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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT ...

CT DOAG REVEALS FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK MENUS Sample and savor the state's local flavor Sept. 18-24

By Linda Piotrowicz, Marketing Representative

Descriptions and prices of menus being offered by participants during Farm-to-Chef Week, September 18-24, are now available on the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's website, www.CTGrown.gov (look under "Featured Links").

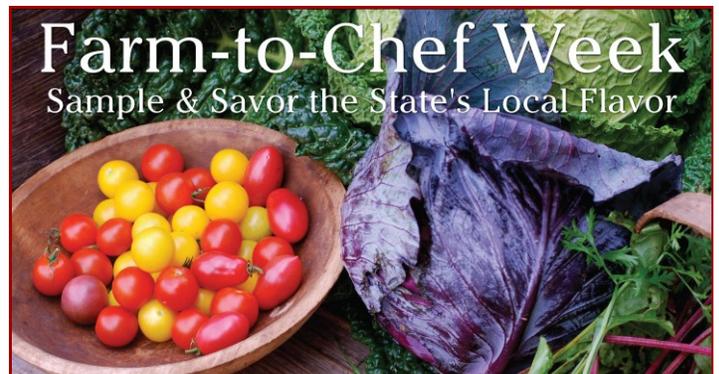
"Farm-to-Chef Week is a great opportunity for people to try a wide assortment of agricultural products grown and raised by Connecticut's finest farmers and prepared by some of the state's foremost chefs," said state Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky. "These special Farm-to-Chef menus feature Connecticut Grown ingredients in every dish and spotlight the farms that have produced those ingredients."

The seven-day celebration of Connecticut Grown cuisine is an initiative of the Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Chef Program, which connects farmers and distributors of Connecticut Grown products with local chefs and other culinary professionals. Seventy restaurants and other dining venues throughout the state have signed up to participate in this year's event.

Menus offered are as diverse as the state's nearly 5,000 farms. Diners may opt for something as formal as a white-tablecloth, fixed-price, multicourse dinner featuring Connecticut clams and oysters, butternut squash bisque, Stonington seafood stew, and roasted pear and bourbon bread pudding, or more casual dining enjoying a -la-carte fare such as a gluten-free, vegan burger made with oats, cashews, and local organic fall squash, topped with Connecticut Grown organic greens and goat cheese, followed by a pumpkin-chocolate-chip cupcake featuring local organic pumpkin.

"There is something available for every taste, dietary preference, and budget," Commissioner Reviczky said. "This is an excellent opportunity for people to try new foods and to learn more about some of the many exceptional crops and products grown right here in Connecticut."

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Farm-to-Chef Week
 Sample & Savor the State's Local Flavor



Taste the freshness of CT Grown food cooked by 70 of CT's finest chefs.

September 18 - 24, 2011



Visit www.CTGrown.gov and www.CTFarmToChef.com for more information.

Photos by Michelle Pier-Dutton. Farm Produce from White Gate Farm, East Lyme CT; Stonington; Rippe-Croft with housemade organic potato chips, paprika oil & lemon by Chef James Weisman.

**WHOLESALE FRUITS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE,Cort,12/3,xfcy	21.00	21.00
APPLE,Gala,8/5lb	24.00	24.00
APPLE,Mac,xfcy,100ct	25.00	28.00
CIDER 4/1gal	16.00	16.00
GRAPE,Concord,8/1qt	25.00	25.00
NECTARINES,24lb	26.00	26.00
PEACH,25lb,2 1/2min	22.00	22.00
PEACH,23lb,white	26.00	26.00
PEAR,Anjou,4/5 bu	26.00	26.00
PEAR,Bart,4/5bu	27.00	28.00
PLUM,Prune,1/2bu	28.00	30.00
PLUM,Red,1/2bu	28.00	30.00
WATERMELON,15-19lb	3.50	4.00
WATERMELON,Sbaby,ea	2.00	3.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION
September 12, 2011**

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

49-54	220-270 lbs	63.00-68.00
	270-350lbs	64.00-68.00
	300-350lbs	n/a
45-49	220-270lbs	61.00-61.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	58.00-60.00
	500-700 lbs	60.00-64.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	32.00-33.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Middlefield, September 12, 2011**

