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Killam and Bassette Farmstead, South Glastonbury

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SNAPSHOT: CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Animal Control unit operates within the Bureau of Regulation and Inspection, and currently consists of six animal control officers and a supervisor.

The unit conducts investigations and enforces state laws and regulations related to domestic, companion, and exotic animals. It conducts routine inspections of licensed pet facilities and municipal dog pounds, and it works directly with municipal animal control officers in the operation and implementation of their animal control programs, serving in an advisory capacity.

Among its regular business over the past year, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Animal Control unit inspected the following facilities:

- 104 dog pounds
- 146 pet shops
- 381 pet grooming facilities
- 228 commercial kennels
- 107 dog training facilities

During that same period, it processed 208 rabies cases where humans or domestic animals were exposed to a rabid animal, investigated 224 complaints along with 2 livestock damage complaints, and issued the following:

- 84 written warnings
- 19 infractions
- 4 misdemeanor summonses
- 14 warrants for arrest

The unit also performs educational outreach to schools and civic groups and instructs a class at the Police Officer Standards and Training Council Academy (POST) for police cadets, where it is proud to be part of the training curriculum for all Connecticut police officers.



State Animal Control Office Linda Wenner works with a horse undergoing rehabilitation

Every animal control officer in Connecticut is now required to receive a minimum of six hours continuing education in work-related subjects. The Department of Agriculture's Animal Control unit provides in-service training classes, teaching municipal animal control officers about a variety of topics, including proper animal cruelty investigation and handling, as well as working around horses and livestock.

Each officer is trained in preparation and issuance of warnings, infractions, misdemeanor summonses, search and seizure warrants, and arrest warrants with reference to cruelty to domestic and companion animals; rabies vaccination violations; control of dangerous, nuisance, and roaming animals; and unlicensed dogs and rabies exposures.

Why would an animal control officer in a large city need to know about horses or livestock? If these animals get loose, they can wander from their more rural surroundings. One time a steer ran down North Main Street in Waterbury--the last place someone would expect to see any kind of livestock. Thanks to proper training, the officer was able to corral the steer into a small parking area of a long closed factory and keep it safely contained, preventing it from injuring the public or itself, until the owner could retrieve it.

LIVESTOCK DAMAGES CAUSED BY DOGS

One of the most important services state animal control officers provide to Connecticut's agricultural communities is the investigation of damage to livestock and poultry caused by dogs. Officers determine if the damage was caused by domestic dogs and, if so, help assess fair market value of the livestock so the livestock owner can be reimbursed by the dog's owner (or the State of Connecticut if the dog's owner cannot be located).

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**WHOLESALE PEPPERS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
BELL,grn,1-1/9,md	8.00	10.00
BELL,grn,1-1/9,lg	14.00	14.00
BELL,suntn,1-1/9,lg	8.00	8.00
CHRRY,ht,1/2bu	14.00	16.00
CUBNELL,1-1/9,xl	9.00	15.00
CUBNELL,sntn,lg	7.00	8.00
JALPNO,1/2bu	14.00	14.00
PBLANO,1 1/9 bu,lg	16.00	16.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	72.00-76.50
	300-400 lbs	71.50-74.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	63.00-70.50
	300-400 lbs	n/a
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	62.00-66.50
	500-700 lbs	68.50-70.00
Boars:	300-700lbs	23.00-26.00

PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.
September 4, 2013

Gr US 1-	wt20-40	100.00	130.00
Gr US 2	wt15-20	140.00	140.00
	wt20-30	70.00	95.00
	wt30-40	60.00	90.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, October 28, 2013
Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	22.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	45.50
76-90 lbs.	62.00	65.00
91-105 lbs.	70.00	75.00
106 lbs. & up	85.00	95.00
Farm Calves	100.00	105.00
Starter Calves	32.00	35.00
Veal Calves	70.00	125.00
Open Heifers	140.00	150.00
Beef Steers	55.00	90.00
Beef Heifers	83.00	125.00
Feeder Steers	67.50	150.00
Stock Bulls	115.00	130.00
Beef Bulls	84.00	126.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	1 at	42.00
Butcher Hogs	60.00	75.00
Goats each	17.50	120.00
Kid Goats	n/a	n/a
Canners	up to	79.50
Cutters	80.00	83.00
Utility Grade Cows	84.00	87.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	23.00
Chickens each	2.00	25.00
Ducks each	9.00	30.00
Feeder Pigs	25.00	45.00
Lambs	25.00	200.00
Sheep	n/a	n/a

