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GOVERNOR MALLOY ADVANCES WORK AT HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET

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Governor Dannel P. Malloy returned to the [Hartford Regional Market](#) (HRM) on April 17, 2013, to announce that the State Bond Commission will fund long-overdue repairs at the market. He said this commitment of monies is a sign Connecticut is willing to invest in agriculture to expand and create jobs.

The Bond Commission unanimously approved a bond allocation of \$400,000 at its April 26, 2013, meeting. The Department of Construction Services (DCS) also has committed \$200,000 to the project and anticipates the need to commit additional resources if the contractor, [Silktown Roofing](#) of Manchester, finds isolated structural damage during construction.

The roof project will place a rubber overlay covering more than 170,500 square feet on two buildings at the 101 Reserve Road facility. The largest fresh produce market between New York and Boston, the HRM aggregates, processes, and distributes food from Connecticut, national, and international producers. Leaking roofs have jeopardized food safety and the employment of some of the more than 400 individuals who work there.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) and Connecticut Marketing Authority (CMA), which oversees the HRM, are relying DCS to facilitate and manage this critical assignment. DCS has already completed months of emergency roof repairs, conducted emergency evaluations, expedited the competitive bid process, and committed resources to this project.

The personal involvement of DCS Deputy Commissioner Pasquale "Bud" Salemi and the work of his team are much appreciated and have made a measurable and meaningful difference as DoAg and CMA have dealt with far-reaching implications of a seriously leaking roof and rapidly deteriorating infrastructure.



Gov. Malloy at the 4/17/13 press conference at the Hartford Regional Market

The installation of the membrane and associated roof deck repairs are intended to be a short-term fix while DoAg, CMA, and DCS work with [Market Ventures, LLC](#), to develop a long-range master plan for the regional market.

The plan will analyze current infrastructure, assess needs of present and potential tenants, and examine possible income and expenses of new facilities. It will include a new vision for wholesale aggregation, processing, and distribution, along with considerations for an enhanced public market.

The report is expected within 12 months of contract execution.

ADDITIONAL STATE INVESTMENTS IN AGRICULTURE

During the same press conference, Governor Malloy also announced the investment of more than \$800,000 in competitive, matching grants through DoAg's Farm Transition Grant and Farm Viability Grant programs to expand Connecticut's \$3.5 billion agricultural industry.

"Connecticut's agricultural sector has enormous untapped potential," Governor Malloy said in a [news release](#). "The investments we are announcing today in small farms and our Regional Market are a clear sign that we can both preserve our agricultural heritage and help it expand and create jobs."

Earlier that morning, Governor Malloy visited Mountaintop Mushrooms in Waterbury, which received \$35,000 in matching funds for the expansion of its indoor growing facility.

Owner Gregg Wershoven gave Governor Malloy a tour of the farm's various units, including the space and equipment to pasteurize and prepare the growing media, new laboratory, inoculation room, and different growing areas, with Governor Malloy interestedly asking questions about each facet of the operation.

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**WHOLESALE PEPPERS
U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL**

	Low	High
AJIES,20lb,DR	60.00	65.00
ANAHEIM,1/2bu,MX	18.00	22.00
BELL,Grn,1-1/9,FL	21.00	22.00
CHERRY,Ht,1/2bu,NC	40.00	42.00
CUBANELLE,1-1/9,FL	24.00	26.00
FRESNO,1/2bu,NC	35.00	35.00
JALAPENO,1-1/9,FL	35.00	38.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION
April 29, 2013

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	63.00-67.00
	300-400 lbs	55.00-61.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	57.00-61.00
	300-400 lbs	49.00-52.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	40.00-43.00
	500-700 lbs	43.00-45.00
Boars:	300-700lbs	15.00-16.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Middlefield, April 29, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	25.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	45.00
76-90 lbs.	50.00	55.00
91-105 lbs.	60.00	75.00
106 lbs. & up	85.00	100.00
Farm Calves	110.00	125.00
Starter Calves	40.00	50.00
Veal Calves	65.00	210.00
Open Heifers	80.00	92.50
Beef Steers	n/a	n/a
Beef Heifers	78.00	114.00
Feeder Steers	80.00	115.00
Stock Bulls	85.00	92.50
Beef Bulls	One at	105.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	50.00	210.00
Kid Goats	65.00	97.50
Canners	Up to	77.50
Cutters	78.00	81.00
Utility Grade Cows	82.00	85.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	25.00
Chickens each	5.00	21.00
Ducks each	6.00	26.00
Feeder Pigs	50.00	65.00
Lambs	75.00	200.00
Sheep	50.00	220.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
BEAN SPRT,10lb	6.00	6.00
FIDDLEHD,lb	8.00	8.00
LETTUCE,Bibb,12/4oz	13.00	16.00
POTATO,Chef,50lb	10.00	10.50
POTATO,Rd,10/5lb,A	14.00	14.00
POTATO,Rsst,90ct	10.50	11.00
RUTABAGA,50lb	13.00	14.00
TOMATO,11lb,on vine	22.00	23.00
TOMATO,loose,25lb	16.00	17.00

