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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR GOAT HERD SEIZED IN CORNWALL CRUELTY CASE

A herd of goats seized in an animal-cruelty case in Cornwall is being dispersed through a plan that minimizes the potential spread of contagious disease that afflicted most of the animals and allows some to be adopted for youth agricultural projects, returned to agricultural production or placed in a rescue sanctuary, Department of Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said today.

The herd was housed at the department's large-animal rehabilitation facility in Niantic after being seized in January from the Butterfield Farm Co. cheese-making operation, where most were found malnourished and suffering from various other conditions impacting their health.

Laboratory tests revealed that the great majority of adult goats were infected with one or more diseases that are transmissible to other animals and can contaminate a farm's environment, preventing them from being introduced to existing, healthy herds.

Those diseases, for which there is no known cure once an animal is infected, are:

- Johne's, or paratuberculosis – an intestinal bacterial disease that results in progressive weight loss and eventual death.
- Caseous Lymphadenitis (CL) – a bacterial disease that most commonly causes superficial draining abscesses but can also affect internal organs. It is highly-contagious to other animals and infectious material from the draining abscesses can remain in the environment for several months. Human infection is rare, but can occur through contact with infectious material.
- Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE) - a viral disease that most commonly causes arthritis in joints, leading to progressive lameness and weight loss, and can cause encephalitis in younger animals.

The dispersal plan is designed to balance the desire to save animals with the necessity to stop the potential spread of disease.

It calls for 13 disease-free adult goats to be placed back into agricultural production through a sealed-bid auction run by the agriculture department.

Another 12 goats that have been diagnosed with CAE will be placed with the Farm Sanctuary rescue organization or the Woodstock Farm Animal Sanctuary, which will quarantine them at their facilities in New York. The rescue organizations were selected at the recommendation of Annie Hornish, Connecticut state director of the Humane Society of the United States.



Some of the 23 kids born at the agriculture department's large-animal rehabilitation facility after their mothers were seized from a Cornwall farm in January.

Forty-six animals diagnosed with Johne's and/or CL, or both CL and CAE, were recently sold at livestock auction. Two others with CL and CAE will be auctioned soon.

The 23 kids born at the Niantic facility this spring will be offered to agricultural schools and organizations like FFA and 4-H for youth projects involving animal science and husbandry through the agriculture department's Kids for Kids program.

Any of the kids not placed with an educational group will be tested for disease when age appropriate. Those that are disease-free will be returned to agricultural production through sealed-bid auction.

Those with CAE will be placed with Farm Sanctuary and Woodstock Farm Animal Sanctuary, and those with CL will be sold at livestock auction.

"We all hoped that every one of these livestock animals could be put back into agricultural production," Agriculture Commissioner Reviczky said. "The decision to disperse the herd in this manner was made after months of treatment and testing by our veterinarians concluded that the contagious diseases present in the majority of animals made them not suitable for agriculture or for placement that would risk disease transmission."

The cruelty investigation, subsequent care of the animals and dispersal plan was overseen by the agriculture department's veterinarians, Bruce Sherman, DVM, MPH, who is Director of

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PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	LOW	HIGH
breakers 75-80% lean	99.00	101.00
boners 80-85% lean	99.00	111.00
lean 88-90% lean	93.00	105.50
CALVES graded bull		
No 1 112-113 lbs	353.00	353.00
No 1 102 lbs	600.00	600.00
No 1 95 lbs	660.00	660.00
No 2 113-117 lbs	500.00	532.00
No 2 102-103 lbs	600.00	610.00
No 2 84-90 lbs	680.00	690.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	154.00	162.50
Ch2-3	149.00	158.50
Sel1-3	146.00	156.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/Prm 3-4	138.00	148.00
Ch2-3	130.00	144.50
Sel1-2	133.00	138.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm3-4	157.00	160.00
Ch2-3	143.00	154.00
Sel1-2	144.00	148.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional	Markets:	
Ch 2-3		
40-60 lbs	222.00	255.00
60-80 lbs	222.00	250.00
80-90 lbs	222.00	230.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
110-120 lbs	94.00	102.00
120-150 lbs	98.00	112.00
160-170 lbs	85.00	87.00

BUCKS		
160-200 lbs	n/a	n/a
200-300 lbs	n/a	n/a

SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.		
40-70 lbs	310.00	332.00
70-80 lbs	295.00	297.00
80-90 lbs	280.00	310.00
Nannies/Does:		
130-140 lbs	155.00	162.00
Bucks/Billies:		
145-150 lbs	190.00	205.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA.**HOG AUCTION**

52-56	200-300 lbs	53.00	55.00
	300-350 lbs	51.00	53.00
	350-400 lbs	40.00	46.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	45.00	51.50
	300-350 lbs	40.00	46.00