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	25.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	40.00
76-90 lbs.	42.00	46.00
91-105 lbs.	48.00	52.50
106 lbs. & up	57.50	65.00
Farm Calves	70.00	85.00
Veal Calves	85.00	135.00
Open Heifers	75.00	132.50
Feeder Steers	66.00	120.00
Starter Calves	22.00	28.00
Stock Bulls	59.00	135.00
Lambs each	60.00	190.00
Goats each	85.00	140.00
Kid Goats each	42.50	140.00
Canners	up to	65.00
Cutters	66.00	69.00
Utility Grade Cows	70.00	73.00
Rabbits each	6.00	33.00
Chickens each	5.00	20.00
Ducks each	4.00	22.00
Sheep	77.00	90.00

**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

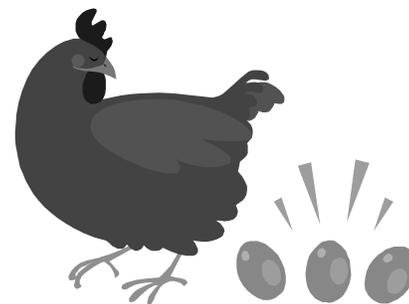
	Low	High
BEETS, 12s	12.00	14.00
BROCCOLI,Cut crown,20lb	15.00	16.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	13.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Green,50lb,box	9.00	11.00
CABBAGE,Red,50lb,box	14.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Savoy,1-1/9bu	14.00	16.00
CAULIFLOWER,9ct	12.00	12.00
COLLARDS,12-16s	12.00	12.00
CORN,5dz	16.00	17.00
CORN,Ornamental,1/2bu,20/3s	32.00	33.00
CORN, Stalks,bndl	4.00	5.00
CUCUMBERS,bu	18.00	20.00
DAIKON,1-1/9bu	18.00	20.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu	18.00	20.00
GOURDS,Ornamental,1/2bu	18.00	20.00
KALE, Carton,bnchd	13.00	13.00
OKRA,1/2 bu	24.00	24.00
PEPPER,Bell,1-1/9bu,Sntn,lg	9.00	10.00
PEPPER,Bell,1-1/9bu,xl	10.00	12.00
PEPPER,Cubanelle,med,bu	14.00	15.00
PEPPER,Jalapeno,1/2bu	12.00	12.00
POTATOES,50lb,chef	17.00	17.00
POTATOES,Round white,10lb,A	3.50	3.50
POTATOES,50lb,Russet,90ct	22.00	24.00
SQUASH,Buttrnt,1-1/9bu,sm/med	13.00	15.00
SQUASH,Green,1/2bu,sm/med	18.00	24.00
SQUASH,Yellow,1/2bu	25.00	26.00
SWISS CHARD,Color,12s	15.00	16.00
TOMATOES,8qt,xl	20.00	22.00
TOMATOES,Cherry,12/1pt	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES,25lb,lg	15.00	18.00
TOMATOES,25lb,med	12.00	14.00
TOMATOES,Grape,12/1pt	18.00	18.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, September 12, 2011

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers	75-80%lean		
	70.00-74.00---	75.00-76.00----	65.00-68.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	66.00-69.00—	63.00-66.00 ----	62.00-65.00
Lean	85-90% lean		
	60.00-64.00 ---	63.00-66.00----	57.00-59.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1			
	1580-1875 lbs -	79.00-84.50	
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1			
	95-125 lbs	125.00-145.00	
	80 lbs -	100.00-115.00	
Holstein Heifers: Number 1			
	70-105 lbs	250.00-340.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:			
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	50-60 lbs	206.00-224.00	
	60-80 lbs	196.00-211.00	
	80-90 lbs	192.00-207.00	
	90-110 lbs	196.00-211.00	
	110-130 lbs	180.00-194.00	
	130-150 lbs	n/a	



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	179-189
LARGE	176-185
MEDIUM	114-130

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA
September 12, 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	102-119
LARGE	96-110
MEDIUM	77-90

**VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT
September 8, 2011**

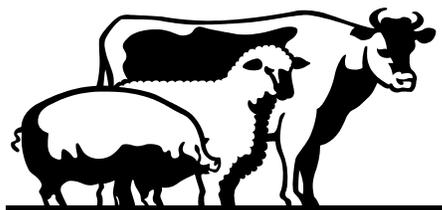
Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

