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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

LEASING OF SHELLFISH GROUNDS

By David Carey, Director, Bureau of Aquaculture

The Department of Agriculture leases shellfish grounds through competitive bids. This program permits shellfish farmers to obtain underwater lands in Long Island Sound for the purpose of planting, cultivating and harvesting their shellfish crops. Through proper care and investment in their leases, the industry has perpetuated, and greatly enhanced, the shellfish resources in the Sound. Presently, more than 70,000 acres in both Town and State jurisdiction are farmed by the industry.

An individual files an application on a particular parcel (50 to 200 acres of rectangular shape), staff investigates whether the area overlaps any existing leases, and the area is then forwarded to representatives of the Lobster Industry and the Fin Fish Dragging Industry for comments. C.G.S 26-204 requires that the rights to plant or cultivate shellfish can not interfere with an established fishing right. After comments are incorporated into the shellfish lease, the area is advertised in the local newspaper and posted on the Department of Agriculture Website before the 15th of the month. The bids are due approximately 14 days later and opened publicly. The highest bidder deemed qualified is awarded the lease.

The State shellfish program consists of: 57,000 shellfish lease or franchise acres.

The historical 674 franchise oyster grounds (more than 100 years old) totaling 22,422 acres had generated \$13,676.40 annually to the State over the past 40 years were determined to have a higher value in January 2009. The valuation as so determined will generate \$89,657.48 annually effective February 1st.

There are a total of 345 shellfish leases totaling 34,478.43 acres averaging \$25.13 per acre generating \$940,514.48 in annual revenue to the State. However, the 268 leases issued prior to 1996 total 15,602 acres average \$12.35/acre and generate only \$249,000.00. The 77 leases issued between 96-09 total 19,651.00 acres average \$69.45/acre and generate \$764,000.00.

The Shellfish leases and franchise ground generate approximately \$1,030,000.00 annually to the general fund. The Bureau of Aquaculture expends approximately \$ 950,000.00 on salaries and operational expenses, excluding the cost of fringe benefits.

Local municipal shellfish commissions lease approximately 12,000 acres to shellfishermen.

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT OFFERS PERENNIAL PLANT CONFERENCE

The University of Connecticut is sponsoring the annual "Perennial Plant Conference – A Conference for the Professional Horticulturist." The conference will be held at the Lewis B. Rome Commons on the University of Connecticut Storrs campus on Thursday, March 12, 2009.

This all-day educational conference will address a wide range of topics focusing on herbaceous perennial production, sustainable landscape design and retail marketing. Topics were selected to appeal to nursery and greenhouse producers, retail garden centers, and professional landscapers and designers. Two concurrent educational sessions will feature nationally recognized speakers from both industry and academia.

The speakers featured at the conference will include:

- William Cullina from Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, ME will be speaking on Natural Mixers.
- Dale Hendricks from North Creek Nurseries in Landenberg, PA will be speaking on New, Old Fashionable or Forgotten; Tested Plants for Regional Gardens and Landscapes.
- Peter van Berkum from Van Berkum Nursery in Deerfield, NH will be speaking on Wiggled Rugged.
- Jeff Jabco from the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA will be speaking on Water in the Garden: An Opportunity for the Gardener to Help the Planet.
- Cathy Johnston, Landscape Architect, Barrington, RI will be speaking on Sustainable Landscape Practices in the Real World.
- Susan McCoy from the Garden Media Group in Chadds Ford, PA will be speaking on Emerging Garden Trends 2009.
- Alison Kutz Troutman from Sound Horticulture in Bellingham, WA will be speaking on What's on the Shelf? Unraveling the Mysteries of Biological and Botanical Products.
- Margery Daughtrey, Cornell University, LIHR, Riverhead, NY will be speaking on Diseases of Perennials- Getting Around them.
- Dan Benarcik, Chanticleer Gardens, in Wayne, PA will be speaking on Tough as Nails.
- Roger Bailey from Northeast Computer Consultants, East Brookfield, MA will be speaking on Making the Web Work for You.

