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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

DOAG'S BARBARA GODEJOHN NAMED ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Barbara Godejohn of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAG)'s Animal Control Division was named the Animal Control Officer (ACO) of the Year at the 26th annual Connecticut Animal Control Officers Training Seminar on September 15, 2011. The award is presented each year by the Connecticut Municipal Animal Control Officers Association in honor of the late Paul Deneault, a former assistant chief of DoAG's Animal Control Division, who died from a brain tumor, and the late Theresa Foss, a former municipal ACO who died in the line of duty.



Above: Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky, right, congratulates Officer Godejohn on her award.

The Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report (CWAR) sat down with Officer Godejohn to ask her about winning this prestigious accolade, and about her job as a state ACO.

CWAR: Tell us about the award you've just won.

BG: I was nominated by my peers (other ACOs) and voted upon by prior award recipients. I am only the second state ACO to win. Municipal ACOs have received it in all other years except one. Linda Wenner, my colleague here at DoAG, won many years ago.

CWAR: How does it feel to be recognized this way?

BG: It's good to know your peers recognize you are doing a good job; it's all the more meaningful when something like this comes from your peers. It was a huge surprise--I didn't even know I'd been nominated. It turned out I'd been nominated by a former recipient, Owen Little, who is an ACO in East Haven and appreciates the classes I've taught, the mutual aid program I started in the 1990s, and the fact that I helped to put an animal abuser behind bars earlier this year.

CWAR: What does your work as a state ACO entail?

BG: DoAG receives complaints from the public about various issues, including suspected animal abuse and neglect. If we handle the issue, we investigate the complaint. We also get calls about things we don't handle, such as stray dogs and cats, bites, and barking, and in those instances, we refer the complaint to the appropriate municipal officers. We may review cases handled locally if necessary. We also provide training and assistance to local ACOs. Each state ACO has a specific territory, though we go into other territories to assist if needed.

CWAR: Describe a typical day on the job.

BG: There is no typical day. I never know what to expect. Most of my time is spent on the road. First thing in the morning, I check my messages and follow up on anything urgent. I may need to go out and view a situation. Or I may need to go to court or deliver an arrest warrant. Every day is different.

CWAR: How long have you worked in the Animal Control Division at DoAG?

BG: It will be 25 years in February.

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**WHOLESALE FRUITS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE,Cort,80ct,xfcy	23.00	24.00
APPLE,Gala,100ct	19.00	19.00
APPLE,Gala, 125 ct, fcy	17.00	17.00
APPLE,Hnycrsp,bu	38.00	38.00
APPLE,Hnycrsp,xfcy,64ct	55.00	55.00
APPLE,Mac,xfcy,80ct	28.00	28.00
APPLE,Mac,bu,2 1/4up	17.00	18.00
APPLE,Macn,100ct,xfcy	35.00	35.00
APPLE, Rd Del,bu	16.00	18.00
APPLE,Empire,80ct,xfcy	27.00	30.00
CIDER,4/1gal	18.00	18.00
PEAR,Bosc,4/5bu	22.00	24.00
PEAR,Rd Anj,4/5 bu	24.00	26.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION
October 24, 2011**

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

49-54	220-270 lbs	70.00-74.00
	270-300lbs	68.00-72.00
	300-350lbs	70.00-72.00
45-49	220-270lbs	67.00-69.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	56.00-57.00
	500-700 lbs	59.00-61.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	32.50-34.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Middlefield, October 24, 2011**

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	22.00	29.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	39.00
76-90 lbs.	42.00	48.00
91-105 lbs.	50.00	55.00
106 lbs. & up	58.00	62.00
Farm Calves	65.00	85.00
Veal Calves	85.00	122.50
Open Heifers	65.00	120.00
Feeder Steers	64.00	95.00
Starter Calves	25.00	30.00
Stock Bulls	75.00	120.00
Lambs each	100.00	270.00
Goats each	60.00	160.00
Kid Goats each	55.00	100.00
Canners	up to	64.50
Cutters	65.00	69.00
Utility Grade Cows	70.00	73.25
Rabbits each	4.00	26.00
Chickens each	5.00	17.00
Ducks each	7.00	19.00
Sheep	100.00	150.00

