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CONNECTICUT'S 2013 VIBRIO CONTROL PLAN

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On April 30, 2013, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Aquaculture hosted a meeting with Connecticut's shellfish industry members at the Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Science and Technology Education Center. The purpose was to provide an update and opportunity for discussion of current regulatory issues facing the industry.

Both state and federal shellfish regulators gave presentations on best management practices for *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, a naturally occurring bacteria found in marine and estuarine waters. *Vibrio* thrives in the brackish waters of Long Island Sound and is not associated with a pollution source. Elevated levels are found in association with warm seawater temperatures.

Vibrio can pose serious—even fatal—health risks to shellfish consumers if proper handling practices are not followed by harvesters and dealers. Symptoms of *Vibrio* related illness can include gastrointestinal distress, abdominal cramping, nausea, vomiting, fever, and chills, all of which usually occur within 24 hours from ingestion. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the illness is usually self-limiting, typically lasts three days, and severe disease is rare (occurring more in those with weakened immune systems).

While the CDC estimates that there may be as many as 4,500 cases of *Vibrio* related illness nationally, it also states that the number of actual cases may be significantly higher because many go undetected and/or unreported.

In 2012, according to the Foodborne Diseases and Active Surveillance Network, there were 193 cases of illness, 55 hospitalizations, and 6 deaths reported in the United States due to *Vibrio*. The CDC reports that the incidence of laboratory-confirmed *Vibrio* infections has been on the rise since 1996.

While there has been a rise nationally in the incidence rates for *Vibrio* related illnesses, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's proactive work with the FDA and state's shellfish industry has limited confirmed illnesses here in Connecticut to one each year since 2009, staving off any outbreaks (defined as two or more persons from different households with illness)—even while they have occurred in neighboring states.

An illness outbreak would require emergency shellfish bed closures and recalls of shellfish harvested from affected areas, which could potentially devastate Connecticut's shellfish industry.

Why has Connecticut been so successful in these efforts? Simply put, the state Department of Agriculture has been out in front every step of the way, bringing national recognition as a progressive leader in *Vibrio* management.

The agency's shellfish program operates as part of the [National Shellfish Sanitation Program](#), a cooperative effort of state, FDA, and industry partners who agree to accept and meet specific responsibilities in order to ensure public safety with regard to shellfish.

Among other requirements, this program requires the state to conduct an annual risk evaluation and, if necessary, implement a mandatory *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* control plan (VPCP).

The risk evaluations are based upon the number of illnesses linked to oysters in the state, levels of *Vibrio* bacteria and pathogenic indicators in the growing areas, water and air temperatures, and the risk factors associated with harvest techniques practiced in Connecticut waters.

Each Connecticut shellfish industry member must enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture committing to compliance with the 2013 VPCP.

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DoAg's Kristin DeRosia-Banick presents information about the 2013 Vibrio Control Plan to Connecticut shellfish harvesters and dealers

**WHOLESALE MUSHROOMS
PENNSYLVANIA**

	Low	High
ENOKI,12/3.5oz	16.00	18.00
OYSTER,5lb	18.00	20.00
OYSTER,3lb	13.00	13.50
PRTBLLA,Ig,5lb	9.50	11.00
SHIITAKE,Ig,3lb	14.00	15.00
WHITE,Ig,10lb	16.00	16.50

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

May 6, 2013

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	60.00-64.00
	300-400 lbs	58.00-61.50
45-49	220-300 lbs	n/a
	300-400 lbs	54.00-58.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	45.00-48.00
	500-700 lbs	52.00-52.50
Boars:	300-700lbs	16.00-16.50

