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Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky with some of the staff he has recently hired or reassigned in order to better serve the agricultural community. L to R: Animal Control Officer Kelli Peet; Marketing Representative Rebecca Eddy; Marketing Representative Jane Slupecki; Cmsr. Reviczky; Farmland/Resource Preservation unit Secretary Sandy Karanian; Marketing Representative Jenny McGuire; Marketing Representative Jaime Smith, and Marketing Representative Rick Macsuga.

NEW HIRES, STAFF CHANGES AT AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN SERVICE TO AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

By Steve Jensen, Office of Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky is pleased to announce the recent hiring of a number of new employees and the reassignment of others in an effort to better serve the agricultural community.

Reviczky said the moves are designed to make the 63-member department more responsive to changes and trends in agriculture, and to improve customer service.

"As a small agency it is imperative that we deploy our staff in the most effective ways possible and, when afforded the opportunity, hire the best talent to meet the changing needs of agriculture," Reviczky said.

Many of the recent personnel changes were prompted by the retirement this month of Marketing Representative Ron Olsen, who served with the department for more than 30 years.

Jaime Smith, who has been with the department for nine years, will assume Ron's duties overseeing two important

grant programs; the Farm Viability and Farm Transition grants.

Farm Transition grants assist farmers looking to diversify and expand their operations, while the Farm Viability grants are geared to help municipalities and non-profit organizations fund community agricultural projects and promote agricultural activities like local farmers' markets.

Jaime also will continue to administer the Specialty Crop Block Grant program and the new SAFE Grant program, as well as coordinating the agency's efforts through Harvest New England, including the annual conference later this month in Sturbridge, Mass.

She most recently was the coordinator of the Passport to Connecticut Farm Wineries program, and staffed the Farm Wine Development Council, chaired by Commissioner Reviczky.

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PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

LOW HIGH

SLAUGHTER COWS:

breakers 75-80% lean	102.50	112.50
boners 80-85% lean	100.0	105.00
lean 85-90% lean	95.00	102.25

CALVES graded bull

No 1 95-120lbs	401.25	450.00
No 1 80-90lbs	381.25	427.50
No 2 95-120lbs	366.55	421.50
No 2 80-90lbs	387.50	436.75
No 3 80-120lbs	267.14	373.57

SLAUGHTER STEERS

HiCh/Prm2-3	163.00	167.25
Ch1-3	157.25	161.25
Sel1-2	153.00	157.25

SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS

HiCh/Prm2-3	147.25	153.50
Ch2-3	139.50	144.00
Sel1-2	133.00	139.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS

HiCh/Prm2-3	161.25	163.50
Ch1-3	154.75	158.25
Sel1-2	147.50	150.75

VEALERS Utility 60-120lb

67.25	144.25	
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SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:

ch/pr 2-3		
60-80 lb	212.00	238.00

80-110 lbs	187.00	227.00
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SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3

100-110 lbs hair sheep	100.00	105.00
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120-150 lbs	80.00	90.00
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130-150 lbs hair sheep	117.00	120.00
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Bucks

140-160lbs	80.00	88.00
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170-200 lbs	60.00	92.00
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200-350lbs	60.00	84.00
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SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.

20-40lb	n/a	
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40-60lb	152.00	195.00
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60-80lb	207.00	235.00
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80-100	130.00	180.00
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Nannies/Does: 120-130 lbs	165.00	190.00
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130-160 lbs	157.00	215.00
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Bucks/Billies: 130-150 lbs	255.00	290.00
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150-170 lbs	270.00	315.00
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PA FEEDER PIG SUMMARY

US # 1-2		
20-30lb	160.00	160.00
30-40lb	140.00	170.00

US # 2		
20-30 lb	75.00	160.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**NEW ENGLAND GROWN****Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices**

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5LB	14.00	14.00
APPLE, MCINTOSH, 12/3 USFCY	17.00	17.00
APPLE, HONEYCRISP, 80, USFCY	32.00	32.00
APPLE, MCINTOSH, 88, US FCY	20.00	20.00
APPLE, RED DEL, 100, XFCY	20.00	20.00
APPLE, MCINTOSH, 120, US#1	17.00	18.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, 12/3 US#1	15.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10LB	4.50	6.00
CIDER, APPLE 9-1/2 GAL	21.00	21.00
PARSNIPS, 25LB	22.00	23.00
POTATOES, RUSSET, 50LB, US1	14.00	15.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9 BU	14.00	15.00
TOMATOES, 25LB, GRHSE, VR	20.00	22.00
TOMS, CHERRY, ONVINE, 5LB, GHS	25.00	26.00