Mixed Grass	sm. square, 35-45lbs
Premium	5.25 per bale

Wheat Straw	Lg. square
	21.00 per bale

Orchard Grass	Sm. round, under 1000lbs
Good	29.00 per bale

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60 lbs	174.00-202.00
60-80 lbs	184.00-201.00
80-90 lbs	182.00-196.00
90-110lbs	179.00-194.00
110-130lbs	n/a
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
120-160 lbs	104.00-117.00
160-200 lbs	102.00-117.00
200-300lbs	n/a
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
120-160 lbs	72.00-87.00
160-200 lbs	n/a
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
Kids: 30-40 lbs	n/a
40-60lbs	92.00-123.00
60-80lbs	118.00-143.00
80-90lbs	130.00-145.00
90-100lbs	n/a
100-110lbs	n/a
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	106.00-120.00
130-180 lbs	111.00-126.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	128.00-142.00
150-250 lbs	168.00-180.00



ADVERTISEMENTS

The Connecticut Week Agricultural Report offers affordable classified advertisements for your farm-related needs. See Page 4 for details and rates, or contact Jane Slupecki at 860-713-2588 or Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov for more information.

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, 1-877-267-8323, 1-888-526-8815, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com. Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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.

130-R. Battery powered price computing scales \$328.00. Cash registers \$280.00. Repair, calibration and rental scales of all types available. 800-403-5919.

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

161-R. Rye straw, livestock hay, not for horses. Square or round bales. 203-484-0664.

167. John Deere 450-C Dozer 6 way blade. Runs good. 860-984-8989. \$6850.00.

168. 1992 Ford LN 800 Tandem 16 high sided dump. Good silage truck. \$14,500.00. 860-984-8989.

169. 1989 International 1700 Diesel Heavy Duty 16 foot dump, air brakes 5+ 2 speed good silage or firewood. \$6,850.00. 860-984-8989.

170. Winemakers/Wineries: Grapes for sale. Seyval and St. Croix. Call Gouveia Vineyards 203-265-5526.

171. 67 Massey Ferguson 2135 w/MF 100 loader. Continental Z134 gas engine, 3pt, 540 with draft control, 50 hrs on new rubber and fluids. Mech. Exc. Marvels 3300 B/O Also available: repowered Wellcraft 192 classic. Landscape equipment, chipper, midsize Owen 203-457-1667.

172. Piglets-Yorkshire-Landrace cross, white, clean, healthy-7 weeks old. \$75/each. 860-668-2181

173. Fall Discount Sale. Premium dark natural mulch \$16/yd. Great for fall plantings. Also color enhanced mulches \$23/yd. Prices as wholesale only. Picked up East Haddam. We can deliver any volume. Contact Charles Leigus 860-301-0673.

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166-R. Have idle food manufacturing equipment for jams/pickling, etc.? Call me. Stan 203-723-8144.

174-R. Antique one row tobacco setter to be used as a yard decoration. Call Larry 860-778-6070.

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.

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.plotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration. There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

17TH ANNUAL UCONN CORNUCOPIA FEST 9/25/11

Spend a fun and informative day at your College of Agriculture and Natural Resources! The 17th annual Cornucopia Fest will be Sunday, September 25, at UConn, Route 195 & North Eagleville Road in Storrs. Exhibits & demonstrations 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., alumni sale at 11:00, auction at 1:00. New this year: Is my well polluted? • Learn how wind turbines work • Pet Adoption by Our Companions Domestic Animal Sanctuary • Drawing for an Emotion Glide kayak • Bug Bingo • Tour the UConn composting facility • Do the Cornucopia Challenge • Try a Zumba® class • Chicken BBQ • Talk to our scientists • Cornucopia Cup polo match • Guided hike in the UConn Forest • Have your ailing plants diagnosed by the Plant Doctor • Bring a half cup of soil for a FREE pH test • Hayrides • Antique farm equipment & horse carriages • Visit the farms and the Dairy Bar • and much more! Admission is FREE! Visit www.cornucopia.uconn.edu.

