 15, 2014.

### LEARN TO NAVIGATE THE BIDDING PROCESS

*How to Navigate and Search for Bids* will be presented by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Friday, March 21, 2014, at Three Rivers Community College in Norwalk.

This seminar will explain registrations required to do business with the State of Connecticut and federal government, websites for locating federal bids over \$25,000, and the State of Connecticut's bid portal, where state and municipal bids can be found.

State and federal set-aside programs also will be covered. Instructors for this seminar are Lisa Powell from SBA and Charles Loya from the Connecticut Procurement Technical Assistance Program.

To register or to learn more, contact Lisa Powell at 860-240-4892 or [lisa.powell@sba.gov](mailto:lisa.powell@sba.gov).

### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR AGRICULTURE

The Connecticut Farm Bureau, in cooperation with state and federal partners, is presenting three workshops to help agricultural businesses prepare for disasters on March 22 and 29 and April 12, 2014.

Preparing for disasters can reduce risk exposure and save time and money. While the expense of recovering from any disaster or emergency can be substantial, producers who dedicate time to prepare for disasters can save significant dollars.

These workshops will help you learn how to

- Identify vulnerable production areas
- Prioritize areas for improvement
- Create your own farm specific action plan
- Develop an inventory of assets
- Identify and engage local emergency service agencies

Participants will complete assessment worksheets and action plans, develop a farm emergency map, and identify priority areas for improvement.

For more information and/or to register, go to [www.cfba.org](http://www.cfba.org).



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