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Dept. of Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky (right) at the annual meeting of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture and (left), during a recent visit to Walls Farm in Wallingford.

AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER REVICZKY ELECTED TO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ROLE, CITES PROGRESS ON FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR FARMLAND PROTECTION

By Jason Bowsza, Office of Cmsr. Steven K. Reviczky

The advance of agriculture in Connecticut got another boost recently when Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky was elected by his peers to a leadership role in the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA).

At its annual meeting held Sept. 10-13 in Burlington, Vermont, Reviczky was unanimously elected to serve as the association's Secretary/Treasurer for the next year.

By NASDA protocol, Reviczky will now automatically ascend through the association's board of directors' positions, culminating in him becoming President in 2016.

That ensures Connecticut of having a direct voice in national agricultural policy discussions that affect the state's farmers for years to come.

This will be critical as issues such as Farm Bill implementation, continued development of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), changes in dairy-support programs, agricultural labor, truck weights and other matters continue to be addressed.

NASDA has a strong record of working with federal partners at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other federal agencies.

Reviczky's election will facilitate continued collaboration with the USDA/Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to secure substantial federal reimbursement of farm-protection projects –

a critically important investment in Connecticut's agricultural future.

"NASDA is at the forefront of fighting for issues of vital importance to farm families in Connecticut and across the country," Reviczky said. "I am very proud to take a leadership role in this influential organization and look forward to building relationships with federal partners and stakeholders nationwide that will benefit farmers in our state."

The group meets several times yearly to discuss and make recommendations on agricultural policy, exchange program ideas, strengthen collaboration and coalitions between the states, and showcase agricultural accomplishments from across the country.

This year's annual meeting was held in Burlington in order to highlight New England's agricultural contributions to the nation.

Commissioner Reviczky is currently the president of the Northeast Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NEASDA), which includes all of New England and the mid-Atlantic states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Under the Commissioner's leadership, Connecticut will host NEASDA's 2015 annual meeting, scheduled for next June in New Haven.

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MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, Oct. 13, 2014

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	65.00	70.00
61-75 lbs.	250.00	260.00
76-90 lbs.	265.00	270.00
91-105 lbs.	275.00	280.00
106 lbs. & up	285.00	290.00
Farm Calves	310.00	330.00
Starter Calves	50.00	60.00
Veal Calves	100.00	200.00
Open Heifers	110.00	150.00
Beef Steers	145.00	159.00
Beef Heifers	117.50	140.00
Feeder Steers	130.00	195.00
Stock Bulls	125.00	195.00
Beef Bulls	110.00	141.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	110.00	210.00
Kid Goats	30.00	85.00
Canners	up to	111.00
Cutters	112.00	115.00
Utility Grade Cows	116.00	118.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	37.50
Chickens each	3.00	30.00
Ducks each	5.00	21.00
Feeder Pigs	40.00	70.00
Lambs	145.00	270.00
Sheep	100.00	125.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

		Low	High
48-52	200-300 lbs	85.00	90.00
	300-350 lbs	76.00	82.00
52-56	200-300 lbs	94.00	99.00
	300-400 lbs	84.00	85.00
Sows, US1-3	300-500 lbs	54.00	56.00
	500-700 lbs	59.00	65.00
Boars	650-800 lbs	38.00	40.00

DIRECT TO CONSUMER**RETAIL BEEF****VERMONT GRASS FED (\$/LB)**

TENDERLOIN	15.00	22.00
DELMONICO	12.00	22.00
TBONE	11.30	20.00
NY STRIP	13.00	19.00
HAMBURGER	5.50	8.00
STEAK	5.50	8.00
BRISKET	6.50	9.75
SHORT RIB	5.00	7.75

