

# Connecticut Weekly AGRICULTURAL REPORT

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**Equine veterinarian Dr. Thor Hyypa examines the mouth of one of the horses seized last week from an East Hampton breeder.**

## **ANIMALS SEIZED IN EAST HAMPTON RECOVERING, AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGES PUBLIC SUPPORT, DONATIONS**

The Department of Agriculture wishes to acknowledge the extraordinary support and offers of assistance the department has received regarding the Feb. 2 seizure of more than 30 horses and numerous other animals at Fairy Tail Equine in East Hampton.

"We have taken many dozens of calls from concerned people across the country wanting to adopt the animals or offering donations to be used for the animals' care," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "Their support is greatly appreciated and will help ensure the agency has resources to dedicate to the animals' rehabilitation."

The 32 horses, two dogs, 78 chickens and 19 rabbits were removed from Fairy Tail Equine as part of an ongoing animal cruelty investigation that could lead to criminal charges against their owners. Nearly all of the animals

were found to be malnourished, and many were also suffering from other ailments stemming from lack of proper shelter and veterinary care. The horses are being cared for at the department's large animal rehabilitation facility in Niantic, and the other animals at various municipal shelters in the state.

The department will seek to obtain formal custody of the animals from their owners at a Superior Court hearing scheduled to be held in the next few weeks. The outcome of the hearing will determine what measures the department can take, if any, to find new homes for the animals.

Each of the horses was given an extensive examination late last week by Dr. Thor Hyypa, an equine veterinarian working on behalf of the Dept. of Agriculture. Hyypa spent about 30 minutes examining each horse to evaluate their overall condition, including assessing their heart,

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**LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Avg. Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	LOW	HIGH
breakers 75-80% lean	71.00	76.50
boners 80-85% lean	71.00	75.50
lean 88-90% lean	68.00	74.00
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	120.00	132.50
Choice 2-3	117.00	127.00
Sel 1-3	112.50	121.50
<b>SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS</b>		
HiCh/Prm 2-3	111.50	114.00
Ch 2-3	106.00	115.50
Sel 1-2	110.00	113.00
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>		
Hi Ch/Prime 2-3	120.00	120.50
Ch 2-3	116.00	119.00
Sel 1-2	110.00	113.00
<b>CALVES Graded bull</b>		
No 1 90-128 lbs	180.00	192.00
No 1 85-90 lbs	175.00	177.00
No 2 80-128 lbs	166.00	185.00
No 3 80-130 lbs	155.00	174.00
Utility 60-110 lbs	140.00	155.00
<b>SPRINGING COWS</b>		
Supreme	2050.00	2050.00
Approved	1700.00	1800.00
Medium	1200.00	1500.00
Common	800.00	1150.00
<b>SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MOS)</b>		
Supreme	1825.00	2050.00
Approved	1500.00	1800.00
Medium	1500.00	1800.00
Common	1150.00	1400.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Wooled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
50-60 lbs	290.00	305.00
80-90 lbs	210.00	225.00
90-110 lbs	205.00	227.00
110-130 lbs	177.00	119.50
130-150 lbs	147.00	162.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3</b>		
80-120 lbs	90.00	105.00
120-160 lbs	80.00	115.00
160-200 lbs	70.00	105.00
<b>BUCKS</b>		
160-200 lbs	85.00	100.00
200-300 lbs	80.00	97.00
<b>SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.</b>		
30-40 lbs	125.00	140.00
40-50 lbs	150.00	180.00
<b>SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1, by head, est.</b>		
80-130 lbs	220.00	235.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1</b>		
100-150 lbs	275.00	305.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA., HOG AUCTION**

All prices per cwt.

52-56	250-280 lbs	38.00	46.00
	280-320 lbs	51.00	60.00
Sows 1-3	400-500 lbs	30.50	33.50
Boars	400-600 lbs	4.00	4.00

