



Agricultural Report

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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

NEW STATE POULTRY INSPECTION PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES IN TIME FOR HOLIDAYS

Look for Connecticut Grown poultry in restaurants over the holidays and beyond

Connecticut Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky announced that two farms have been approved by the state Department of Agriculture through its new Poultry Slaughter Inspection Program, making more Connecticut Grown poultry available to consumers, restaurants, hotels, and boarding houses this holiday season.

[MarWin Farm](#) in New Hartford and [Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm](#) in Sterling are the first two Connecticut poultry farms to be inspected and approved through the new state program, which resulted from passage of Public Act 10-103, [An Act Concerning Farms, Food, and Jobs](#). MarWin Farm is raising approximately 2,500 chickens, 125 turkeys, and 200 specialty birds such as guinea hens and ducks. Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm has some 3,000 turkeys and 1,200 chickens in production.

"This new inspection program has enormous potential to get more Connecticut Grown poultry onto the plates of local consumers," said Commissioner Reviczky. "It opens a new door for restaurants looking to serve Connecticut Grown turkey, chicken, and duck on their menus because they are no longer limited to using USDA inspected poultry in order to comply with the public health code."

State and local health departments, which regulate foodservice establishments, recognize these state-inspected farms as approved food sources for restaurants, hotels, and boarding houses. This is good news to chefs who have been frustrated by limited availability of local poultry.

"I just served my first Connecticut Grown turkey from Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm" said Wayne Kregling, executive chef at Brownson Country Club in Shelton. "The quality and flavor were superb, and I am excited to now be able to offer this delicious poultry to my customers."

Commissioner Reviczky seconded Chef Kregling's enthusiasm. "My own Thanksgiving dinner included a Connecticut Grown turkey," he said. "My family and guests enjoyed it very much and

agreed it was above and beyond their expectations. It made a wonderful holiday that much more special."

To comply with the state program's strict sanitation requirements, which are comparable to those of the USDA program, both farms made improvements to their existing facilities and developed written Hazardous Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) and recall plans. Ekonk Hill applied and was approved for \$10,000 in matching funds through the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's [Farm Reinvestment Grant](#) to help pay for the facility upgrades.

Because only one USDA inspected poultry processing facility currently exists in the state, MarWin, Ekonk Hill, and many other local farmers have until now opted to offer custom on-site processing of customer-owned birds. The new state program allows producers who successfully comply with requirements, pass inspection, and become approved to sell their poultry to an expanded customer base.

"It's a great service to provide to our state's farmers," emphasized Commissioner Reviczky. "I hope more local poultry producers take advantage of the program to increase production and grow their businesses. It will benefit our state's consumers, agricultural industry, and economy."

COMMISSIONER REVICZKY PRESENTS AT GOVERNOR MALLOY'S COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky gave an overview of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and its organization, responsibilities, programs and services, and myriad collaborations with other agencies and organizations at Governor Dannel P. Malloy's November meeting of senior staff and state commissioners. Governor Malloy asks different commissioners to present on their respective agencies each month. Commissioner Reviczky received a great deal of positive feedback from those in attendance, who told him that his talk was both educational and interesting.

Commissioner Reviczky's entire presentation, along with the rest of the meeting, can be viewed on CT-N's website at http://ctnv1.ctn.state.ct.us/G/gov_commissioners_11-8-11.wmv. Commissioner Reviczky comes on at 15:30 and speaks until 36:15.

**WHOLESALE FRUITS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE,Cort,bu,2-1/2	14.00	14.00
APPLE,Cort,80ct,xfcy	23.00	24.00
APPLE,Emp,80ct,xfcy	24.00	26.00
APPLE,Gala,bu,2-1/2	14.00	14.00
APPLE,Gala,100ct,fcy	19.00	19.00
APPLE,Gld Del,72ct,fcy	20.00	20.00
APPLE,Hnycsp,72ct,xfcy	55.00	55.00
APPLE,Mac,96ct,#1	17.00	17.00
APPLE,Mac,96ct,fcy	18.00	18.00
APPLE,Mac,xfcy,80ct	28.00	28.00
APPLE,Red Del,bu	14.00	14.00
APPLE,Red Del,12/3	14.00	16.00
CIDER,9 1/2gal	18.00	18.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