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ARUGULA,2/1½bag,NJ	13.00	14.00
ASPARAGUS,11lb,CA	30.00	32.00
BEAN,grn,bu,FL	26.00	28.00
BLUEBERRY,12/6oz,FL	27.00	30.00
CABBAGE,grn,50lb,GA	13.00	14.00
CORN,5dz,FL	24.00	26.00
LEEK,12s,NJ	12.00	14.00
ONION,Vdliia,40lb,GA	16.00	17.00
PEA,Englsh,bu,GA	40.00	42.00
RADISHES,24s,NJ	13.00	14.00
RHUBARB,grnhs,6kg,MI	44.00	44.00
SPINACH,fit 24s,NJ	15.00	15.00



HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET

April 27, 2013

Wholesale, lease tenants and/or farmers' market vendors

	Low	High
BEDDING PLNT,48/flat	8.00	10.00
GERANIUM,4"pot	3.00	3.00
HANGING BSKT,10"	8.00	10.00
HANGING BSKT,mix,10"	10.00	12.00
HANGING BSKT,mix,12"	15.00	18.00
PANSY,48/flat	5.00	5.00
NEW GUINEA IMP,4"pot	3.00	3.00

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.36-1.46
LARGE	1.24-1.35
MEDIUM	1.03-1.13

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	0.97-1.01
LARGE	0.95-0.99
MEDIUM	0.92-0.96

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

April 26, 2013

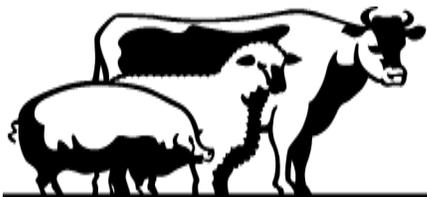
	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
breakers	75-80% lean		
	74.00-79.00	80.00-86.50	67.00-73.00
boners	80-85% lean		
	73.00-79.50	81.50-84.00	68.00-72.00
lean	88-90% lean		
	68.00-72.50	74.00-76.50	58.00-67.50
CALVES: graded bull			
No.1	90-120lbs	188.00-225.00	
No.2	80-120lbs	172.00-180.00	
No.3	75-110lbs	120.00-150.00	
SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr 1			
	910-2200lbs	92.00-95.00	
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS high ch/prime 3-4			
	1350-1450lbs	118.00-122.00	
choice 2-3	1100-1400lbs	114.00-117.50	
select 2-3	1100-1350lbs	109.50-113.50	
SLAUGHTER STEERS-high ch/prime 3-4			
	1250-1650lbs	121.00-126.50	
choice 2-3	1370-1600lbs	115.50-122.50	
select 2-3	1130-1465lbs	115.00-119.00	
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS high ch/prime 3-4			
	1450-1600lbs	105.50-107.00	
ch 2-3	1350-1650lbs	101.50-103.50	
select 2-3	1275-1420lbs	96.00-100.00	
FEEDER STEERS med/lg 1			
	300-400lbs	105.50-180.00	
	400-500lbs	123.00-173.00	
	500-600lbs	125.00-174.00	
	600-700lbs	123.50-140.50	
	700-800lbs	122.00-143.00	
	800-900lbs	110.00-114.50	
	1000-1100lbs	100.00-100.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: wl & shrn good/ch 3-4			
	40-60lbs	195.00-230.00	
	50-60lbs	182.00-215.00	
	60-100lbs	170.00-182.00	
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh			
	120-130lbs	60.00-78.00	
	160-180lbs	60.00-70.00	
	180-200lbs	n/a	
Bucks	130-140lbs	88.00-92.00	
	160-190lbs	50.00-97.00	
SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est. wt.			
	40-60lbs	142.00-167.00	
	60-80lbs	158.00-178.00	
	80-90lbs	167.00-175.00	
	90-110lbs	n/a	
Nannies/Does			
	110-120lbs	132.00-142.00	
	120-150lbs	135.00-160.00	
Bucks/Billies			
	120-130lbs	170.00-220.00	
	150-180lbs	195.00-290.00	

PENNSYLVANIA HAY

April 29, 2013

Lancaster, PA

	Premium	Good
Alfalfa	245.00-290.00	160.00-215.00
Mixed Hay	220.00-380.00	150.00-215.00
Timothy	270.00-300.00	160.00-200.00
Straw	110.00-240.00	



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JUST SCHEDULED: FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK SEPT 15-21

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Chef Program will once again present Farm-to-Chef Week in September to celebrate Connecticut Grown ingredients used in special menus at restaurants, cafeterias, and other eateries across the state.

