

Connecticut Weekly AGRICULTURAL REPORT

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Christine Whitney of Phoenix Farm in Cromwell at last week's Wethersfield Farmers' Market, where each of her Connecticut Grown offerings were properly labeled with the farm's name and address as required by state law.

FIRST SEASON OF NEW CONNECTICUT GROWN LAW SHOWS ERRATIC COMPLIANCE AT FARMERS' MARKETS ACROSS THE STATE

Compliance with the state's new laws regarding use of the Connecticut Grown logo at farmers' markets varied widely during its first full season, Department of Agriculture inspections showed.

Inspectors have issued nearly 50 warnings to growers and vendors that were found in violation of the law, which requires that all products at farmers' markets offered as Connecticut Grown be identified by a sign listing the name and address of the farm where the item originated.

The Department offers free price cards bearing the Connecticut Grown logo and space to list the farm's name and address to anyone selling at the approximately 130 certified farmers' markets statewide, where sale of out-of-state produce is prohibited.

Growers are also allowed to make their own signs.

Most of the warnings were issued because cards or homemade signs were marked with an item's price, but did not contain the farm's identifying information.

In some cases, inspectors learned that products being offered were grown at a different Connecticut farm than the one selling the items. There were no cases in which a grower was found to be falsely advertising an out-of-state product as Connecticut Grown.

"We know that the overwhelming majority of farmers at our markets are selling items they worked hard to grow or produce themselves and are proud to use the Connecticut

Grown logo to promote them," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "This law is simply designed to help ensure that everyone selling at a farmers' market is playing by the same rules, and so that the consumer is not only assured they are buying Connecticut Grown, but are informed specifically where the item was produced."

Enacted October 1, 2015, Public Act 15-245, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF FARM PRODUCTS AS "CONNECTICUT-GROWN," also requires anyone selling a claimed Connecticut-grown farm product at a farmers' market to do so in the "immediate proximity" of the identifying Connecticut Grown sign.

That was a point of confusion for some growers, who believed that the law would be met if their display booth at a farmers' market contained a sign bearing their farm's name, with no further identification on price cards for individual products.

A farm's sign would meet the requirements of the law if it bore a statement that all products being sold under the farm's name and address were of Connecticut origin.

The law calls for violators to receive a warning for a first violation and a \$100 fine for each subsequent violation.

"Our intent this season was to educate growers rather than impose fines," said Dr. Bruce Sherman, who as Director of the Dept. of Agriculture's Bureau of Regulation

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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	61.00	66.00
boners 80-85% lean	56.00	61.50
lean 88-90% lean	50.00	56.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	101.00	108.00
Choice 2-3	96.00	101.00
Sel 1-2	92.00	97.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	94.00	100.50
Ch 2-3 few	89.00	93.00
Sel 1-2 few	83.00	87.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	94.00	105.50
Ch 2-3	89.00	93.00
Sel 1-2	83.00	87.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 114-128 lbs	64.00	65.00
No 1 94-12 lbs	70.00	79.00
No 1 90-92 lbs	57.00	57.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	182.00	192.00
110-130 lbs	160.00	187.00
130-150 lbs	160.00	187.00
150-200 lbs	157.00	160.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	80.00	125.00
120-160 lbs	92.00	95.00
160-200 lbs	87.00	100.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
40-60 lbs	120.00	140.00
60-80 lbs	150.00	190.00
80-100 lbs	190.00	225.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	180.00	220.00
130-180 lbs	235.00	275.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	210.00	260.00
150-250 lbs	300.00	360.00

DAIRY REPLACEMENT COWS

Sold by the head.