**CARLISLE, PA FEEDER PIGS**

January 29, 2016

US 1-2	17-22 LBS	268.00	275.00
	29-34 LBS	124.00	155.00
	53-58 LBS	90.00	94.00
US 2	36 LBS	158.00	158.00
	54 LBS	96.00	96.00
	118-124 LBS	65.00	72.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5LBS	14.00	14.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4OZ	16.00	16.50
APPLES,EMPIRE,120/140, #1,BU	15.00	16.00
APPLES, MACS,FNCY, 80, 88	17.00	18.00
APPLES, MACS,FNCY,120, 140	18.00	18.00
APPLES,MAC,#1,CELLPK,120	15.00	16.00
APPLE,MACS,FCY,12-3LB,2-1/2"	15.00	16.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEETS,RED,ORGANIC, 25 LBS	10.00	10.00
BRUSSELS SPROUTS, 25 LBS	38.00	38.00
PARSNIPS, MED, 20 LBS	19.00	23.00
POTATO,RNDWT,#1,SZA, 10LB	2.00	2.25
POTATO,RNDWT,#1,CHF, 50LB	10.00	10.00
POTATO,RUSSET,#1,70-80	14.00	14.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, SZA,50LB	12.00	12.00
POTATO, YLLW, #1, CHEF,50LB	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1-1/9	12.00	13.00
TOMS, GHSE, CHERRY,8-10 OZ	16.00	16.00
TOMS,GHSE, 11 LB FLATS	28.00	28.00
TOMATO, GHSE, LOOSE, 25LB	24.00	26.00
TOMATO,HEIRLM,GHSE, 10LBS	24.00	28.00
TURNIP,PRPLTP, ORG, 25LBS	13.00	14.00

**SHIPPED IN**

APPLE,BRAEBRN,XFCY,WA,80	34.00	36.00
APPL,BRBRN,ORG,XFCY,WA,80	52.00	52.00
APPLE,FUJI,XFCY,NY,80	32.00	32.00
APPLE, GALA, XFCY, NY, 88	32.00	32.00
APPL,GLD DEL,ORG,XF,WA,80	46.00	46.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, NY, 80	26.00	26.00
APPLE,RED DEL,ORG,XF,WA,72	45.00	45.00
APPLE, RED DEL, NY, XFCY, 64	20.00	22.00
APPLE, ROME, NY, XFCY, 64	22.00	22.00
BOKCHOY,BABY, FL, 1.5 BU	42.00	42.00
CABBAGE, GRN, NY, 50 LBS	10.00	12.00
CARROTS, QUEBEC, 50 LBS	16.00	20.00
CIPOLINOS, NY, 10 LB MESH	16.00	18.00
CORN, FL, 4-4 1/2 DOZ	24.00	28.00
DANDELION GRNS, TX, 12	16.00	18.00
DRY ESCHALLOT, NY, 10 LBS	8.00	8.00
ENDIVE, CA, 24	18.00	22.00
HORSERADISH, NJ, 5LBS	14.00	14.00
KALE, GA, CRATES, 24 BNCH	13.00	15.00
LEMON GRASS, CA, PER LB	2.50	3.00
LETTUCE,BSTN,GHS,12-4OZ	16.00	17.00
LETT,ROM,CA,12-22 OZ (3CT)	17.00	21.00
MACHE, GHSE, PA, 3 LBS	12.00	12.00
MESCULIN MIX, RED,CA, 3LBS	6.00	6.50
MESCULIN MIX, ORG,CA, 3LBS	8.00	8.00
ONIONS, BOILERS, SM, 25 LBS	7.00	7.00
ONIONS, YELLOW, NY, 50 LBS	16.00	17.00
ONIONS, WHT, ID, 25 LBS	16.00	20.00
ONIONS, RED, NY, 20-2 LB	24.00	26.00
ONIONS,WHITE PEARL,12-10OZ	15.00	17.00
OREGANO, FL, 1 LB BAG, 12	8.00	9.00
PARSLEY, FLAT, TX, 60	29.00	32.00
PARSNIPS, MED, MI,18-1 LB	20.00	22.00
PEARS,D'ANJ,ORG,#1,WA,80	69.00	69.00
PEAR,BOSC,OR, #1,WRP, 70	40.00	42.00
PEPPR,RED,ORG,GHS,ISR,5LB	30.00	30.00
POTATO,FNGRLNG,RUBY,20 LB	30.00	32.00
RUTABAGAS, CANADA, 50 LBS	14.00	18.00
SPINACH,SAVOY, NJ, 1.3 BU	13.00	15.00
TOMS, ORG, GHSE, GA, 11 LBS	20.00	23.00
WNTRCRSS,GHS,ORG,PA,2.2LB	26.00	26.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, February 1, 2016