For more information contact Donna Ellis at 860-486-6448, email: donna.ellis@uconn.edu, or visit our web site at <http://www.hort.uconn.edu/2009ppc/>

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

February 23, 2009

Prices To Retailers, Sales To Volume Buyers,
USDA Grade A and Grade A, White Eggs In
Cartons, Warehouse, Cents Per Dozen

EXTRA LARGE	87-91
LARGE	86-90
MEDIUM	79-81

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, February 23, 2009

Live animals brought the following average
prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	15.00	17.00
61-75 lbs.	18.00	23.00
76-90 lbs.	25.00	30.00
91-105 lbs.	32.00	33.50
106 lbs. & up	34.00	40.00
Farm Calves	41.00	47.00
Started Calves	18.00	25.00
Veal Calves	60.00	115.00
Open Heifers	52.50	72.50
Beef Heifers	49.00	58.00
Feeder Steers	72.50	85.00
Stock Bulls	60.00	77.50
Beef Bulls	52.00	55.50
Replacement Cows	1 @	625.00
Sows	2 @	22.00
Feeder Pigs each	40.00	45.00
Sheep each	75.00	95.00
Lambs each	70.00	122.50
Goats each	42.00	100.00
Kid Goats each	20.00	37.50
Canners	Up to	42.50
Cutters	43.00	45.00
Utility Grade Cows	46.50	48.00
Rabbits each	10.00	23.00
Chickens each	4.00	15.00
Ducks each	2.00	7.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
Breakers	75-80% lean	
46.00-49.00	49.00-50.00	42.00-46.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
40.00-44.00	44.00-45.50	35.00-38.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1
1090-1565 lbs 61.00-67.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Choice and Prime 2-3	
50-60 lbs	185.00-202.00
70-80 lbs	168.00-178.00
80-90 lbs	158.00-170.00

SLAUGHTER EWES:

Good and Choice 1-3	
120-160 lbs	62.00-72.00
160-200 lbs	56.00-64.00

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

Kids:	
60-70 lbs	74.00-86.00
70-80 lbs	82.00-100.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5lb	9.00	11.00
APPLE CIDER, 9-1/2 gallons	17.00	17.00
APPLES, McIntosh 120ct fancy	15.00	16.00
APPLES, McIntosh 80ct fancy	19.00	20.00
APPLES, McIntosh 100ct fancy	18.00	20.00
APPLES, McIntosh 140ct fancy	14.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb bag	5.00	6.00
CELERY ROOT, 20lb organic	20.00	20.00
POTATOES, Russet 50lb 90ct	11.00	11.00
POTATOES, Round White Chef 50lbs US1	12.50	13.00
SQUASH, Acorn Organic 35lb	32.00	32.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu lg	24.00	24.00
SQUASH, Delicata Organic 35lb	37.50	37.50
TURNIPS, White Cape 1-1/9 bu	23.00	23.00

SHIPPED IN

ARRUGULA, Baby 3lb bag FL	14.00	14.00
ASPARAGUS, 11lb Green lge PERU	19.00	19.00
BEANS, Green bu Handpicked FLA	34.00	36.00
BLACKBERRIES, 12 - 1/2pts med MEX	17.00	18.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1pt lge Chile	28.00	30.00
BRUSSELS SPROUTS, 25lb CA	20.00	21.00
CABBAGE, Green 50lb xlge NY	6.00	7.00
CABBAGE, Red 50lb med-lge TEXAS	18.00	18.00
CANTALOUPS, 12ct GUAT	11.00	12.00
CLEMENTINES, 5lb CA	5.50	6.50
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9bu med MEX	20.00	20.00
GARLIC, Col 30lbs CA	39.00	42.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 32ct FL	13.00	14.00
LEMON GRASS, 30lb CA	35.00	35.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24's CAL	13.00	16.00
LETTUCE, Iceberg 24's FL	10.00	10.00
ONION, Yellow jbo 50lb WASH	31.00	31.00
ORANGES, Navel 88 ct CA	15.00	15.00
PEPPER, Green lge 1-1/9bu FL	15.00	16.00
PEPPER, Habanero 1/2bu Red MEX	30.00	30.00
ROMAINE, 24's FL	10.00	12.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