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
ALFALFA SPRT,5lb	14.00	14.00
APPLE,crtnd,12/3lb,US1,2 1/4"	17.00	17.00
APPLE,crtnd,12/3lb,fcy	20.00	22.00
APPLE,empr,bu,xf	24.00	24.00
APPLE,fuji,bu	22.00	22.00
APPLE,gala,12/3lb,2 1/4"	16.00	16.00
APPLE,gala,8/5-lb,tote	24.00	24.00
APPLE,hnycrsp,100ct,fcy	26.00	28.00
APPLE,mcn,96ct,xfcy	27.00	27.00
APPLE,mcntsh,xfcy,96ct	27.00	27.00
APPLE,nrthspy,bu	28.00	28.00
BEAN,grn,bu	25.00	28.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	16.00	18.00
CAULIFLOWER,12ct	16.00	16.00
CAULIFLOWER,orgn,12ct	24.00	24.00
CAULIFLOWER,prpl,12ct	20.00	20.00
CIDER,4/1gal	16.00	16.00
CORN,5doz	15.00	15.00
CRANBERRIES,24/12oz	34.00	35.00
EGGPLANT,1 1/9 bu	6.00	6.00
PARSNIP,18/11b	23.00	23.00
PARSNIP,25lb	24.00	24.00
PEAR,bsc,4/5bu	24.00	26.00
PEPPERS,grn,1 1/9,md	12.00	12.00
PEPPERS,grn,1 1/9,xlg	14.00	14.00
PEPPERS,sntn,1 1/9,lg	8.00	8.00
POTATO,10lb	2.75	2.75
POTATO,CHF,50lb	13.00	13.00
POTATO,szA,50lb	12.00	14.00
TOMATO,chrry,12/1pt	10.00	14.00
TOMATO,grp,12/1pt	10.00	10.00
TURNIP,wht,bu	32.00	36.00
TURNIP,prpl,25lb	10.00	10.00

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

October 25, 2013
Average Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	75.50	79.00
boners 80-85% lean	72.00	75.50
lean 85-90% lean	66.25	70.25
CALVES graded bull		
No.1 95-120lbs	134.50	148.50
No 2 95-120lbs	116.25	133.25
No 3 80-120lbs	75.00	96.25
SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr		
High dressing	101.00	109.25
Avg.dressing	89.25	95.25
Low dressing	76.25	85.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm2-3	123.50	126.75
Ch2-3		n/a
Ch1-3	119.75	122.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/prm2-3	126.75	130.50
Ch1-3	122.25	126.25
Sel1-2	117.25	120.75
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/prm2-3	108.75	112.00
Ch 2-3	103.25	107.00
Sel1-2	87.00	94.50
VEALER 60 120lbs	36.00	59.25
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3		
40-60lbs		n/a
50-70lbs	170.00	187.00
70-90lbs	180.00	210.00
90-110lb	180.00	198.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh		
110-150lbs	66.00	96.00
160-190lbs	78.00	90.00
Bucks 110-230lbs	36.00	80.00
160-200lbs		n/a
200-250lbs		n/a
SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est. wt.		
40-60lbs	110.00	120.00
60-80lbs	140.00	180.00
80-100lbs	120.00	142.00
100-120lbs		n/a
Nannies/Does:90-130lbs	115.00	155.00
130-140lbs	135.00	142.00
Bucks/Billies: 150-175lbs	205.00	225.00

EASTERN PA GRAIN

October 28, 2013
Average price per bushel

BARLEY	3.61
CORN	4.19
OATS	3.28
SOYBEANS	12.26
WHEAT	6.53

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.15	1.19
LARGE	1.14	1.18
MEDIUM	.99	1.01

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

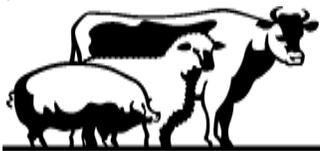
Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons
(delivered)

XTRA LARGE	1.77	1.87
LARGE	1.71	1.81
MEDIUM	1.21	1.31



**SEASONAL ITEMS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
CORN,ornmntl,20/3s	25.00	25.00
CORN,stkls	5.00	5.00
CORN,strawbry,20/3s	25.00	25.00
PUMPKIN,jbo,hwdn,36"bin	160.00	175.00
PUMPKIN,jbo,hwdn24"	50.00	70.00
PUMPKIN,mini wh 1/2bu	16.00	18.00
PUMPKIN,mini,orange 1/2bu	16.00	18.00
PUMPKINS,mini 20lb wh	17.00	20.00
PUMPKINS,mini 20lb orange	17.00	20.00
SQUASH,acrn, 1 1/9 bu,lg	18.00	18.00
SQUASH,acrn, 1 1/9 bu,md	14.00	18.00
SQUASH,bttrnt, 1 1/9 bu,lg	18.00	18.00
SQUASH,bttrnt, 1 1/9 bu,md	16.00	17.00
SQUASH,kbch, 1 1/9 bu,md	14.00	15.00
SQUASH,spgthti,md	20.00	20.00



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FREE FSMA INFORMATION WORKSHOP NOV 6

A free workshop on the proposed regulations of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) will be held from 8:00 a.m. to noon on November 6, 2013, at the Middlesex Extension Center, 1066 Saybrook Rd., Haddam, CT.

