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DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AUCTIONING HORSES SEIZED IN EAST HAMPTON ANIMAL-CRUELTY INVESTIGATION

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture today began auctioning 32 horses seized in February as part of an animal-cruelty investigation at an East Hampton breeding facility.

The auction of the Friesian, Andalusian and Gypsy Vanner horses will help pay for costs incurred through caring for them and other animals at the department's Large Animal Rehabilitation Facility.

Located at a state correctional complex in Niantic, the facility is home to the Second Chance program, a collaboration between the Dept. of Agriculture and the Dept. of Correction through which inmates volunteer to work with the animals in partnership with agency personnel.

Care of the animals in Niantic is partly paid by donations to the State Animal Abuse Cost Recovery Account, which will receive all proceeds from this auction.

Please visit the department's website, CTGrown.gov, to view photographs of the horses, access biographical information on each animal, and to download a sealed-bid application questionnaire.

All bids must be received by the close of business on June 1, 2016. The horses were seized from Fairy Tail Equine on Feb. 2 after an investigation that found the owners of the facility failed to provide proper food, water, veterinary care and shelter to the animals, despite the efforts of state animal control officers to allow them to voluntarily improve the animals' treatment.

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said the auction will help defray more than $50,000 in animal-care expenses the department has incurred since the seizure.

"Our first responsibility in this case was to ensure that the animals were given proper care and rehabilitated back to health," Reviczky said. "But we also have an obligation to the taxpayers of Connecticut to try to recoup costs associated with these types of cases whenever possible, and that is what we want to accomplish through this auction."

Reviczky noted, however, that he reserves the right to reject any bid, including those that may be the highest bid on a particular horse.

That flexibility will allow the department to ensure that the horses are re-homed with new owners who are properly prepared to care for them.

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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	73.00	77.50
boners 80-85% lean	73.00	77.50
lean 88-90% lean	68.00	73.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	126.50	130.50
Choice 2-3	122.50	126.50
Sel 1-2	119.00	123.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime3-4	117.00	119.00
Ch 2-3	112.50	115.00
Sel 1-2	108.00	110.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	122.00	125.50
Ch 2-3	118.00	121.00
Select 1-2	110.00	112.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 114-128 lbs	230.00	265.00
No 1 102-112 lbs	290.00	295.00
No 1 90-100 lbs	240.00	270.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Wooled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
40-50 lbs	300.00	300.00
50-60 lbs	290.00	305.00
70-80 lbs	285.00	285.00
90-110 lbs	247.00	260.00
110-130 lbs	222.00	222.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	85.00	92.00
120-160 lbs	80.00	110.00
160-200 lbs	77.00	105.00
200-300 lbs	71.00	85.00
BUCKS		
160-200 lbs	75.00	85.00
200-300 lbs	60.00	94.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.		
40-60 lbs	162.00	195.00
60-80 lbs	230.00	240.00
80-100 lbs	240.00	250.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES:		
Sel1,by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	240.00	270.00
130-180 lbs	260.00	285.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1		
100-150 lbs	260.00	275.00
150-250 lbs	310.00	375.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	45.00	52.00
	300-350 lbs	42.00	48.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	40.00	45.00
	300-350 lbs	30.00	36.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	29.50	30.50
	500-800 lbs	30.00	32.50
Boars	200-300 lbs	30.00	35.00
	300-400 lbs	21.00	21.00
	400-800 lbs	12.00	12.00

N. CAROLINA FARM-TO-SCHOOL SALES

April 11, 2016. Produce grown, sold, & consumed in N. Carolina schools.

	UNITS	PRICE
Collards, 6-2 lb bags	235	11.00
Kale,Case (6-2 lb bags)	662	11.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4OZ	16.00	16.50
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	14.00
APPLES, EMPIRE, #1, 120,140	15.00	16.00
APPLES, MACS, FCY,120,140	17.00	17.00
APPLES,MACS, XFCY, 100	26.00	26.00
APPLES, MACS, XFCY, 80, 88	26.00	26.00
APPLE, MACS, #1, 120, 140	15.00	16.00
APPLES, MACS, FCY,12-3LB	16.00	16.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	5.00	6.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEET,CHIOGGA,LOOSE,25LBS	14.00	14.00
BEETS, GOLD, LOOSE, 25 LBS	20.00	20.00
FIDDLEHEADS, 10 LBS	75.00	100.00
PARSNIPS, 18–1 LB BAGS	23.00	23.00
TOMS,CHRRY,ONVINE,GH,5 LB	16.00	18.00
TOMS, CHRRY, GHSE, 8-10 OZ	18.00	20.00
TOMS,GHSE,VINERIPE, 25 LBS	26.00	27.00
TOMATO,HEIRLM,GHSE, 10LBS	24.00	28.00