80-90 lbs	98.00-105.00
90-100 lbs	102.00-124.00
100-110 lbs	108.00-126.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	91.00-108.00
130-180 lbs	98.00-114.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	126.00-148.00
150-250 lbs	156.00-184.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

FOR MON FEBRUARY 23, 2009

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

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	46.00-49.00
	270-300 lbs	43.00-46.00
	300-350 lbs	40.00-43.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	43.00-46.00
	270-300 lbs	44.00-46.00
	300-350 lbs	45.00-47.00
40-45	220-270 lbs	38.50-40.50
	270-300 lbs	39.00-43.00
	300-375 lbs	42.00-44.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	49.00-54.00
	500-700 lbs	54.00-58.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	12.50

**METROPOLITAN AREA
U.S.D.A.**

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS

TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,

Grade A eggs on:

February 23, 2009

EXTRA LARGE	95-99
LARGE	93-97
MEDIUM	86-90

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.

**BOSTON, WHALING CITY
SEAFOOD DISPLAY
AUCTION**

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN
1,000 LBS & \$/CWT

DATE 2/23/09

PRICES INCLUDE

DEALERS' FEES

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
HADDOCK	0.1	280	281
HADDOCK SCR D	0.2	275	275
GILLNET LGE COD		0.5	318 348
MKT	1.6	276	293
SCR D 1/	0.0	216	216
COD LGE	0.0	349	349
MKT	0.2	317	317
SCR D	0.1	236	236
MIXED COD 1/	0.1	118	118
POLLOCK LGE	0.6	137	137
MEDIUM	0.0	90	90
MIXED	0.1	66	66
CHANNEL BB SML	0.0	246	246
OCN PRCH	0.0	90	90
YELLOWTAIL LGE	0.1	235	235
SML	0.1	266	266
MIXED	0.0	216	216
WOLF	116	116	116
DABS SML	0.0	200	200
SKATE WINGS	0.0	61	61

**BOSTON, NEW ENGLAND
FISH EXCHANGE AUCTION**

FISH LANDINGS AND PRICES

IN 1,000 LBS & \$/CWT

DATE 2/23/09

SPECIES	LBS	PRICE
HADDOCK	0.8	256
HADD SCR D	1.2	230
COD LGE	2.3	250
MKT	4.0	230
SCR D	1.0	191
POLLOCK	0.5	125
POLL MED & SML	0.8	90
HAKE LGE	0.3	181
MED	0.3	156
SML	0.2	125
DABS LGE	0.1	225
SML	0.4	225
GREYSOLE MED	0.1	330
SML	1.1	261
OCN PRCH	0.3	85

ADVERTISEMENTS

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 or ddonahue01@comcast.net. 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 or ddonahue01@comcast.net, Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

3-R. CT Grown Mesh Bags - The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has CT Grown Mesh Bags for sale. These bags are super strong and exceptionally attractive. The dimensions are 16" l x 5" w x 12" h. They are being sold by the case (40 per case) for \$156.16. For more information or to order, please call (860)713-2503.

4-R. Gallagher High Tensile and portable electric fencing for farms, deer control, gardens. 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, stakes, custom and portable sawing available. (203) 788-2430.

21-R. Round bales 4x5, 1st cut, unwrapped, stored inside. \$60 p.u. Square bales 1st and 2nd cut. Chicken manure available. (860) 537-1974.

22-R. Hay for Sale as low as \$3.00 per bale, second for \$4.00 per bale. Telephone (860) 274-8159 or (203) 206-1344.