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	LOW	HIGH
POTATOES, RUSSET, 80CT	13.00	13.00
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1 1/9	16.00	18.00
BROCCOLI, 14CT	16.00	18.00
BEAN GREEN, BU, HAND PICK	28.00	28.00
RADISHES, 24'S	14.00	14.00
BROCCOLI, CROWNS, 20LB	16.00	20.00
CRANBERRIES, 24/12OZ	32.00	32.00
POTATOES, 10LB	2.50	2.60
COLLARD	10.00	12.00
CORN, 5DZ	10.00	12.00
CAULIFLOWER, 9-12CT	16.00	20.00
CAULIFLOWER, 26" BIN	125.00	140.00
EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 BU	10.00	12.00
KALE, 12'S	10.00	14.00
CAULIFLOWER, ORANGE, 12CT	18.00	20.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, BOX	9.00	12.00
SQUASH, ACORN, 1 1/9	12.00	15.00
PEPPER, CUBANELLE 11/9BU	10.00	12.00
CHIVES, 1 LB	8.00	8.00
PEPPER, BELL, GREEN XL	13.00	14.00
PEPPERS SUNTAN, 1 1/9	7.00	10.00
RHUBARB 20 IB LGE	30.00	32.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, FCY, 1/2BU	16.00	20.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1 1/9	12.00	15.00
SQUASH, GREEN, FCY, 1/2BU	20.00	22.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1 1/9	16.00	20.00
SWISS CHARD, 12'S	16.00	18.00
PARSNIPS, 25LB	24.00	24.00
GRAPE, CONCORD, 8/1QT	22.00	24.00
APPLE, MCINTOSH, 96CT XFCY	26.00	28.00
APPLE, GALA, 80CT, XFCY	28.00	30.00
APPLE, MCINTOSH, 12/3	17.00	22.00
PEAR, BOSCH, 4/5BU	26.00	26.00
APPLE, CORT, BU	22.00	24.00
APPLE, MACOUN, 100CTX, FCY	28.00	32.00

WHOLESALE SEASONAL NEW ENGLAND

INDIAN CORN, 20/3'S	38.00	40.00
PMPKN, HOWDEN, 36"BIN, JBO	150.00	150.00
PMPKN, PIE, sm, 36"bin, med	250.00	260.00
PMPKN, PIE, 1 1/9bu	12.00	18.00
CORN STALKS	4.50	4.50
PMPKN, MINI, 1/2BU	13.00	16.00
GOURDS, SHELLACKED, 20LB	18.00	22.00
STRAW BALE	6.00	9.00

WHOLESALE WINE GRAPES

MERLOT, 36 LB, CA	31.00	33.00
PINOT NOIR, 36 LB, CA	38.00	38.50
RUBY CABERNET, 36 LB, CA	31.00	32.00
ZINFANDEL, 36 LB, CA	33.00	36.00
CHARDONNAY, 36 LB, CA	34.00	35.00
PINOT GRIS, 36 LB, CA	36.00	38.00

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Average Dressing

	Low	High
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	134.00	140.25
boners 80-85% lean	127.50	132.00
lean 85-90% lean	115.25	124.00
CALVES graded bull		
No 95-120lbs	346.50	391.50
No 2 95-120lbs	302.50	360.75
No 3 80-12 0lbs	200.00	295.75
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm2-3	156.00	159.75
Ch2-3	150.75	152.50
Sel2-3	137.00	141.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS.		
HiCh/prm3-4	158.50	162.75
Ch2-3	152.50	157.75
Sel2-3	146.25	150.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/prm3-4	144.25	146.75
Ch2-3	136.75	141.00
Sel2-3	137.50	140.00
VEALERS	62.00	131.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3		
50-60lbs	194.00	194.00
70-90lb	192.00	210.00
90-110lbs	184.00	194.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3		
110-120lbs	n/a	
150-160lbs	78.00	82.00
Bucks		
240.lbs	82.00	82.00
200-300lbs	n/a	
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.		
20-40lb	n/a	n/a
40-60lb	137.00	170.00
60-80lb	160.00	222.00
80-100lb	170.00	212.00
Nannies/Does: 90-130lbs	160.00	202.00
130-160lbs	165.00	225.00
Bucks/Billies: 110-150lbs	210.00	245.00
150-170lbs	n/a	

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.28	1.32
LARGE	1.26	1.30
MEDIUM	1.15	1.19

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.61	1.71
LARGE	1.58	1.68
MEDIUM	1.26	1.36

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

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Martymonroegardens@gmail.com.