November 28, 2011

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-3270 lbs	66.50-70.00
	n/a	n/a
	300-400lbs	66.00-69.00
45-49	220-270lbs	62.00-66.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	59.00-63.00
	500-700 lbs	63.00-65.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	32.00-35.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, November 28, 2011

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	18.00	25.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	35.00
76-90 lbs.	37.50	40.00
91-105 lbs.	45.00	52.00
106 lbs. & up	55.00	65.00
Farm Calves	70.00	100.00
Veal Calves	57.50	130.00
Open Heifers	55.00	75.00
Feeder Steers	51.00	70.00
Starter Calves	22.00	28.00
Stock Bulls	67.50	75.00
Lambs each	85.00	235.00
Goats each	30.00	110.00
Kid Goats each	65.00	95.00
Canners	up to	61.75
Cutters	62.00	66.00
Utility Grade Cows	70.00	72.50
Rabbits each	4.00	11.00
Chickens each	3.00	14.00
Ducks each	4.00	17.00
Sheep	75.00	195.00

**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
ALFALFA SPROUTS 5lb	11.00	12.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS 12-4oz	12.00	12.00
BEAN SPROUTS,10lb	4.50	5.00
BEAN SPROUTS,12-12oz	9.00	10.00
CHIVES,1lb, film	8.00	8.00
CRANBERRIES,24-12oz, film	32.00	36.00
LETTUCE,Bstn,12/4oz	14.00	16.00
PARSNIP,25lb	24.00	24.00
POTATOES,Rnd,wh,chef,50lb	13.00	14.00
POTATOES,Yel,chef,50lb	19.00	20.00
POTATOES,10lb	2.75	3.00
RUTABAGAS,Unwx,50lb	28.00	30.00
SQUASH,Acorn,1-1/9bu	14.00	15.00
SQUASH,Bttrnt,1-1/9bu,sm/md	14.00	16.00
SQUASH,Bttrcp 1-1/9bu	14.00	15.00
TOMATOES,Grnhs,25lb	17.00	18.00
TOMATOES,Grnhs,on vine,11lb	15.00	15.00

SHIPPED IN

	Low	High
BEETS,12s,NJ	14.00	16.00
BOK CHOY,50lb,CA	18.00	18.00
CAULIFLOWER,12,CA	20.00	24.00
ESCHALLOT,10lb,CA	13.00	13.00
GRAPE,Wh,19lb,CA	32.00	33.00
LETTUCE,Bstn,24,CA	20.00	22.00
LETTUCE,Rmn,24,CA	20.00	22.00
ONION,Yel,25lb,NY	6.00	7.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, November 28, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

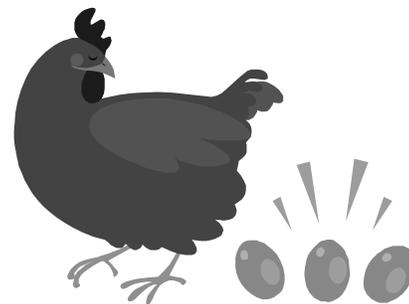
Breakers 75-80%lean	66.00-71.00---71.00-73.00---62.00---66.00
Boners 80-85% lean	62.00-65.00---67.00-71.00---57.00-61.00
Lean 88-90% lean	58.00-61.00---63.00-65.00---53.00-56.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1
1404-1650 lbs -74.00-76.00

CALVES: All prices per cwt.
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1
95-125lbs - 145.00-165.00

Holstein Heifers: Number 1
95-105 lbs 190.00—200.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3
40-60 lbs 225.00-243.00
60-80 lbs 206.00-237.00
80-90 lbs N/A
90-110 lbs 178.00-193.00
110-130 lbs 165.00-182.00
130-150 lbs 156.00-171.00