Topics to be covered include the proposed Produce Safety and Preventive Controls rules, including what the proposed regulations require of farmers and processors, the timing for enforcement, and how to submit comments to the FDA before the November 15, 2013, deadline.

All farmers, regardless of the size of operation, are welcome at this workshop presented by the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association and University of Connecticut Extension. Reserve a spot by calling 860-768-1100 or emailing cathyb@cfba.org.

SNAPSHOT: DOAG'S ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT

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Over the past few years, more Connecticut residents have begun keeping backyard poultry flocks for fresh eggs and meat. Animals should be kept in a secure fenced in area to prevent predators from attacking poultry and livestock. (I personally learned my lesson when my own free-range backyard flock was decimated by a very hungry fox. Needless to say, the survivors and replacement hens are now confined a well-built covered pen connected to their coop.)

Here are some important facts regarding reporting any type of domestic dog damage to poultry or livestock:

- Damage must be reported within 24 hours to the chief administrative officer or his/her designee (the local animal control officer) of the town where the livestock and poultry are kept or pastured.
- Sheep, goats, horses, hogs, cattle, poultry, and domestic rabbits must be confined or enclosed by a fence or wall of material and height sufficient to restrain them from roaming. The fence or enclosure does not have to keep dogs out (but it is wise to take every precaution to protect your animals).
- Dogs over the age of six months must be currently licensed.

If any of these conditions is not met, reimbursement will not be made for the costs associated with the damage.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Do you have a disaster plan for your livestock and horses? Plan ahead. Here are some ideas to be better prepared for when—not if—the next disaster occurs.

1. Be sure your generator is operational and has been serviced. Nothing kills a generator faster than old gas left in the fuel tank from the last storm.
2. Make sure you have a sufficient feed supply for your animals during and after a storm. You may not be able to run to the feed store for quite a few days, especially in the event of a long-term power outage.
3. Storage of water is a major challenge, especially in the winter. It is essential to estimate how much water you will need and how you will store it. If a stream or pond is on your property, it may be a helpful resource during a disaster.
4. Make sure structures are capable of carrying heavy and rapidly-accumulating snow loads. In the past few years numerous barns and shelters have collapse from heavy snow, trapping livestock in the debris.
5. Have updated emergency contact information readily accessible (you may not be able to use your computer if power is out), including your municipality's emergency manager, whom you should call if you need assistance.

Now is the time to prepare. Do not wait until disaster occurs. For more information on disaster preparedness, visit www.FEMA.gov or www.READY.gov.

FARM TRANSITION GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE NOV 8

Applications from farmers and agricultural cooperatives for Farm Transition Grants are due November 8, 2013. Priority will be give to projects involving the following:

- strengthening of agricultural infrastructure
- other adaptations to increases in the number and/or severity of weather events
- operations to follow GAP and/or anticipated FSMA requirements

Applications are available at www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=3260&q=419410. Please contact Ron Olsen at Ronald.Olsen@ct.gov or 860-713-2550 for more information.

SBA DISASTER LOANS AVAILABLE IN FAIRFIELD AND LITCHFIELD COUNTIES

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced last week that federal economic injury disaster loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private non-profit organizations of all sizes located in Fairfield and Litchfield counties in Connecticut as a result of excessive rain and related flooding, winds, and hail that began on May 1, 2013.

"These counties are eligible because they are contiguous to one or more primary counties in New York. The Small Business Administration recognizes that disasters do not usually stop at county or state lines. For that reason, counties adjacent to primary counties named in the declaration are included," said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA's Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. With the exception of aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 2.875 percent for private non-profit organizations of all sizes and 4 percent for small businesses, with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website, located at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from the SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than June 2, 2014. For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Program, visit www.sba.gov/disaster.

(from 10/24/13 SBA media release)

NEW ENGLAND VEG AND FRUIT CONFERENCE DEC 17-19

The New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference and Trade Show will be held December 17-19, 2013, at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH.

The conference features 31 educational sessions (150 individual talks), 9 farmer-to-farmer discussion groups, a trade show with over 100 exhibits, and 2 social mixers. The best speakers from New England and the nation will provide information about the latest innovations and advances in vegetable and fruit production. Nearly 1,700 growers attended the last one.

Register on-line at www.newenglandvfc.org before November 30, 2013. Contact Mark Hutton at Mark.Hutton@maine.edu or 207-933-2100 with questions about attending.



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