117-R. Rough sawn hemlock and white pine lumber, great for fall time repairs and new construction. Also, year end inventory bargains on air dried oak and mixed hardwood lumber sold as units of approx. 500 board feet each. We welcome your custom orders to be sawn. Hinman Lumber, Burlington, CT 860-673-9170.

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133-R. Red Delicious Apples, Field Run. Best Prices. Call Mike @ 860-712-2919.

134-R. Farm Truck, 1972 International 1600 platform dump. 345 V8 5 Speed. \$2,800 or BO. 203-269-9070.

135-R. Connecticut Grown Potatoes, Wholesale in Bulk Bins. 860-644-1454.

136. For Sale-4 Black Angus Cows-bred to calf mid March-April time frame. Call 860-212-5463.

137-R. Round bailer JD 385 like new \$6000, square bailer NH#271 nice \$3000, 17ft hydr.tedder TD200 vermeer \$3000, Kuhn GT3200 rake \$3200, NHh 478 mower haybind \$3000, 460 IH utility 1961 tractor 2 wet lines all redone \$4600. 6ft brush hog like new BH \$800, farm stand on wheels 400, 3-run in sheds 10x16 u move \$2000ea, brand new greenhouses sold complete with fans, vent, electrical box's, new poly 2 layers 27x60 13 ft ceiling. 27x44 11 ft ceiling you remove. 8x16 haywagon wood deck new 1200. Call Tom 860-491-8324.

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Reviczky said the conference will be a great opportunity to demonstrate Connecticut's diversified agriculture, including its successful nursery and greenhouse sector, a unique and expanding shellfish industry, and Connecticut River Valley soils that are among the most fertile in the world.

Connecticut also leads New England in the growth of new farms, with a 22-percent increase over the last five years.

"We may not be as large as other states in terms of agricultural production, but we have a highly diverse and innovative agricultural community that is working on some very exciting and groundbreaking initiatives," Reviczky said. "I'm proud of the work being done to drive the continued success of agriculture in Connecticut, and I'm looking forward to sharing that with colleagues and professionals from around the Northeast."

The annual NASDA meeting in Vermont last month also highlighted some significant victories for the state Dept. of Agriculture and the community it serves.

After considerable encouragement from Cmsr. Reviczky, the USDA sent representatives from NRCS to discuss ways to improve the administration of federal farm-easement programs and accompanying federal funding.

In recent years, Connecticut was awarded more than \$11 million in federal funding for protection projects through the state Farmland Preservation Program. Connecticut is continuing to work with NRCS to rectify issues that have slowed the pace of farmland protection in many states.

Through a committee chaired by Reviczky, NASDA has presented detailed ways in which the program can be streamlined and improved.

Discussions in Burlington involved USDA representatives meeting with commissioners, secretaries and directors of agriculture from the Northeast to review the current situation and NASDA's many recommendations concerning it.

Speakers at the conference included USDA Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Krysta Harden - the second highest ranking official at the department - and Michael Scuse, USDA Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Scuse shared updates about implementation of programs associated with the 2014 Farm Bill and other topics. The issue of agricultural easements were raised directly with Scuse during the question and answer portion of his presentation.

Scuse gave his personal commitment to work toward a solution to the roadblocks associated with federal reimbursement to states for preservation work. He said he intends to meet with Cmsr. Reviczky and other Commissioners and Secretaries personally later this month in Washington D.C. to discuss the matter.

Between USDA's participation in the Vermont meeting and securing a commitment from Secretary Scuse, considerable progress was made toward resolution of issues associated with ever-changing federal requirements and interpretations, as well as federal reimbursements resulting from purchasing development rights where the federal government is a partner.