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	190-200
LARGE	187-197
MEDIUM	123-133

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

November 28, 2011

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	117-134
LARGE	111-125
MEDIUM	91-104

VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

November 23, 2011

Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA.
All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

Mixed Grass Good	sm. square, 35-45lbs	3.10-3.85 per bale
Orchard Grass Good	sm. round, <1,000 lbs	5.00 per bale
Corn Fodder	sm. round	14.00 -26.00 per bale

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3

40-60 lbs	N/A
60-80 lbs	168.00-181.00
80-90 lbs	N/A
90-110lbs	153.00-168.00
110-130lbs	140.00-153.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh

120-160 lbs	80.00 -93.00
160-200 lbs	76.00-91.00
200-300lbs	66.00-81.00

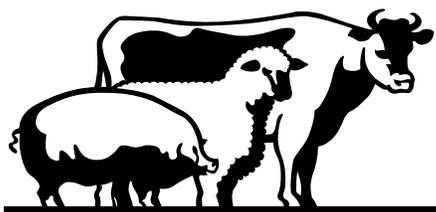
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh

120-160 lbs	69.00-80.00
160-200 lbs	N/A

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.

Kids: 30-40 lbs	86.00-94.00
40-60lbs	90.00-109.00
60-80lbs	118.00-136.00
80-90lbs	122.00-132.00
90-100lbs	128.00-143.00
100-110lbs	N/A

Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 99.00-114.00
130-180 lbs 114.00-129.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs 163.00-178.00
150-200 lbs 200.00-210.00



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FOR SALE

1-R. CT Christmas Tree Growers, CT Sheep Breeders and CT Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency--Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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

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

9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

156-R. High quality Christmas Trees: Fraser-Canaan-Balsam-Nordman-Concolor-Blue Spruce-Meyer Spruce-Commercial grades available also. Hartikka Tree Farms (800)508-5099 www.treeman2.com

176-R. For Sale: Christmas greens, wreaths, roping, kissing balls, many sizes and varieties. Samples gladly shown. We deliver. 203-457-1344.

181-R. Rye Straw, clean, bright, weed free. Call 203-484-0664.

210-R. IH 986 \$8,500, Farmall 300, JD 6310,4WD, \$27,000 with 640 Loader, JDB NH 575 baler with thrower, JD 336 baler with kicker, NH 311 Baler, New Pequae 11 ft rotary rake, New Morra 17 ft hydraulic fold tetter. 2-258 NH Hay rakes, 2-8430 Case IH round balers, NH BR 730 Round baler, JD & IH Front and rear wheel weights, JD 4520, Brilliu 10 ft hydraulic lift seeder. 203-530-4953.

211-R Good horse hay. Round bales, picked up or delivered. \$45 each. 203-530-4953.

212-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.

214-R. Hay, 4x5 round bales \$55.00. Farmall H tractor, factory wide front end, new rear tires. New paint, runs good. \$2,500.00. CAT 922 loader, diesel, good tires, runs good. \$8,500.00. 860-537-1974.

216-R. Oak tomato or snow stakes, new and used. Heavy duty 1.25' x 4'. New .75 cents . Used (one season) .55 cents. Stacked on pallets, stored under cover. 860-716-3240.

217. 1986 GMC platform dump truck- ahs 56,000 miles on it. CAT engine. Perfect running condition, \$12,000.00 firm. Plus trailer \$2,000.00. Please call 860-673-1800 before 6 pm.

218-R. 1978 Ford backhoe payloader, diesel, Model 4500. Good condition. 203-453-0207.

220-R. Beef heifers and cows bred and open. Call Diane 860-620-0194 days/ 860-612-6363 evenings.

221-R. 1981 250 P.L. 4 cylinder diesel International, 67 hp, hydraulic drive with foot pedals, category 2, 3ph setup, PTO mechanical and hydraulic, chains. Has cab. Have manuals. Asking \$6,800.00. 860-428-4859. Ask for Lenny.

WANTED

213-R. Wanted: Massey Ferguson or Ford 3 bottom plow, 16 inch, trip beams. Call 860-643-5301.