SHIPPED IN

ASPARAGUS,NJ, LRG, 28 LB	68.00	68.00
BLUEBERRIES,FL,ORG.,12-6OZ	30.00	30.00
BOK CHOY, FL, 50 LBS	32.00	36.00
BOKCHOY,BABY, FL, 30 LBS	24.00	26.00
CABBAGE, RED, FL, 50 LBS	18.00	18.00
CARROTS, GA, JMBO, 50 LBS	17.00	18.00
CELERY, FL, 2 DOZ	18.00	18.00
CHINESE CABBAGE,FL,50 LBS	28.00	32.00
CHOY SUM, LONG, CA, 30 LBS	35.00	35.00
COLLARDS, GA, 24	13.00	13.00
CORN, BICOLOR,FL,4-41/2 DZ	16.00	18.00
CUKE, PICKLE, FL,200-300,1-1/9	28.00	38.00
DANDELION, NJ, LOOSE, BU	18.00	19.00
EGPLNT, FL, MED, 1-1/9	18.00	20.00
ENDIVE, FL, 24	22.00	22.00
ESCAROLE, FL, 1-1/9, 24	19.00	25.00
GAI CHOY, CA, 30 LBS	30.00	30.00
GARLIC, ELEPHNT,CA, 10 LBS	40.00	42.00
GINGER ROOT, HI, 30 LBS	50.00	50.00
GRAPES,THMSNSDLS,CL,18LB	24.00	38.00
KALE, MULTI CLR, CA, 24	24.00	24.00
LEEKS, NJ, BNCHED,CRATE,12	18.00	18.00
LETT,BSTN,GHS,CAN,12-4OZ	16.00	17.00
LET, OAK LEAF, AZ-CA, 2.2 LBS	11.00	13.00
LET, RED OAK LF, AZ-CA,2.2LB	11.00	13.00
MACHE, GHSE, PA, 3LBS	12.00	12.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3LBS	6.00	6.50
MESCLUN MIX, ORG, CA, 3LBS	8.00	8.00
MUSTARD, GA, BNCHED, 24	15.00	16.00
NECTARINES, CA, 54-56	54.00	56.00
ONG CHOY, CA, 40 LBS	140.00	140.00
OPO SQUASH, CA, 35 LBS	42.00	42.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ, 60	19.00	20.00
PARSNIPS, MI, MED, 20 LBS	20.00	20.00
PEACHES, CA, 70-72	42.00	42.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, CA, 30 LBS	45.00	50.00
RADICCHIO, CA, 9	11.00	13.00
RADISHES, NJ, BNCH, 2 DOZ	15.00	15.00
RHUBARB, GHS, MI, 10 LBS	30.00	30.00
RHUBARB,OPN FLD,MI, 20LBS	40.00	40.00
SPINACH, FLAT, NJ, BNCH, 24	16.00	17.00
SPINCH,SAVOY,CA,8-10OZBAG	11.00	11.00
SQUASH, YEL, SM, FL, 1/2 BU	8.00	10.00
SWISS CHARD, RED, CA, 12	16.00	18.00
TURNIP TOPS, GA, 24	15.00	16.00
ZUCCHINI, FL, MED, 1/2 BU	8.00	10.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - April 25, 2016

Bob Calves:	LOW	HIGH
45-60 lbs.	55.00	60.00
61-75 lbs.	85.00	105.00
76-90 lbs.	157.50	160.00
91-105 lbs.	162.50	165.00
106 lbs. & up	167.50	170.00
Farm Calves	172.50	177.50
Starter Calves	52.00	56.00
Veal Calves	100.00	110.00
Open Heifers	102.50	200.00
Beef Heifers	87.00	108.00
Feeder Steers	170.00	180.00
Beef Steers	88.00	98.00
Stock Bulls	102.50	180.00
Beef Bulls	92.00	97.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	80.00	110.00
Lambs each	65.00	280.00
Goats each	90.00	220.00
Kid Goats each	65.00	120.00
Canners	up to	70.50
Cutters	71.00	74.00
Utility Grade Cows	75.00	78.00
Rabbits each	6.00	28.00
Chickens each	5.00	16.00
Ducks each	5.00	21.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.68	.86
LARGE	.61	.75
MEDIUM	.45	.58

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	1.16	1.35
LARGE	1.08	1.25
MEDIUM	.68	.80
SMALL	.53	.63

NEW HOLLAND, PA. FEEDER PIGS

Per cwt.