**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
ALFALFA SPROUTS 5lb	11.00	12.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS 12-4oz	12.00	12.00
BEAN SPOUTS,10lb	4.50	5.00
BEAN SPROUTS,12-12oz	9.00	10.00
BEANS,Green,bu	18.00	20.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Red,50lb,box	12.00	14.00
CAULIFLOWER,12ct	13.00	13.00
CHIVES,1lb,film	8.00	8.00
COLLARDS,12-16s	12.00	13.00
CORN,Ornmntl,1-1/9bu,20/3s	35.00	35.00
CORN,Ornmntl,strwbry,20/3s	25.00	25.00
CORN, Stalks,bndl	4.50	5.00
CRANBERRIES,25lb	50.00	50.00
CRANBERRIES,24-12oz,film	32.00	33.00
DAIKON,1-1/9bu	18.00	18.00
GOURDS,Ornmntl,1/2bu	18.00	20.00
GOURDS,Shllckd,1/2bu	28.00	30.00
KALE,crtn,bnchd	12.00	13.00
PARSNIP,18-11b	24.00	24.00
POTATOES,Russet,70ct	14.00	16.00
POTATOES,Rnd,wh,chef,50lb	14.00	15.00
POTATOES,Yel,chef,50lb	20.00	20.00
PUMPKIN,Mini,or,1/2bu	18.00	18.00
PUMPKIN,Mini,wh,1/2bu	17.00	18.00
PUMPKIN,Pie,1-1/9bu	14.00	15.00
SQUASH,Acorn,1-1/9bu	15.00	16.00
SQUASH,Bttrnt,1-1/9bu,sm/md	14.00	16.00
SQUASH,Bttrcp 1-1/9bu	14.00	16.00
SQUASH,Spagh,1-1/9bu	16.00	18.00
TOMATOES,Grnhse,25lb	25.00	25.00
TOMATOES,Grnhse,11lb	15.00	15.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

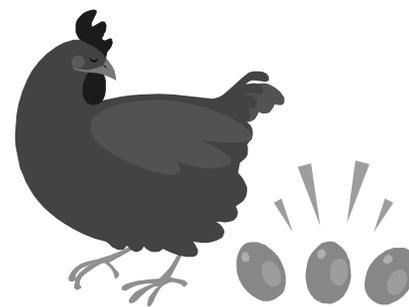
NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, October 24, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:
 Breakers 75-80%lean
 67.00-70.00--- 71.00-74.00---64.00---68.00
 Boners 80-85% lean
 63.00-67.00---68.00-72.00 ---58.50-62.00
 Lean 88-90% lean
 59.00-64.00 --- 65.00-68.00--- 53.00-58.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1
 1310-1765 lbs -79.00-83.00
CALVES: All prices per cwt.
 Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1
 120-128lbs - 140.00

Holstein Heifers: Number 1
 85-100 lbs 100.00---105.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:
 Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3
 40-60 lbs 229.00-260.00
 60-80 lbs 209.00-242.00
 80-90 lbs 205.00-220.00
 90-110 lbs 204.00-219.00
 110-130 lbs 181.00-196.00
 130-150 lbs 156.00-168.00



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	186-193
LARGE	183-190
MEDIUM	126-136

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

October 24, 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	112-134
LARGE	111-125
MEDIUM	97-110

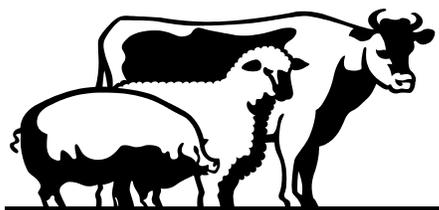
VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

October 20, 2011

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

Mixed Grass	sm. square, 35-45lbs
Good	4.85 per bale 3 rd cutting
Orchard Grass	sm. square, 35-45lbs
Good	4.75-4.85 per bale 2 nd cutting
Alfalfa	lg. square
Good	25.00 per bale

Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3
 40-60 lbs 194.00-211.00
 60-80 lbs 177.00-200.00
 80-90 lbs 166.00-181.00
 90-110lbs 169.00-184.00
 110-130lbs 167.00-182.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh
 120-160 lbs 104.00 -119.00
 160-200 lbs 90.00-100.00
 200-300lbs 82.00-92.00
 Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh
 120-160 lbs 82.00-96.00
 160-200 lbs n/a
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.
 Kids: 30-40 lbs 104.00-113.00
 40-60lbs 118.00-150.00
 60-80lbs 146.00-170.00
 80-90lbs 178.00-190.00
 90-100lbs 175.00-190.00
 100-110lbs n/a
 Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 119.00-134.00
 130-180 lbs 122.00-138.00
 Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs 171.00-186.00
 150-200 lbs 201.00-216.00



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USDA FUNDING WORKSHOP OCT 28

Jennifer Lerch, USDA Director of Business & Cooperative Programs, will speak from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2011, in the Auditorium Atrium of the UConn Torrington Campus (855 University Drive, Torrington). Topics include Introductions & Overview; Review of Programs & Grants; Rural Business Enterprise Grants; Rural Energy for America Program; Loan Guarantee Overview; and Breakout Sessions with Jennifer Lerch, Mary Grasso, Charles Dubuc, and David Brown. Lunch will be provided. Presented by Union Savings Bank. Call 860-626-7717 by October 25 to confirm your attendance.

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CWAR: *What did you do before you came to DoAG?*

BG: I was born and raised in Connecticut and went to North Dakota State University to study forestry and wildlife management. While in North Dakota, I met my husband, who was offered a job here in Connecticut. We moved back and I got a job at the Department of Environmental Protection as a camp manager at a state park. My love of animals took me to a private kennel--then to a pet shop--as a dog groomer. I became a mother, and after my kids were old enough, worked part time as a kennel keeper and part time as a dog warden in Bethel and in Redding. A state ACO lived in Bethel and heard I was doing a good job there. He brought me an application for a position as a state ACO with DoAG and encouraged me to apply.

CWAR: *Can you say what it was that led you to pursue a career in animal control work?*

BG: It pursued me. I always wanted to work with animals. If my life hadn't taken the path it did, I probably would have pursued ornithology. But things happened the way they did, and 25 years later, I still love my job.

CWAR: *What skills and qualities do you have that make you well suited for this kind of work?*

BG: My love of animals. I'm not afraid of animals and will do most anything. It also helps that I have a good working knowledge of the applicable laws. I also have knowledge of exotic birds, which is very useful in avian cases. In addition, I have good investigative skills and enjoy writing. The job requires writing lots of reports, so an ACO has to be a clear and effective communicator in addition to everything else.

CWAR: *What is the hardest part of your job?*

BG: Putting an animal down. This is typically done by a veterinarian, but I have had to assist the vet in a number of cases, and it was difficult, emotionally.

CWAR: *What do you find most satisfying about your work?*

BG: Putting animal abusers in court. And seeing abused animals rehabilitated.

CWAR: *Tell us about a professional achievement you are especially proud of.*

BG: Putting a longtime, repeat offender in jail. Also teaching other ACOs and helping them be better at their jobs.

CWAR: *What suggestions would you offer to someone interested in starting a career in animal control?*

BG: Start cleaning kennels and learn all you can about animals to see if it's the right job for you. The job isn't for everyone, so you have to make sure it's the right fit for you if you want to do it well.

News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows. Submit concise summaries (150 words maximum) to linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

CONNECTICUT FARM ENERGY GRANT WORKSHOPS

Connecticut farm energy workshops have been scheduled across Connecticut.

Included at each will be presentations and/or information about the Connecticut Farm Energy Program, USDA Rural Development REAP Grants, the NRCS EQUIP Program, the Connecticut Farm Bureau, the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund, and the Clean Energy Fund Investment Authority.