215. 100 or more blueberry seedlings—to be planted in spring. Please call me now. 860-673-1800.

MISCELLANEOUS

7-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.

219-R. Lily's LLC Appraisal Services specializes in Estates, Commercial & Industrial, Residential, Agricultural, Conservation Easements and Reevaluation Appraisals. Call Lori Longhi at 860-463-9997.

CT POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING DEC 6

The Connecticut Pomological Society's annual meeting will be held Tuesday, 12/6/11, at the Gallery Restaurant, 141 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury. Society members will receive program and registration information by mail. The meeting is open to non-members, who can register at the door (\$35/farm, \$10/non-member guest; \$18 additional for lunch). There will be 4.0 pesticide recertification credits given for this meeting.

Talks and presentations include "Blueberries for the New Grower," Dr. Gary Pavlis, Atlantic County Agricultural Agent, Rutgers; "Preharvest Drop Control with Retain and NAA," Dr. Duane Greene, UMASS; "Diagnosing Blueberry Problems," Dr. Gary Pavlis, Rutgers; "E-Verifying Employees and What it Means to Growers," Joe Young, New England Apple Council; "Status of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug and the Spotted Wing Drosophila," Dr. Chris Maier, CT Agricultural Experiment Station; "Current and Potential New Strategies for Controlling Spotted Wing Drosophila," Dr. Richard Cowles, CT Agricultural Experiment Station; and "Management of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug," Lorraine Los, UCONN.

2012 HARVEST NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE DATES ANNOUNCED

The 2013 Harvest New England Agricultural Marketing Conference and Trade Show will be held February 26-28, 2013, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA. Conference questions can be directed to jaimie.smith@ct.gov. Trade Show questions can be sent to david.webber@state.ma.us.

Visit www.harvestnewengland.org after Jan 1, 2012, for more information.

HOLISTIC FARM MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Have you reached the end of the "busy season" exhausted, at odds with your family and business partners, and dreading tax season? Are you convinced this let-down is just "part of farming"? Make next year different. Attend our interactive Holistic Management Training and learn how. Sessions run 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the University of RI's East Farm, Bldg. #75, Kingston, RI 02881. \$20/person includes lunch.

December 9, 2011—Problem solving with HM

January 20, 2012—Problem solving with HM

February 3, 2012—Financial Planning with HM

March 2, 2012—Financial Planning with HM

Guest Speaker: Seth Wilner, farmer and University of NH Extension Educator specializing in soil fertility, nutrient management, strategic planning, and marketing. RSVP by November 30th to kcas@uri.edu or 401-874-2967. Make checks payable to URI and mail to Kristen Castrataro, URI Cooperative Extension, 3 East Alumni Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881.

CT FARM ENERGY & ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS

Topics covered (some workshops may not have presentations from each group, but information about each program will be available): Connecticut Farm Energy Program, USDA Rural Development – REAP Grants, NRCS – EQIP Program, Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund, Clean Energy Finance & Investment Authority, Connecticut Farm Bureau Association, and Professional Energy Installers

Workshops will be held 12/5/11, 6:00–8:00 p.m., Brooklyn; 12/7/11, 2:00–4:00 p.m., Bethel; 1/9/12, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Vernon; 1/11/12, 4:00–6:00 p.m., Hamden; 2/6/12, 2:00–4:00 p.m., Windsor; 2/8/12, 6:00–8:00 p.m., Haddam; 3/5/12, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Torrington; 3/7/12, 4:00–6:00 p.m., Norwich. Go to www.CTFarmEnergy.org for more info; 860-345-3977 or cfarmenergy@aol.com to register.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO CONNECTICUT WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report is making some important changes to its subscription/renewal process.

The renewal period for the print version will run for two years, beginning January 1, 2012, and continuing through December 31, 2013. The subscription rate for this two-year cycle will be \$40, and represents NO INCREASE in the current annual rate; it is simply an extension of the same rate over two years instead of one.