24-R. Sempervivum - Hens and chicks, perennial 15 vars offered as assorted 4000 available, 48 tray, \$22 delivery possible, pickup Somers (860) 749-5535.

25-R. Greenhouse ventilation - excellent condition. 7 - 36" Coolair slantwall exhaust fans - \$200 each; 15 - 45" Coolair aluminum shutters - \$80 each; 2 - 36" Dayton exhaust fans - \$80 each; 6 - 36" Dayton shutters - \$30 each. Call (860) 575-6465.

MISCELLANEOUS

6-R. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has established the Farm Link Program. It is a matchmaking service to help new farmers find farm land owners (for rent or for sale) and to aid in the process of land rental and/or farm transfer to the next generation of farmers. A website will be developed to aid linking farm seekers and farm owners. Persons interested in the process can receive applications now available at www.farmlink.uconn.edu or calling the CT Dept. of Agriculture at (860) 713-2503. The Department is encouraging all next generation farmers and transitioning family farms in Connecticut to participate. For further information, please contact Jane Slupecki at (860) 713-2588.

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.

8-R. Horse properties, Farms and Land. Ralph's the man specializing in all types of Real Estate. With a lifetime of agricultural and business experience he is the best choice to represent both buyers and sellers and make your dreams come true. Call Ralph Winn with Century 21 Alaimo & Corrado at (860) 648-6902 or www.winwithWINN.com.

10-R. Sign up to attend the Harvest New England Ag Marketing Conference & Trade Show! Over 20 breakout sessions, three general sessions, two pre-conference workshops, optional farm tours, and a trade show with over 60 vendors! Improve your marketing skills, network with producers from around New England, and learn from hearing the experiences of others! Don't miss out on the largest ag marketing conference in New England! One-day registrations are \$50, full conference registrations are \$85, and additional family members/employees

are \$70! Register online at www.harvestnewengland.org or call Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 for more information!

WANTED

1-R. Producers Wanted: Connecticut Farm-to-Chef is a free program that helps connect local culinary professionals with producers and distributors of CT Grown products. Informational newsletters, workshops, networking, promotions and other opportunities are provided to members as part of the program. Additional Connecticut producers and distributors are needed for this popular and expanding program. Please help us get your product into the hands of local chefs! Contact Linda at the CT Department of Agriculture, Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov or 860-713-2558, for more information.

13-R. John Deere 3940, 50, 60 or 70 corn chopper wanted. Running or parts. Prefer 3960. Also wanted, 1 or 2 point sub soiler. (860) 875-0280.

16-R. Wanted: Farmers for the CT Farm-to-School - The Farm-to-School Program is a statewide effort designed to incorporate CT Grown fresh fruits and vegetables into local schools cafeteria meals and snacks. This project is intended to be twofold: to support local farms and to offer more nutritious school meals as a result of buying local, fresh, produce. If you are interested in selling to one, several, or to a whole school district of schools (through a wholesaler or direct), call Jane Slupecki at (860) 713-2588 or at Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov

20-R. Wanted: Land to Lease/ Rent - Small, outdoor recreational club seeks lease of land. Possible long term arrangements. References available. Leave message 860-303-5252.

26-R. Used or new 15-20 bushel apple bins wanted. Need 4-6 bins. Call (203) 272-6593.

2009 CONNECTICUT HORSE SYMPOSIUM

Saturday - Sunday, March 21 and 22

University of Connecticut, Storrs

Ratcliffe Hicks Arena and Horsebarn Hill Arena

Events Include:

- UConn Morgan Drill team
- Take a field trip to area horse farms
 - Talks
- Demonstrations including horses at liberty, saddle fitting and much more!
 - Polo match
- Silent auction for youth and adults
- Learn how to improve your riding by picking up techniques from the pros!
 - Vendor fair
 - Coloring contest

Check the website for details, tentative schedule, and frequent updates! <http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/equine/horsesymp.htm>

As always, still a great value at:

\$10/person/day

\$8/day Age 9-18/4-H leaders

\$5/day UConn students/4-H members/after 1 PM

Money raised is used to directly support equine research and extension programs at the University of Connecticut! No pre registration needed!