FRESH COWS:		
SUPREME	1575.00	1700.00
APPROVED	1300.00	1600.00
MEDIUM	1025.00	1300.00
BRED COWS (1-6 MONTHS):		
SUPREME	1375.00	1375.00
APPROVED	1025.00	1025.00
MEDIUM	1025.00	1125.00
SPRINGING COWS (7-9 MONTHS):		
SUPREME	1650.00	1650.00
APPROVED	1425.00	1475.00
MEDIUM	950.00	1250.00
SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS):		
SUPREME	1625.00	1800.00
APPROVED	1275.00	1625.00
MEDIUM	1050.00	1350.00
BRED HEIFERS (4-6 MONTHS):		
SUPREME	1575.00	1775.00
APPROVED	1250.00	1575.00
MEDIUM	1000.00	1300.00
SHORT BRED HEIFERS (1-3 MONTHS):		
APPROVED	1200.00	1400.00
MEDIUM	900.00	1250.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 72-88	31.00	32.00
APPLE, CORT, FCY, 2-1/2", 12-3LB	16.00	18.00
APPLES, HNEYCRISP, LOOSE	55.00	55.00
APPLES, MCINTOSH, LOOSE	26.00	28.00
APPLE, MAC, XF, 2-1/2MIN, 12-3LB	22.00	23.00
APPLE, MC, FCY, 2-1/2MIN, 2-3LB	18.00	18.00
BEANS, CRANBERRY, BU	45.00	45.00
BEANS, GREEN, MACH PK, BU	28.00	30.00
BEANS, WAX, BU	32.00	32.00
BEETS, GOLD, LOOSE, 25 LBS	12.00	12.00
BEETS, RED, LOOSE, 25 LBS	7.00	7.00
BROCCOLI, CROWN, 20 LBS	11.00	15.00
CABBAGE, 50 LBS	12.00	12.00
CAULIFLOWER, FLTJKTPAK, 9, 12	12.00	14.00
CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON	19.00	21.00
CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON	21.00	22.50
COLLARDS, BUNCHED, 12	12.00	14.00
CORN, INDIAN, MINI, 12-3, 1/2 BU	28.00	30.00
CORN, INDIAN, 20-3, 1-1/9	38.00	40.00
CORN, INDIAN, 24-3, 1-1/9	48.00	50.00
CORN, STRAWB, MINI, 15-3, 1/2BU	28.00	30.00
CORN STALKS, 10/BUNDLE	4.00	5.00
CORN, SWEET, BI-COLR, 60	14.00	14.00
CRANBERRIES, 24-12 OZ	27.00	29.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9, FANCY	12.00	14.00
EGGPLANT, CHINESE, 1/2 BU	24.00	25.00
EGGPLANT, THAI, 20 LBS	15.00	16.00
GOURDS, ORN, SHELLAC, 1/2BU	22.00	23.00
KALE, BUNCHED, 12	12.00	14.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB	21.00	22.00
PEPPERS, GREEN, 1-1/9	12.00	12.00
RADISHES, 24 BUNCHES	13.00	14.00
SQUASH, ACORN/BTTNT, 1-1/9	12.00	15.00
SQUASH, GREEN, 1/2 BU	10.00	10.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, 1/2 BU	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9	11.00	14.00
SWISS CHARD, RAINBOW, 12	15.00	16.00

NEW ENGLAND WHOLESALE PUMPKINS

\$ per unit.

BIG MACK, XL, 24" BIN	260.00	285.00
BLUE, XL, 24" BIN	260.00	285.00
CNDERLA, OR, WT, XL, 24" BIN	260.00	285.00
FAIRYTALE, OR, WT, XL, 24" BIN	260.00	285.00
FAIRYTALE, 1/2 BU	15.00	16.00
HOWDEN, ORNG, JMB, 36" BIN	200.00	225.00
HOWDEN, ORNG, M-XL, 36" BIN	180.00	225.00
KNUCKLEHEAD, XL, 24" BIN	260.00	285.00
MINI, ORANGE/WHITE, 1/2 BU	15.00	18.00
PIE, SMALL, 1-1/9	15.00	16.00
PIE, M-L, 36" BIN	250.00	300.00
PIE, SMALL, 36" BIN	200.00	220.00

CONNECTICUT FARMERS' MARKETS

\$ Per unit.