Workshops are scheduled for the following dates, times, and locations:

- 12/5/11, 6:00–8:00 p.m., UConn Extension Center, Brooklyn
- 12/7/11, 2:00–4:00 p.m., UConn Extension Center, Bethel
- 1/9/12, 10:00 a.m.–noon, UConn Extension/ Tolland AG Center (TAC), Vernon
- 1/11/11, 4:00–6:00 p.m., Northern Research Station, Hamden
- 2/6/11, 2:00–4:00 p.m., USDA Rural Dev. Office, Windsor
- 2/8/11, 6:00–8:00 p.m., UConn Extension Center, Haddam
- 3/5/11, 10:00 a.m.–noon, UConn Extension Center, Torrington
- 3/7/11, 4:00–6:00 p.m. USDA Rural Dev. Office, Norwich

Call 860-345-3977 or e-mail ctfarmenergy@aol.com to register. Please register at least one week before the workshop so that enough printed materials can be available.

UPCOMING FRUIT MEETINGS

Below are dates and locations for some upcoming fruit meetings. Additional details will be available once agendas are finalized.

Both Connecticut meetings will have updates on the new exotic pest, Spotted Wing Drosophila, which devastated raspberry crops this year.

Please contact Lorraine Los, UConn Cooperative Extension Fruit Crops IPM Coordinator, lorraine.los@uconn.edu, with any questions.

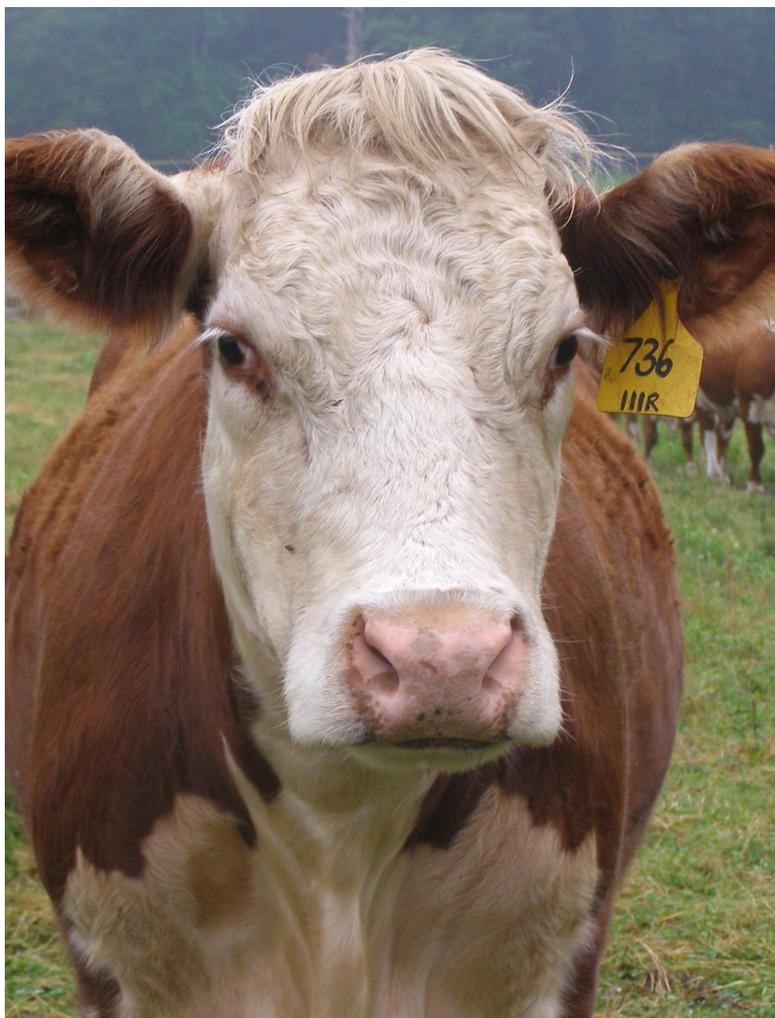
Connecticut Pomological Society Annual Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2011
The Gallery Restaurant, Glastonbury, CT

New England Vegetable and Fruit Conference and Trade Show
December 13, 14, 15, 2011

Radisson Hotel, Manchester NH

Pre-register by November 30 for reduced rate. The Radisson books up quickly so you should also make hotel reservations ASAP. See <http://newenglandvfc.org/> for more information

Connecticut Vegetable and Small Fruit Conference
Thursday, January 19, 2012
Tolland County Extension Center
24 Hyde Ave., Vernon, CT



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