Current print subscribers will soon receive a renewal subscription card in the mail and will have until January 1, 2012, to return it with their \$40 payment. Non-subscribers who would like to receive the print version of the report can send their name and mailing address, along with a check for \$40 payable to the CT Department of Agriculture, to Ron Olsen, Ag Report Subscriptions, CT Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Ave. Room 129, Hartford, CT 06106.

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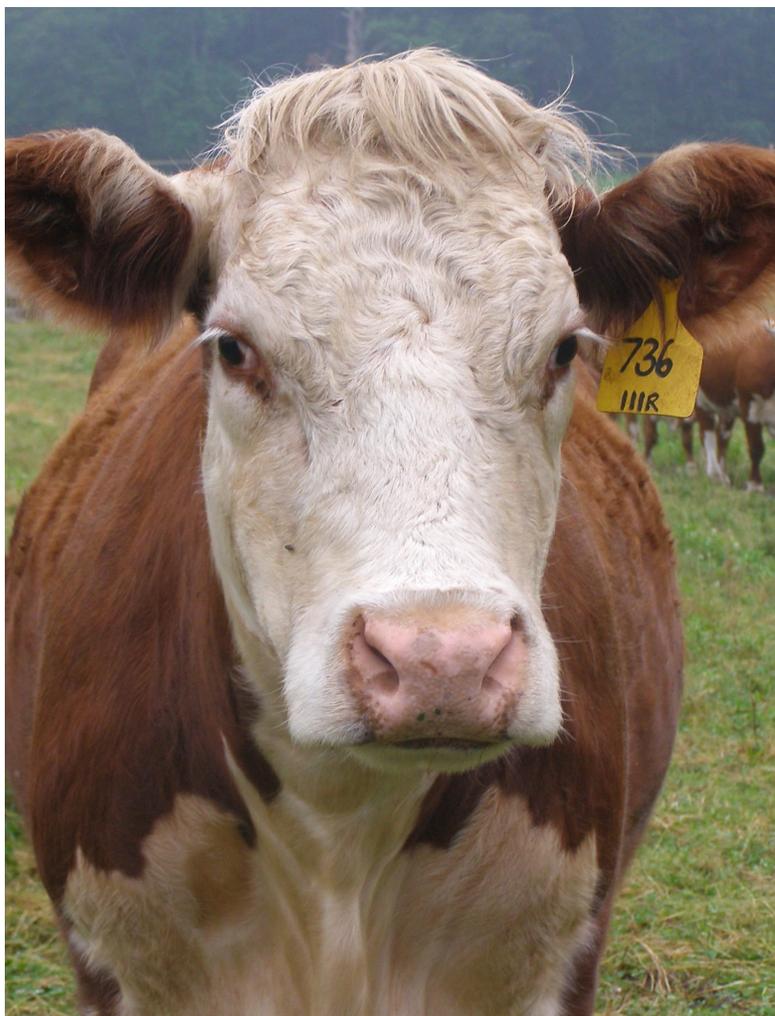
WINTER ONLINE COURSES FOR BEGINNING FARMERS

The long dark days of winter are the perfect time to dream and plan for the next growing season, and--if you're already farming--to organize your records and look back at how last season went.

The Cornell Small Farms Program and the Northeast Beginning Farmers Project offer a number of online courses to help you with this. These winter courses are being offered (registration will stay open until classes fill):

- [BF 102: Markets and Profits - Exploring the Feasibility of Your Farming Ideas](#) (designed to follow BF 101)
- [BF 104: Financial Records - Setting up Systems to Track Your Profitability](#)
- [BF 121: Veggie Farming 2 - From Season-Long Care to Market](#)
- [BF 122: Berry Production - Getting Started with Growing and Marketing](#)
- [BF 201: Making Money - Pricing, Positioning in the Market, and Guerrilla Marketing](#)

To learn more about each course, please visit <http://nebeginningfarmers.org/online-courses>. From this site you can see the full calendar of courses, learn more about instructors, see answers to Frequently Asked Questions, read details for each course, and even visit a sample online course.



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