Demonstrations, Speakers, Sponsors and vendors welcome - call or email for info.

Directions: I-84 to Exit 68 to Rte. 195 S and follow signs to UConn campus.

Contact: Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, Jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu, (860) 486-4471, (860) 486-4375 fax; <http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/equine/horsesymp.htm>

EASTERN REGION MILK REVIEW

MADISON, WI. February 18, 2009 - In the NORTHEAST, plants report "plenty" of milk to meet demand, even with some plants experiencing lower January 2009 milk intakes than in 2008. About 1/3 of the reduction in milk is attributed to farms that accepted the latest CWT herd retirement round. The balance of the reduction is attributed to other farm level factors including feeding and herd size. Overall, 22 Northeast farms with 2,295 cows generating 43.7 million pounds of milk participated in the latest CWT round. SOUTHEAST participation in the latest CWT buyout round included 28 farms with 3,750 cows producing 65.4 million pounds of milk. Nevertheless, production this week was up slightly with retail sales described as "awful". The retail sluggishness is believed to only partially be related to some school closings for President's Day and other days off in parts of the region. Retail promotions that have become more common in some other regions do not seem to have widely occurred in the same discount magnitude in the Southeast. Fluid sales sluggishness has resulted in more milk moving into regional manufacturing, particularly powder and cheese, than is typical in February. Capacity of manufacturing plants is becoming tighter but not yet at full capacity.

MORE ABOUT FARM-TO-CHEF 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Last week we published a recap of the Farm-to-Chef Annual Meeting and because of limited space, we did not publish a detailed list of participants. However, we received feedback expressing an interest in this information, so that list is provided below.

The FTC Program is grateful to all who participated in this event to made it a success. In particular, special thanks go to keynote speaker Emily Brooks, moderator Linda Giuca, and the panelists and food providers listed below.

PANELISTS

- Reg Briggs, [Country Club of Farmington](#)
- Emily Brooks, [Edibles Advocate Alliance](#)
- Carlos Cassar, [Saybrook Point Inn and Spa](#)
- Nunzio Corsino, [Four Mile River Farm](#)
- Jamie Jones, [Jones Family Farm and Winery](#)
- Pauline Lord, [White Gate Farm](#)
- Deb Marsden, [CT Farm Fresh Express](#)
- Brendan Martin, [Litchfield Market](#)
- Devin Sardilli, [Sardilli Produce and Dairy Company](#)
- Chad Simoneaux, [Gulf Shrimp Company](#)
- Stephen Stern, [Lawrence and Memorial Hospital](#)

FOOD AND BEVERAGES PROVIDERS

- Reg Briggs, [Country Club of Farmington](#)
- Emily Brooks, [Edibles Advocate Alliance](#)
- Dawn Bruckner, [La Belle Aurore](#)
- Carol Byer-Alcorace, [New Morning Natural & Organic](#)
- Robin Chesmer, [The Farmer's Cow](#)
- Gary Costa, [Center for Culinary Arts](#)
- Peter Gorman, [Unquowa School](#)
- Shirley Markham, [Whittlemore Thyme](#)
- Scott Miller, [Max's Oyster Bar](#)
- Hunter Morton, [Max Downtown](#)
- Margaret Sapir, [Wave Hill Breads](#)
- Howard Shafer, [The Whole Hog](#)
- Peter Sonenstein, [Chabaso Bread](#)
- John Turenne, [Sustainable Food Systems](#)
- Lu Yertut, [Harney and Sons Tea Company](#)

For more information about the Farm-to-Chef Program, please contact Linda Piotrowicz at 860-713-2558 or Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov.

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