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	40.00	46.00
61-75 lbs.	95.00	100.00
76-90 lbs.	152.50	157.50
91-105 lbs.	160.00	165.00
106 lbs. & up	167.50	172.50
Farm Calves	177.50	200.00
Starter Calves	50.00	55.00
Veal Calves	125.00	160.00
Open Heifers	120.00	170.00
Beef Heifers	82.00	112.00
Feeder Steers	95.00	120.00
Beef Steers	106.00	127.00
Stock Bulls	120.00	175.00
Beef Bulls	n/a	n/a
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	85.00	150.00
Lambs	140.00	220.00
Goats each	135.00	310.00
Kid Goats	3@	125.00
Canners	up to	74.50
Cutters	75.00	79.00
Utility Grade Cows	80.00	85.00
Rabbits each	5.00	20.00
Chickens each	4.50	30.00
Ducks each	n/a	n/a

**Auction will be held President's Day**  
**Monday, February 15**

**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.55	1.70
LARGE	1.49	1.63
MEDIUM	1.24	1.37

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	2.11	2.25
LARGE	2.02	2.19
MEDIUM	1.52	1.65
SMALL	.97	1.07

**USDA-NE RETAIL LAMB PRICES**

February 5-11, 2016

Shoulder Roast	7.99	7.99
Shoulder Blade Chops	4.99	6.99
Loin Chops	4.97	12.99
Bone-In Leg	4.99	4.99
Boneless Leg	6.99	7.99
Leg, Shank/Butt	4.99	4.99
Leg Steaks	5.99	5.99
Ground Lamb	7.99	7.99
Stew Meat-Lamb	5.99	5.99
Stew Meat-Mutton	2.99	2.99

**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](http://www.bludon.com)

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or [www.bludon.com](http://www.bludon.com)

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.

9-R. CT Boot and Shoe offers top quality American Made work boots and shoes. Redwing, Thorogood, and Carolina brands. Free shipping in Connecticut. CT Boot, 33 River Street, Thomaston. Mention this ad to save \$20.00. 860-283-2385.

12-R. Six hoop houses – 28 x 96. Garage doors also available. Call 203-484-9708.

**WANTED**

7-R. Maple Lane Farms is a hydroponic grower of produce for the retail and food service markets. Due to increased demand from our customers, we are seeking greenhouse owners to grow our products on a contract basis. If interested, call 860-227-8786.

10-R. Orange Community Farmers' Market: Vendors Wanted – Bee Products; Cheese Monger; Fruits; Fish & Shellfish; plus, Artisanal Food Products. Market begins June 2016. If interested, please call Paul Grimmer – 203-891-1045.

17-R. Standing timber wanted. Hardwood/Softwood. Top prices paid. Licensed and insured. 10 acre minimum. 860-798-4039.

18. Bigham Bros. Sub-Soiler. 9 feet wide, 3 row tool bar, 6 shanks. Excellent condition. \$2,800.00. Call Andy 860-916-3171.

19-R. Irrigation Pump on trailer - Yanmar Diesel - liquid cooled- 3 cyl-21.5hp/Rainbow SBB 4x3x9.5 pump/primer with 4" SCAN-Kleen filter, 4 foot valve and 170 feet of 4" HPDE suction pipe. Excellent condition - only 270 hours. Reasonable offers considered. Call Mark 860-977-6948.

20. For Sale: A.I. Tank MVE Cyro Biologic MACH WM33, capacity 600 straws, 180 day charge; excellent condition. \$700.00. Moosup 1-860-564-5908.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

6-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-Tetreault Realty (860) 644-5667.

8-R. FREE Off grade potatoes for animal feed in East Windsor, Conn. Call Karl 860-268-5931 or Glenn 860-930-4331 to arrange pick up.

**CT FARM EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION**

14-R. Lease Opportunity: Fully equipped, actively operating, PYO-Retail-Wholesale fruit orchard in central Connecticut. Thirty groomed acres of apples, pears, peaches, and nectarines with busy country store. An excellent long term opportunity. For more details call 203-213-8833.

15-R. Boulder Knoll Community Farm, Cheshire, looking for Farm Manager for small scale, sustainable 75 shareholder CSA farm. Farm Manager responsible for all aspects of operation. Visit [www.friendsofboulderknoll.com/hiring](http://www.friendsofboulderknoll.com/hiring) for more info.

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lungs, teeth, eyes and hooves.

"We are making sure that the horses' nutritional and medical needs are met and that they are adapting well to their new environment," Hyypya said during the examinations at the Niantic facility. "In general, the horses are certainly more alert and brighter than they were when they arrived here."

The horses currently require about 50 bales of hay daily, as well as about 40 bags of pine shavings used for bedding. Grain will be introduced as feed as the horses' conditions improve.