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, May 6, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	55.00	57.50
61-75 lbs.	80.00	90.00
76-90 lbs.	95.00	105.00
91-105 lbs.	107.50	110.00
106 lbs. & up	115.00	125.00
Farm Calves	150.00	160.00
Starter Calves	60.00	65.00
Veal Calves	80.00	130.00
Open Heifers	85.00	115.00
Beef Steers	101.00	125.00
Beef Heifers	101.00	124.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	102.50
Stock Bulls	75.00	107.50
Beef Bulls	89.00	95.50
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	30.00	37.00
Butcher Hogs	2 at	70.00
Goats each	60.00	135.00
Kid Goats	50.00	85.00
Canners	Up to	80.00
Cutters	81.50	84.50
Utility Grade Cows	85.00	88.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	7.00	25.00
Chickens each	5.00	25.00
Ducks each	11.00	35.00
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Lambs	50.00	80.00
Sheep	55.00	95.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
ASPARAGUS,lb	3.29	3.50
BEAN SPRT,10lb	5.50	6.00
CHIVES,1lb	8.00	8.00
FIDDLEHD,lb	5.20	5.50
LETTUCE,Bibb,12/4oz	13.00	16.00
POTATO,Rd,10/5lb,A	14.00	14.00
POTATO,Rsst,90ct	10.50	11.00
TOMATO,5lb,cherry	14.00	14.00
TOMATO,loose,25lb	14.00	16.00

SHIPPED IN

ARUGULA,2/1½bag,NJ	13.00	14.00
APRICOT,144ct,cCA	34.00	36.00
BEAN,grn,bu,FL	27.00	28.00
BLUEBERRY,12/6oz,GA	27.00	34.00
CILANTRO,24'S,NJ	12.00	12.00
CORN,5dz,FL	15.00	16.00
LEEK,12s,NJ	16.00	17.00
ONION,Vdlia,40lb,GA.jbo	20.00	22.00
PEA,Engsh,bu,GA	35.00	35.00
RADISHES,24s,NJ	13.00	14.00
RHUBARB.10lb,MI	18.00	18.00
SPINACH,flt 24s,NJ	15.00	15.00



HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET

May 4, 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	20.00
NEW GUINEA IMP,4"POT	3.00	3.00
PRV WNNR,4"pot	3.00	3.00
VEG PLNTS,48/FLAT	10.00	10.00

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.36-1.46
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	1.08-1.12
LARGE	1.06-1.10
MEDIUM	0.95-0.99

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION
AND VA CATTLE SUMMARY**

May 6, 2013

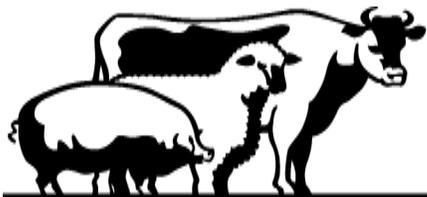
	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
breakers 75-80% lean	76.00-81.00	81.50-82.00	n/a
boners 80-85% lean	75.00-79.00	80.00-83.50	70.00-74.00
lean 88-90% lean	72.00-77.00	77.50-80.50	67.00-71.50
CALVES: graded bull			
No.1	95-125lbs	185.00-220.00	
No.2	95-120lbs	180.00-200.00	
No.3	100-110lbs	130.00-150.00	
SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr 1			
	950-1700lbs	92.00-98.00	
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS high			
Ch/prm 3-4		119.75-124.00	
Ch 1-3		116.00-119.00	
Sel 1-2		112.25-115.00	
SLAUGHTER STEERS			
Ch/prm 2-3		122.50-125.00	
Ch 1-3		118.00-121.25	
Sel 1-2		113.25-116.75	
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS			
Ch/prm 3-4		105.00-107.75	
Ch 2-3		102.75-103.50	
Sel 1-2		93.75-97.00	
FEEDER STEERS med/lg1			
	300-400lbs	145.00-153.00	
	400-500lbs	134.00-161.00	
	500-600lbs	124.00-141.00	
	600-700lbs	120.00-140.00	
	700-800lbs	121.00-131.00	
	800-900lbs	n/a	
	1000-1100lbs	n/a	
	Vealers Util 60-120lb	53.75-83.50	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: wt&shrngood/ch3-4			
	40-60lbs	190.00-212.00	
	60-80lbs	168.00-190.00	
	80-90lbs	162.00-174.00	
	90-110lbs	154.00-174.00	
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh			
	100-110lbs	66.00-76.00	
	130-160lbs	56.00-82.00	
	160-180lbs	54.00-66.00	
Bucks	140-160lbs	64.00-110.00	
	160-180lbs	68.00-97.00	
SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by the head, est. wt.			
	40-60lbs	130.00-155.00	
	60-80lbs	142.00-160.00	
	80-90lbs	137.00-182.00	
	90-110lbs	132.00-147.00	
Nannies/Does:	100-125lbs	120.00-137.00	
	130-150lbs	138.00-168.00	
Bucks/Billies:	120-150lbs	197.00-205.00	
	150-180lbs	166.00-250.00	

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Lancaster, PA, per cwt.