Conferees also heard from Mike Taylor, U.S. Food & Drug Administration Commissioner for Foods and Veterinary Medicine. That discussion focused on implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).

Currently in the rule-making phase, the federal legislation will have a significant impact on farming and agriculture, particularly for smaller farms in the Northeast.

The initial set of rules released by FDA concerning FSMA met stiff resistance from agricultural stakeholders, and through a strong working relationship between the FDA and NASDA, modifications

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DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE HOSTS SEMINAR ON GETTING STARTED IN EXPORTING OCT. 20 IN ROCKY HILL

Join the Connecticut Dept. of Agriculture and Food Export – Northeast for a full day of exporting education topics on Oct. 21, from 8:30am-4:30pm at the Sheraton Hartford South, 100 Capitol Boulevard, Rocky Hill.

Discussions will include:

- Developing export readiness skills
- Meeting and responding to potential buyers
- Understanding the Harmonized System
- Export documentation and regulations
- Navigating Free Trade Agreements
- Export pricing, quoting and terms of sale
- Overview of Food Export - Northeast's programs and services

Speakers include Dennis Lynch, M.I.B.A., a 33-year veteran of international trade who has held a variety of positions in the public and private sectors.

As the export counselor behind Food Export–Northeast's Food Export Helpline TM, Dennis provides customized technical export assistance to a variety of food and agricultural firms.

The fee is \$70 per person. To participate in the seminar you must register by Oct. 20 at Food Export – Northeast's website, www.foodexport.org. (Click on Upcoming Activities).

Questions can be directed to Jaime Smith at the Dept. of Agriculture at 860-713-2559 or jaime.smith@ct.gov

DEADLINE FOR FARM TRANSITION AND VIABILITY GRANTS IS NOV. 14

For applications or further information, please contact Ron Olsen at the Dept. of Agriculture:

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were made to several aspects of the proposed rules released by the FDA for further public comment.

Reviczky said the FSMA situation demonstrates how important it is for Connecticut's farmers to be strongly represented in national agricultural policy discussions.

"On behalf of our farm families, I am looking forward to using my leadership roles in both NASDA and NEASDA to bring our state's concerns more directly into the national conversation," he said. "We are in a great position to continue to grow our agricultural economy both here in Connecticut and across the country."

USDA EXPANDS ACCESS TO CREDIT TO HELP MORE BEGINNING AND FAMILY FARMERS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced improvements to farm loan programs by expanding eligibility and increasing lending limits to help more beginning and family farmers.

USDA is raising the borrowing limit for the microloan program from \$35,000 to \$50,000; simplifying the lending processes; updating required "farming experience" to include other valuable experiences; and expanding eligible business entities to reflect changes in the way family farms are owned and operated. The changes become effective Nov. 7.

The microloan changes announced today will allow beginning, small and mid-sized farmers to access an additional \$15,000 in loans using a simplified application process with up to seven years to repay. In addition to farm related experience, other types of skills may be considered to meet the direct farming experience required for farm loan eligibility such as operation or management of a non-farm business, leadership positions while serving in the military, or advanced education in an agricultural field. Microloans are part of USDA's continued commitment to small and midsized farming operations. For more information on farm loans, please visit www.fsa.usda.gov or contact your local Farm Service Agency office.

UConn BEEF AUCTION NOV. 2nd

UConn's annual Beef Auction will be held Sunday, Nov. 2 at the school's Cattle Resource Unit (Heifer Barn) located on Horsebarn Hill Road on the Storrs campus.

The event is free and open to the public. Preview of animals begins at 10 a.m. and the auction will be held at noon. Lunch will be available for purchase and provided by student organizations as a fundraising activity.

Please contact Mary Margaret Cole, Executive Program Director, UConn Livestock Units at MaryMargaret.Cole@uconn.edu or leave a message at 860-486-2035 with questions.

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