SHIPPED IN

BROCCOLI, 20LB, CA, CRWN	16.00	20.00
CABBAGE, 50LB, NY	8.00	10.00
CARROTS, BABY, CA 15/2LB2	3.00	24.00
CAULIFLOWER, FILM, 12, AZ	26.00	26.00
CUKES, 1-1/9BU, MED, MEX	22.00	26.00
ORANGES, NAVEL, 88, 7/10, CA	21.00	22.00
PEPPERS, GRN, 1 1/9 BU, FL	10.00	14.00
SPINACH, BABY 4LB, CA	9.50	10.00
STAR FRUIT, 25 CT, FL	15.00	15.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8-1LB, FL	16.00	20.00

NORTHEAST/USDA CHICKEN**WEEKLY RETAIL PRICES****PER LB.**

BAGGED FRYER	.99	1.89
BAGGED ROASTER	1.00	2.99
BNLS/SKNLS BREAST	2.99	3.99
WHOLE WINGS	1.99	2.99
LEG QUARTERS	.77	1.99
THIGHS	N/A	N/A
BNLS/SKNLS THIGHS	N/A	N/A
DRUMSTICKS	1.79	1.79

HAY**LANCASTER, PA/PRICE PER TON****PREMIUM GOOD**

ALFALFA	230.00-380.00	190.00-210.00
MIXED HAY	230.00-400.00	190.00-225.00
TIMOTHY	250.00-305.00	195.00-210.00
STRAW	110.00-200.00	

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT., January 26, 2015

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	50.00	60.00
61-75 lbs.	100.00	140.00
76-90 lbs.	220.00	245.00
91-105 lbs.	250.00	260.00
106 lbs. & up	270.00	280.00
Farm Calves	290.00	300.00
Starter Calves	40.00	50.00
Veal Calves	n/a	n/a
Open Heifers	102.50	120.00
Beef Heifers	110.00	136.00
Feeder Steers	125.00	127.50
Beef Steers	130.00	137.00
Stock Bulls	125.00	145.00
Beef Bulls	132.50	135.00
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	n/a	n/a
Sheep	n/a	n/a
Lambs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	n/a	n/a
Kid Goats	n/a	n/a
Canners	up to	108.50
Cutters	109.00	111.00
Utility Grade Cows	112.00	114.00
Rabbits each	3.00	32.00
Chickens each	5.00	24.00
Ducks each	6.00	27.50

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.41	1.58
LARGE	1.35	1.49
MEDIUM	1.23	1.36

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	2.07	2.17
LARGE	2.03	2.13
MEDIUM	1.52	1.62

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

48-52	200-300 lbs	54.00	59.00
Low dress	200-300 lbs	40.00	49.00
52-56	250-300 lbs	63.00	68.00
	300-350 lbs	65.00	70.00
Sows, US1-3	300-600 lbs	51.00	58.00
Boars	300-500 lbs	12.00	14.00

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com.

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3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

7-R. Ford Skidsteer, Wisconsin V4, bucket, extension for snow, Hay Spike attachment, excellent condition, inside stored. \$4,900. 860-877-3335.

8-R. CT non-GMO grain and corn. Hay and straw. Pleasant View Farms. Louis. 860-803-0675.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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17-R. Free professional advising sessions for farmers - CT Farm Risk Management and Crop Insurance Program. One-on-One confidential sessions with an agri-business professional to discuss farm related issues. Dates available Feb., March, April. www.ctfarmrisk.uconn.edu.

WANTED

18-R. A part-time Office Secretary position is now available at the new Haven County Farm Bureau. The applicant should be able to maintain a small office in the home. The job averages 12 to 15 hours per week. A background or interest in agriculture will be viewed positively. The candidate will be responsible to the organization's board of directors. The candidate should be well organized with excellent interpersonal skills, fundamental computer skills, and the ability to work independently. Duties include: Overall management of the functions of the office, maintaining financial records and organize meetings. For a complete job description, please call the office at 203-269-0151. Compensation will be based upon experience. Please send resume and cover letter by March 6 explaining your interest in the position to the New Haven County Farm Bureau Inc., 1460 Durham Road, Wallingford, CT, 06492.

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Her role with the wine Passport program and the Farm Wine Development Council will now be assumed by longtime marketing representative Jane Slupecki.

Jane also will continue to be the contact for advertisements and subscriptions to the department's Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report, and will take on new duties obtaining wholesale prices of produce and livestock published in the report.