Sows, US1-3			
	400-500 lbs	24.00	28.00
	500-800 lbs	31.50	33.50

Boars	400-700 lbs	5.00	5.00
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WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
BEET GREENS, 12 LBS	18.00	18.00
FIDDLEHEAD FERNS, 10 LB	45.00	60.00
KALE, BUNCHED, 12 CT	13.00	15.00
LETTUCE, HYDR0PONIC, 12 CT	15.00	15.00
LETTUCE, LF, GRN, RED, 12 CT	10.00	10.00
LETTUCE, LF, GRN, RED, BSTN, 24	12.00	18.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, 24 CT	12.00	18.00
PEAS, SUGAR SNAP, 10 LBS	20.00	20.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, BU	50.00	60.00
RADISHES, BUNCHED, 24 CT	18.00	18.00
SPINACH, 23 LBS/BU	26.00	26.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, 1/2 BU	10.00	16.00
SQUASH, GREEN, 1/2 BU	9.00	14.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8 -1QT	30.00	32.00
TOMATOES, 11LB, GRHSE, VR	12.00	12.00
TOMS, HEIRLM, GRHSE, 10LB	23.00	25.00

SHIPPED IN

BEETS, NJ, BUNCHED, 12 CT	16.00	17.00
BLUEBERRIES, NJ, 12-1 PT/LIDS	14.00	17.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 1-3/4 BU	24.00	26.00
CABBAGE, NJ, 1-1/3 BU, 12-18	13.00	15.00
CHERRY, 9.5/RW, WA, 18LB, BGD	49.00	53.00
COLLARDS, NJ, BUNCHED, 12-16	13.00	15.00
CORN, BICOLOR, GA, 4 DOZ	12.00	14.00
CUKES, NJ, MED, 1-1/9 BU	12.00	12.00
DANDELIONS, NJ, LOOSE, BU	16.00	18.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 CRATE, 18	15.00	20.00
GARLIC, ELEPHANT, CA, 10LB	40.00	42.00
GRAPES, BLK, SDLS, CA, 18LB, #1	32.00	32.00
MUSHROOMS, OYSTER, PA, 3LB	13.00	13.25
MUSHROOMS, SHITAKE, PA, 3LB	14.00	15.00
MUSTARD GRNS, NJ, 12-16 CT	13.00	15.00
NECTARINES, YLLW, CA, 25 LB	20.00	32.00
ONIONS, YLLW, GA, 16-3LB	20.00	22.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, 30 CT	26.00	28.00
PLUMS, BLK, CA, 28LB, 30-35	42.00	42.00
RASPBERRIES, CA, 12-6OZ/LIDS	24.00	27.00
SWISS CHARD, CA, BNCHD, 12	16.00	18.00
TOMS, MATURE GRN, FL, 5X6	16.00	18.00
TURNIP, PRPLE TOPS, NJ, 25LB	20.00	20.00
WTRMLN, RED SDLS, MINI, FL, 6	17.00	18.00

USDA WHOLESALE HERBS

BASIL, NJ, 18	16.00	18.00
CHIVES, NH, 1LB, 12	8.00	10.00
CILANTRO, MA, 30/CRTN	14.00	14.00
DILL, NJ, 1/2 BRUCE CRT, 24	15.00	18.00
HORSERADISH, IL, 5LBS	13.00	14.00
MINT, NJ, 1/2 BU, 12	10.00	15.00
OREGANO, FL, 1LB, 12/CRT	7.00	9.00
ROSEMARY, FL, 1LB, 12/CRT	7.00	9.00
TARRAGON, FL, 1LB, 12/CRT	10.00	10.00
WATERCRESS, FL, BNCHD, 12	10.00	12.00

NATIONAL MONTHLY GRASS FED BEEF

USDA MKT NEWS May 2015/ Per lb.

CHUCK ROLL	3.34	11.62
RIBEYE, BNLS, WHOLE	10.82	13.99
TENDERLOIN, WHOLE	15.99	31.95
BRISKET, WHOLE	4.67	10.50
NEW YORK STEAK	14.99	17.25
85/15, BULK TRIM, 20 LB VAC PK	4.91	9.25