Those wishing to donate to the care and feeding of the animals may make a contribution by check to:

**THE ANIMAL ABUSE COST RECOVERY ACCOUNT**  
c/o Connecticut Department of Agriculture  
165 Capitol Avenue, Room G-8A  
Hartford, CT 06106

Donations to the fund will be used to purchase hay, grain, bedding, veterinary services and to cover other associated costs.

The Dept. of Agriculture thanks those who have offered donations of feed, equipment, labor and supplies. But because the horses require a prescribed diet and other special considerations, the department encourages donors to make contributions to the fund so that appropriate items can be procured.

**CHANGES IN USDA RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS**

Is your risk management plan adequate for 2016? The 2014 Farm Bill has a number of enhancements to existing programs as well as a number of new programs to help manage your crop risk. Protection for crops not listed above may be available from a crop insurance agent by written agreement.

NAP, Noninsured Crop Disaster Program, provides financial assistance for non-insurable crops. For NAP, contact your local county FSA USDA office.

Additional information is also available at: [www.ctfarmrisk.uconn.edu](http://www.ctfarmrisk.uconn.edu) and to find a RMA Insurance Agent go to <http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html>

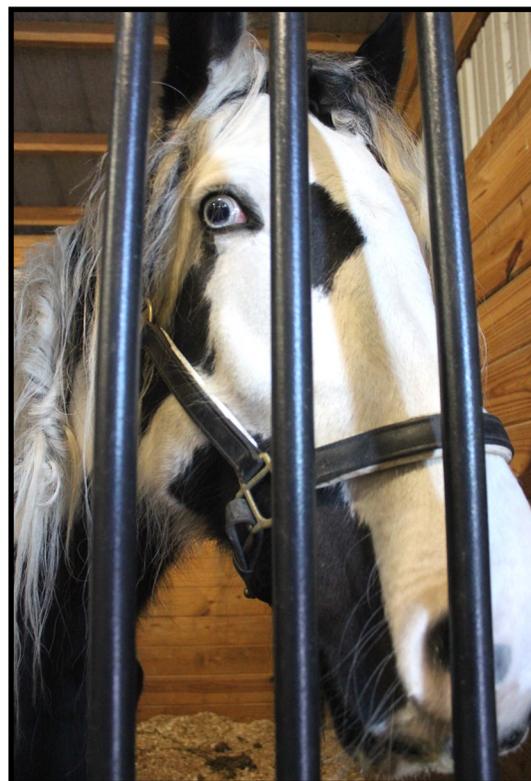
This information is part of the Connecticut Crop Insurance Education and Information Project, a cooperative effort of the USDA Risk Management Agency, UConn Extension, and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

**2016 USDA CROP INSURANCE SIGN-UP DEADLINES**

- March 15: Whole Farm Revenue Protection; Corn; Fresh Market Sweet Corn; Potatoes; Tobacco
- Last business Friday of each month: Livestock Gross Margin (LGM) Dairy & Swine
- May 1: Nursery



**Left: Dr. Thor Hyypa examines the hooves of one of 32 horses seized last week from an East Hampton breeder.**



**Right: Another of the horses, which are being cared for at the Dept. of Agriculture's large-animal rehabilitation facility in Niantic.**

### NOMINATIONS DUE FOR CAIC AWARDS

The Connecticut Agricultural Information Council (CAIC) is accepting nominations for awards to be presented at Connecticut Ag Day at the State Capitol on March 16 and at Plant Science Day in August. Information and applications for the following awards can be found on the CAIC website:

<http://www.ctaginfocouncil.org/index.html>

#### **Connecticut 2016 Outstanding Young Farmer:**

The purpose of the program is to bring about a greater interest in the farmer, to foster better urban-rural relations through the understanding of agriculture's challenges, to develop an appreciation of their contributions and achievements, and to inform the agribusiness community of the growing urban awareness of farmers' importance and impact on the economy.

**Connecticut Agricultural Journalism Awards:** Recognizes outstanding coverage of Connecticut agriculture by the news media in calendar year 2015. Nominations may be made by anyone in Connecticut with an interest in agriculture, including the entrants themselves.

Deadline for nominations is March 2. Each recipient will receive a check for \$100 and an award plaque. Presentation of the awards will be made at Ag Day on March 16.

**Century Farm of the Year:** Presented to a successful and innovative CT farm in continuous operation for 100 years or more. Deadline for nominations is May 29, and the award is announced and presented at the CT Agricultural Experiment Station's Plant Science Day at Lockwood Farm in Hamden on the first Wednesday in August.

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