Jane's previous work with the department's Farm-to-School programs is being taken up by a new hire, Jenny McGuire.

Jenny has worked on a dairy farm since she was a teenager, has experience in fruit orchards, and graduated from the University of Connecticut in 2012 with a Bachelors of Science (Animal Science) degree.

She will oversee farm-to-school market development for Connecticut farmers, including working on a new USDA pilot designed to increase the amount of unprocessed fruits and vegetables in schools.

Jenny also will take on the agency's Farm-to-Chef, farm-to-institution and farm-to-grocery/box-store efforts, combining them under a new wholesale markets umbrella program.

Rebecca Eddy, hired in June, will be the department's main contact for Connecticut Grown promotional efforts, including the department's new online store, which in December began offering clothing and other items with a Connecticut Grown theme.

She also will head the department's annual presence at the Connecticut Building at the Big E agricultural fair in September in West Springfield, Mass.

The department staffs a variety of booths and exhibits at the fair, including its popular farm wine tasting booth, which was completely renovated and updated last fall.

A competitive equestrian who was raised on a Connecticut dairy farm, Rebecca previously worked in the equine publishing industry, where she specialized in sales, marketing, event coordination and social media.

She also administers the department's new Facebook and Pinterest pages, and will be the coordinator of the department's presence at the annual Agricultural Day at the State Capitol.

The event, scheduled this year for March 18, is the Capitol's major agricultural event of the year, attracting dozens of key agricultural stakeholder organizations and attended by hundreds of visitors, focusing on members of the General Assembly and Capitol staff.

Rick Macsuga, who has been with the department nearly 30 years, will assume Ron Olsen's previous work with the state's "P.A. 490" program, which allows land to be designated as agricultural, open space or forest land to achieve a reduced property tax rate.

Rick's new duties also include working with farmers on issues involving zoning and land-use regulations and risk-management.

He will continue to be the main contact for farmer's markets, including the Hartford Regional Market.

Sandy Karanian was hired in September as a secretary in the bureau's Farmland/Resource Preservation unit, where she assists Director Cam Weimar and staff.

She has a legal secretary Associate's Degree from Manchester Community College. Her duties with the department include maintaining and updating files and databases for programs including Farmland Preservation, Farmland Restoration, Stewardship, Farm Link and Community Farms.

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She also assists staff with coordinating bids and purchase requisitions for appraisers, surveyors, and contractors involved in preservation projects.

At the department's Bureau of Aquaculture in Milford, microbiologist Steve Harkey has been hired as an Environmental Analyst.

Steve earned a Bachelor's of Science in Marine Biology from the University of New England, and has extensive computer-related certification.

He previously worked for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Marine Research Institute, Fisheries Independent Monitoring Program as a biological scientist.

That job involved Steve captaining a boat with a crew of three that collected fish and water quality samples in Tampa Bay to monitor water quality and population dynamics for commercially and recreationally important fin fish.

He also has worked for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Inland Fisheries Hatchery in Kensington, where Atlantic Salmon and Brown Trout are raised for stocking in state rivers and lakes.

His duties with the agriculture department include collecting water and shellfish for fecal coliform testing, reviewing permitting and inspections of state-based aquaculture ventures.

Lori Scianna was hired in November 2013 as an administrative assistant to Bureau of Aquaculture Director David Carey.

Her responsibilities include collection and reconciliation of registration fees, maintaining lease contracts for renewal options, processing changes to existing aquaculture industry licenses and issuance of renewals of conch, seed individual and seed boat licenses.

She has an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Housatonic Community College.

The department's newest Animal Control Officer (ACO), Kelli Peet, was hired last May.

Kelli attended college at Post University, where she focused on Equine Management, and has more than nine years of animal-control experience.

She and the department's six other ACOs' duties include rabies control, inspection of pet facilities, and animal cruelty investigations.



Administrative assistant Lori Scianna and Environmental Analyst Steve Harkey are two of the recent additions to the agriculture department's Bureau of Aquaculture.

At the Hartford Regional Market, Lee Mott was hired last fall as a maintainer, where he serves as a jack-of-all-trades under superintendent Mark Brodeur.

Lee holds journeyman's licenses in plumbing and heating, as well as EPA certification in lead regulations.

"We have listened carefully to Connecticut farm families and other agricultural stakeholders to better understand their needs and how we may better assist them," said Linda Piotrowicz, Director of the Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation. "In doing so, we also have carefully considered the unique skills and experience each team member brings to this bureau and worked to best align our staffing strengths to most effectively and efficiently serve Connecticut's agricultural community."

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