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, June 22, 2015

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	75.00	95.00
61-75 lbs.	110.00	145.00
76-90 lbs.	460.00	485.00
91-105 lbs.	490.00	500.00
106 lbs. & up	510.00	515.00
Farm Calves	490.00	500.00
Starter Calves	75.00	80.00
Veal Calves	210.00	245.00
Open Heifers	170.00	187.50
Beef Heifers	96.00	120.00
Feeder Steers	170.00	180.00
Beef Steers	125.00	148.00
Stock Bulls	175.00	205.00
Beef Bulls	134.00	150.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	1@	20.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs	75.00	90.00
Sheep	90.00	180.00
Lambs	135.00	230.00
Goats each	50.00	270.00
Kid Goats	95.00	240.00
Canners	up to	105.50
Cutters	106.00	110.00
Utility Grade Cows	111.00	115.00
Rabbits each	6.00	28.00
Chickens each	3.00	22.50
Ducks each	10.00	20.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	1.86	2.08
LARGE	1.80	1.94
MEDIUM	1.50	1.63

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	2.51	2.73
LARGE	2.48	2.70
MEDIUM	2.05	2.26

PA FEEDER PIG SUMMARY

US #1-2 20-30 lb	100.00	140.00
30-40 lb	130.00	200.00
40-50 lb	100.00	160.00
50-60 lb	100.00	120.00
60-80 lb	100.00	140.00
US#2-3 15-30 lb	100.00	140.00
30-40 lb	140.00	160.00
40-50 lb	110.00	160.00
75-85 lb	100.00	120.00

NEW ENGLAND POLLINATION FEES
From USDA-AMS National Honey Report

Per hive/ 4 hives per pallet/1 pallet minimum

85.00 150.00

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CORNWALL GOAT DISPERSAL PLAN ANNOUNCED**(Continued from Page 1)**

the agency's Bureau of Regulation and Inspection, and State Veterinarian Mary J. Lis, MS, DVM, Ph.D.

"These diseases are a serious concern to the goat industry," Dr. Lis said. "They are progressive, incurable diseases that silently spread through a herd over time and from generation to generation, shortening life expectancy and productivity and reducing the overall quality of life of the individual and the herd."

Diagnostic testing and removal of infected animals, Lis said, aids in the control and elimination of disease from the herd and prevents its spread to the next generation. Each member of the herd was also monitored for other health indicators such as weight gain or loss.

"It is our duty as livestock veterinarians to take the necessary measures to prevent and control the spread of animal diseases and protect public health while also considering the welfare of the individual animals in our care," Sherman said. "That is what this herd dispersal plan is designed to accomplish."

The agriculture department is working with UConn's College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources to connect with 4-H groups interested in obtaining a kid, and the state Department of Education to work with FFA and local agricultural-science and technology programs.

Anyone interested in the Kids for Kids program, or in obtaining one of the 13 disease-free goats should contact Dr. Lis at 860-713-2505 or mary.lis@ct.gov for details.

The seriously-diseased goats recently offered at livestock auction were sold for a total of \$5,750, bringing the total estimated cost of caring for the goats to date in Niantic to approximately \$42,000.

The former owners of the herd - Tara Bryson, 40, and Michael Hearl, 43, of West Suffield - transferred custody of the goats to the agriculture department in February, shortly before they were each charged with 63 counts of cruelty to animals.

The charges allege that they failed to properly feed, water and provide access to appropriate shelter for the herd, most of which were found to be emaciated. The inadequate care left the goats unable to maintain a healthy body weight needed for growth and maintenance.

The conditions also compromised the animals' ability to handle cold weather, resist parasites and disease and to deal with other stressful conditions such as pregnancy.

"This was an extremely complicated case that presented unique challenges both in handling the goats and in investigating the actions of their owners," Reviczky said. "But this case also demonstrates that our department has no tolerance for the abuse and neglect of animals, and will do whatever it takes to hold accountable anyone who does not fulfill their responsibilities to livestock or pets in their care."

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

NINE NEGLECTED HORSES, NUMEROUS DOGS AND CATS SEIZED IN NEWTOWN BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Department of Agriculture on Monday seized nine horses that were found to be malnourished and living in unhealthy conditions.

The seizure at 40 Towns End Road came after an investigation into complaints about the horses' health and living conditions, including inadequate food, water and shelter.

The horses, ranging in age from 4 to 27, were removed under a search-and-seizure warrant signed by a Danbury Superior Court judge. They were transported to the agriculture department's Second Chance large-animal rehabilitation facility in Niantic.

Seven of the horses are owned by the property's resident, Steve Gabriel, 53, and two by Patricia Whitehead, 60, of Darien.

State animal-control officers from the agriculture department will now pursue criminal charges of animal cruelty against the owners.

Also seized from the home today were two dogs and more than 30 cats that were living in a poorly ventilated area heavily contaminated by urine and feces. They were brought to area municipal animal shelters.

Top right: Dept. of Agriculture Animal Control Officer Barbara Godejohn leads a malnourished horse into the agency's large-animal rehabilitation facility in Niantic after it and eight other horses were seized Monday from a farm in Newtown, seen at lower right.



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