April 3, 2013

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Gr US 2	wt 20-30	70.00-130.00
	wt 30-40	135.00-145.00



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CONNECTICUT'S 2013 VIBRIO CONTROL PLAN

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The control plan includes the following:

1. Time/temperature requirements, including placement of oysters harvested for human consumption in a temperature-controlled storage area within five hours after the beginning of harvest during warmer summer months
2. Onboard vessel requirements, including product shading and cooling with seawater from a certified harvest area
3. Post-harvest temperature control measures
4. Specific recordkeeping requirements

The complete 2013 VPCP can be found on the Department of Agriculture's website at www.CTGrown.gov/Aquaculture.

Success of these control measures is dependent upon the cooperation of Connecticut's shellfish industry. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture may shut down an operation for noncompliance with the VPCP if agency officials deem the violation presents a significant risk to public health and safety.

In conjunction with the VPCP for the commercial shellfish industry, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture conducts ongoing monitoring, including evaluation of harvester and dealer compliance, inspections, record reviews, and testing of shellstock for *Vibrio* levels, as well as outreach regarding the potential for *Vibrio* in the state via meetings, the agency's website, and direct communications.

Agency staff also has presented *Vibrio* guidance to municipal and regional public health officials and shellfish commission members so that they may educate recreational shellfish harvesters to prevent related illnesses among that population.

The Department of Agriculture recognizes that even with their comprehensive efforts to ensure Connecticut's shellfish are safe for human consumption, improvements can be made. For example, the ability to measure *Vibrio* levels on a real-time basis at the agency's laboratory in Milford using polymerase chain reaction technology, which would require an investment of approximately \$70,000 in state funds for equipment, would prevent the need to send samples out of state for analysis.



Water samples prepared in DoAg's Milford laboratory

Should this acquisition be approved, the time saved and additional data gathered would enable the agency to conduct in-state studies and better manage *Vibrio* related risks, thus keeping more shellfish beds open on an ongoing basis.

In the coming weeks and months, as water temperatures rise in Long Island Sound, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture will continue to assess its VPCP for both compliance and effectiveness. The agency is committed to making any changes necessary to ensure that Connecticut's shellfish remains safe, and that the industry continues to be a viable and productive part of the state's economy.

For more information about the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Aquaculture and the state's shellfish industry, visit www.CTGrown.gov/Aquaculture.

NASS TO MAIL JUNE AG SURVEY THIS MONTH

Later this month the New England field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be mailing farmers a questionnaire asking how many acres of field corn, oats, barley, and potatoes they have planted and intend to harvest this season, and how much grain is stored on their farms.

Producers can respond online, or by mail, fax, phone, or personal interview. Information provided by respondents is confidential by law.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in the annual acreage and quarterly grain stocks reports, both to be released on June 28, 2013. Data also contribute to NASS's monthly and annual crop production reports.

All NASS reports are available at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information, call the NASS New England field office at 800-642-9571. (From 4/23/13 USDA news release.)

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More information and a nomination form is available at www.vancepublishing.com/40-under-40 or by contacting Shonda Atwater at 913-438-8700 or 40under40@vancepublishing.com

CT NOFA WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

The Connecticut chapter of the Northeast Organic Farming Association (CT NOFA) recently welcomed Eileen Hochberg as its new executive director.

According to a news release, Eileen previously served for eight years as director of conservation outreach for the Westchester Land Trust, where she created new initiatives in farmland preservation and agricultural retention. She currently serves on the board of Slow Food Metro North and as a member of the Bedford 2020 Coalition Food and Agriculture Task Force.

Eileen was named to the post after the retirement of Bill Duesing, who helped found CT NOFA in 1982 and served as its executive director for more than 30 years. He continues to work for the organization part time as its organic advocate, while now spending more time at Old Solar Farm in Oxford.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture thanks Bill for his decades of service to Connecticut's agricultural community and looks forward to working with Eileen in her new position.



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