US 1-2			
	30-40 lbs	160.00	160.00
	40-50 lbs	120.00	135.00
US 2-3			
	10-20 lbs	95.00	95.00
	20-30 lbs	140.00	180.00
	30-40 lbs	150.00	190.00
	40-50 lbs	140.00	160.00
	50-60 lbs	150.00	150.00

NORTHEAST AND PA HERBS

Wholesale

CHIVES, MA, NH, 1 LB	10.00	10.00
CIOPLINOS, NY,10 LB MESH	16.00	18.00
DRY ESCHALLOT, NY 10 LB	8.00	8.00
WNTRCRSS,GHS,PA,2.2LB	13.00	16.00
WNTRCRS,GHS,ORG,PA,2.2	26.00	26.00

FOR SALE

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ATTENTION WHOLESALE FARMERS

The Department of Agriculture periodically receives requests from grocery stores and other retailers looking to connect with Connecticut farmers who can supply their stores.

If you are a Connecticut farmer interested in and capable of wholesaling your own products to Connecticut retailers and would like to be included in information we share with these buyers, please contact Elizabeth Aguilar at the Connecticut Department of Agriculture at Elizabeth.Aguilar@ct.gov or 860-713-2543.

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The department has received many dozens of inquiries from around the country and Canada by those wishing to obtain one of the horses.

The bid application questionnaire contains more than a dozen questions concerning the bidder's suitability to care for a horse, including their experience with these specific breeds and whether their property and facilities are adequate.

The department will review applications at the conclusion of bidding on June 1, and successful bidders will be notified individually to arrange for transfer of the animals.

Fairy Tail Equine owners Thomas and Melanie Olajos were each charged with 35 counts of cruelty to animals - 32 counts for each of the horses seized and the other three counts stemming from the alleged mistreatment of two dogs, 19 rabbits and 78 chickens removed from their property.

According to the warrant used to secure the Olajos' arrest, an examination of each horse by an equine veterinarian after they were removed from Fairy Tail Equine found that "the herd as a whole had been neglected and was underweight."

The veterinarian's findings indicate that the horses had been neglected in a variety of ways, including nutrition, care of their hooves and teeth, grooming and wound care.

In addition to being underweight, many of the horses had active lice infestation, their manes and tails were matted and tangled, and many had a skin condition known as dermatitis.

The couple voluntarily transferred custody of the animals to the department last month, and their cases are pending in Superior Court.

The dogs and rabbits have been placed in new homes through adoption, and the chickens were sold to buyers who made a donation to the State Animal Abuse Cost Recovery Account.

RESPONSES TO USDA 2015 LOCAL FOOD MARKETING PRACTICES SURVEY DUE MAY 2

Questionnaires sent to more than 800 Connecticut producers as part of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service 2015 Local Food Marketing Practices Survey must be returned by May 2.

The survey, mailed to producers earlier this month, seeks benchmark data on the number of farmers using and value of sales flowing through different local marketing channels such as farm stands and CSAs, as well as sales to a retailer such as a restaurant, grocery store, or an institutions.

The USDA contacted approximately 44,300 people across the country, most who reported they sold directly to consumers or retailers on the 2012 Census of Agriculture.

The survey provides the first opportunity for NASS to contact many individuals and entities specifically involved in local foods. Producers' responses will provide important, detailed, objective information to meet the growing need for national, regional and state-level estimates on the local foods sector.

Some of the 32 Friesian, Andalusian and Gypsy Vanner horses being auctioned by the Dept. of Agriculture after being seized in February from an East Hampton breeding facility.
All photos, including Page 1, were taken at the department's large-animal rehabilitation facility in Niantic, whose main barn is pictured at left as the horses were being turned out on a recent morning.

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