This special week will run September 15-22, 2013. More information will be posted soon at www.CTGrown.gov/FarmtoChef.

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Gregg explained that his business plan includes the creation of some 35 new jobs in the next year, and expressed his deep appreciation for the support and assistance from Governor Malloy and DoAg that is helping to make his vision a reality.



(Left) Mountain-top Mushrooms owner Gregg Wershoven discusses lab techniques with Governor Malloy and Commissioner Reviczky



(Right) Specialty oyster mushrooms in one of the urban farm's growing rooms

THE HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET FARMERS' MARKET

To some, it's a tradition. To others, a mystery.

The [farmers' market](#) that operates daily on the grounds of the Hartford Regional Market (HRM) presents a unique opportunity for commerce. This market has been a tradition for many farmers and consumers for generations.

The HRM farmers' market is best known for its springtime offerings: acres of flowering baskets, annual and perennial plants, and landscape trees and shrubs. As the season progresses, this one-of-a-kind, state-operated farmers' market offers a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and other food and farm products.

As the only wholesale farmers' market in Connecticut, the HRM farmers' market functions differently from other farmers' markets in the state. Its core hours are 5:00 to 9:00 a.m., allowing small retailers, farm stand operators, and chefs to access agricultural products at a time and in a manner that facilitates their respective business operations.

The HRM farmers' market is also open to the general public. Home consumers turn out in greatest abundance on weekend mornings to take advantage of the market's signature variety and values. In addition, consumers also may access a diversity of offerings from the multitude of wholesale business tenants that lease space and operate at the HRM—including Northeast Produce, Capitol Sausage, M+M Produce, Bogner Meats, the Farmer's Cow, and many others—while visiting the HRM complex.

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The HRM farmers' market presents opportunities for Connecticut farmers available nowhere else in the state. With 144 vendor stalls, many under a pavilion, there is room for more farmers than at any other Connecticut market.

Also unique are the hours of operation. The farmers' market is open seven days a week, year round, offering outstanding potential to connect with an enormous and diverse customer base. However, vendors are not required to be present during all hours of operation, and may select the days they attend based on what makes sense for each individual business.

Stalls may be rented for a 4- or 12-month period. Complete vendor [rules and application information](#) are available on DoAg's website.

The CMA has identified the public market component of the HRM as a priority. In the coming months, DoAg and CMA will focus on growing public awareness and farmer participation in the short term—while examining the farmers' market's integration and prominence in the HRM's overall, redevelopment for the long term—as they work to revitalize this extraordinary state-owned food hub located in the heart of Connecticut at the intersection of Interstates 84 and 91.

The HRM offers exciting possibilities and great promise for Connecticut producers, agricultural businesses, and consumers. We are eager to realize and unlock its untapped potential.

CHEFS' TOUR OF HRM FARMERS' MARKET MAY 16

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Chef Program invites commercial chefs and foodservice buyers to an introductory tour of the [farmers' market at the Hartford Regional Market](#) from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2013.

Come discuss your Connecticut Grown needs and learn more about this unique market in a relaxed 90-minute tour. Event is free but an RSVP by 8:00 a.m. on May 15, 2013 is required.

To reserve your spot, send your name and contact information, company name and location, and type of foodservice business to Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov.

NRCS SEEKS WOMEN IN CONSERVATION NOMINEES

Connecticut State Conservationist Lisa Coverdale of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced the establishment of the Women Inspiring Conservation in Connecticut Award. The purpose is to recognize a woman conservationist who has made significant achievements and contributions within the state's agricultural community.

NRCS would like to honor a woman in Connecticut who is making significant contributions to the state. If you know a female resident who is committed to conservation and is an inspiration to others, you are invited to [nominate](#) her. Deadline for nominations is May 17, 2013. The winner will be recognized on June 13, 2013, at an NRCS all employees event.

For more information, please visit the Connecticut NRCS website, www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/ct/home/, or contact [Debbie Surabian](mailto:Debbie.Surabian) at 860-871-4042.



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