UPCOMING FREE PROGRAMS ON PA 490: FARM LAND, FOREST LAND, AND OPEN SPACE

The filing period for landowners interested in putting their land into PA 490 Forest Land, Farm Land, or Open Space is September 1 through October 31. Connecticut Farm Bureau Association will be hosting three informational programs on PA 490 for landowners, municipal officials, and anyone interested in learning more about the program. Programs are free and open to the public and no registration is required. Free copies of the recently released PA 490 Guide will also be available. Dates and locations are as follows:

Colchester: September 22, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue;

Bethel: September 28, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Fairfield County UCONN Cooperative Extension Office, 67 Stony Hill Road;

Windsor: October 5, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Connecticut Farm Bureau Association, 775 Bloomfield Avenue.

For questions or additional information contact Connecticut Farm Bureau Association, 860-768-1100, or visit www.cfba.org.

SIGN-UP PERIOD ANNOUNCED FOR 2012 CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced the sign-up period cut-off date of October 7, 2011, for the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP).

AMA provides financial assistance to reduce the economic risk of adopting new conservation measures. Producers may apply for constructing or improving water management and irrigation measures.

EQIP provides financial assistance to install permanent conservation measures, adopt new management strategies, or develop conservation activity plans for a wide range of resource concerns on eligible agricultural and forest land.

WHIP helps people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat on private lands. NRCS provides technical and financial assistance on forest land, grassland, riparian areas, state identified imperiled habitats, old fields, streams and rivers, early successional wetlands (tidal and non-tidal), and shallow and deep water habitats.

For more information, visit www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov/programs or contact your nearest [USDA Field Office](http://www.usda.gov).

CT DOAG REVEALS FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK MENUS*(continued from Page 1)*

"While Connecticut's agricultural industry is not as large as that in California, Florida, or some of the Midwestern states, it is nonetheless very significant," he continued. "Connecticut agriculture not only produces a wealth of high-quality, nutritional foods for our citizens, it also contributes \$3.5 billion to our state's economy every year and employs some 20,000 people."

Farm-to-Chef Week will kick off Sunday, September 18, 2011, with a free special event from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Coventry Regional Farmers' Market, 2299 South Street, Coventry. Chefs from participating venues, including Fresh Salt at Saybrook Point, Plan B Burger Bar, Sodexo/Fairfield University, and Whole Foods Market, will perform cooking demonstrations using fresh Connecticut Grown items from the market. WNPR's Chion Wolf will host the festivities, which also include live music and the market's popular annual Fiber Twist festival. The event is free and open to all.

"We are very excited to be hosting this kick-off event for Farm-to-Chef Week," said Winter Caplanson, a volunteer organizer for the Coventry Farmers' Market. "Our vendors love seeing talented chefs transform their products into delectable dishes, using the same love and care that the farmers put into growing the raw ingredients."

For more information about Farm-to-Chef Week or the Farm-to-Chef Program, please visit the Department of Agriculture's website, www.CTGrown.gov.

**REPORT STORM DAMAGE TO DOAG AND FSA**

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is collecting information about storm-related damage to farms in the state. This information will be used to prepare reports for Governor Malloy, and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, if needed, and may be used to seek federal assistance if the extent of the damage warrants. If you incurred damage to your livestock, crops, equipment, or buildings, please complete and return the damage report form on DoAG's website, www.CTGrown.gov or www.ct.gov/doag.

In addition, it is very important that you report damage to your local [USDA Farm Service Agency office](http://www.usda.gov) within 30 days of the loss in order to qualify for any programs that may be offered through FSA, and contact your crop insurance agent, if applicable.

NRCS OPEN HOUSE 9/21/11 IN HAMDEN

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is hosting a public open house celebrating completion of a project that significantly improved the energy efficiency of its field office in Hamden. The event will run from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at the office shared with the U.S. Forest Service, at 51 Mill Pond Road, Hamden.

The greening of the 45-year-old building was funded by a 2010 Economic Recovery Act grant for \$2.3 million. Improvements include the addition of a solar array, new energy-efficient windows, and an insulated eastern white cedar façade.

Advertising Rates: Fifteen words or less \$3.75 per insertion. For ads of more than 15 words, 25 cents per word per insertion. Initial letters, hyphenated words, phone numbers, and addresses, etc., are counted separately. Print or type copy. Publication on a specific date cannot be guaranteed. Advertisements will be published on a first-come, first-served basis. Ads must be received by noon the Friday before a publication date to be considered for insertion. Only ads of an agricultural nature with a Connecticut phone number will be accepted. Remittance with copy required. Make check or money order payable to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

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