CABBAGE, EACH	1.00	1.00
CORN STALKS, PER BUNCH	4.00	4.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9	20.00	20.00
GOURDS, 1/2 BU	20.00	20.00
PEPPERS, 1-1/9	18.00	18.00
POTATO, BLUE, 50 LBS	20.00	20.00
POTATO, GOLD, 10 LB BAG	3.00	3.00
POTATO, RED, 50 LBS	18.00	18.00
POTATO, SWEET, 20 LBS	15.00	15.00
POTATO, WHITE, 50 LBS	18.00	18.00
POTATO, YELW, CHEF, 50 LBS	18.00	18.00
PUMPKINS, MED, EACH	5.00	5.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - October 10, 2016

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	30.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.	40.00	45.00
76-90 lbs.	50.00	55.00
91-105 lbs.	60.00	65.00
106 lbs. & up	67.50	75.00
Farm Calves	80.00	100.00
Starter Calves	25.00	28.00
Veal Calves	65.00	107.50
Open Heifers	77.50	160.00
Beef Heifers	66.00	85.00
Feeder Steers	88.00	150.00
Beef Steers	74.00	80.00
Stock Bulls	100.00	150.00
Beef Bulls	76.00	82.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	1@	.01/lb
Sows	1@	.08/lb
Butcher Hogs	100.00	101.00
Feeder Pigs each	35.00	60.00
Sheep each	75.00	165.00
Lambs each	75.00	330.00
Goats each	85.00	365.00
Kid Goats each	40.00	90.00
Canners	up to	60.50
Cutters	61.00	63.00
Utility Grade Cows	64.00	67.00
Rabbits each	3.00	21.00
Chickens each	4.00	35.00
Ducks each	4.00	16.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

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

XTRA LARGE	.44	.63
LARGE	.38	.52
MEDIUM	.33	.46

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

XTRA LARGE	.95	1.05
LARGE	.87	.99
MEDIUM	.54	.64
SMALL	.32	.42

NEW HOLLAND, PA. FEEDER PIG

October 5, 2016

US 1-2		
30-40 LBS	40.00	75.00
40-50 LBS	62.00	90.00
50-60 LBS	50.00	80.00
60-80 LBS	40.00	75.00
80-100 LBS	70.00	85.00
US 2		
20-30 LBS	100.00	115.00
30-40 LBS	45.00	80.00
40-50 LBS	40.00	75.00
50-60 LBS	40.00	62.00
60-80 LBS	25.00	65.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	42.00	47.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	40.00	41.00
Sows, US 1-3	300-500 lbs	28.00	32.00
	500-700 lbs	31.00	33.50
Boars	200-300 lbs	30.00	30.00
	400-600 lbs	10.00	10.00
	400-800 lbs	8.00	10.00

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-on and Inspection oversaw the inspections, which are ongoing and will continue during the winter market season. "But by next year we would expect that anyone selling at a farmers' market will be aware of the law and in compliance with it."

Market masters at all certified farmers' markets were supplied with information about the law.

"We enforce it and I go around every week and do a circuit to see if anyone is selling anything suspicious," said Doug Sacks, master of the Wethersfield Farmers' Market, said at the market last week. "We have a really good group here and so far we have not had any problems."

Still, a tour of the market showed that several growers were not properly labeling their products with the farm of origin's name and address.

One grower that was in full compliance with the law was Christine Whitney of Phoenix Farms in Cromwell. Her baskets of peppers and squash and other items all bore Connecticut Grown price cards bearing the farm's name and address.

"We're proud of what we grow and we believe people need to know where it comes from," she said. "It's pretty simple. And if you're selling somebody else's product from Connecticut you should be proud of that too."

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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98-R. Round bales 4x4 haylage. Triple plastic wrapped. \$50.00. 150 bales. Griswold. Call 860-884-2889.

99-R. Lynn Blackmer, Nationwide Farm Master Certified Agent, Woodstock, CT. Farm, commercial, life insurance, and more. Cell: 860-377-8947 to see how Nationwide compares.

Inspectors said some growers may have not filled out price cards or signs because they are reluctant to advertise that they are selling Connecticut Grown products from another farm to supplement their offerings.

"There are very few businesses that are as unpredictable as farming," Reviczky said. "So it is important that farmers support other farmers and we encourage that practice. The bottom line that you don't have to grow everything yourself, but what you sell has to be Connecticut Grown and it has to be labeled properly. I strongly believe that the Connecticut Grown logo adds value to products and the only way to protect that is to ensure the logo has absolute integrity."



100-R. For Sale: Christmas greens, wreaths and roping. Many sizes and varieties. Excellent for fund raisers. 203-457-1344.

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FARM VIABILITY GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 14, FINAL WORKSHOP THIS FRIDAY

The Farm Viability Grant is for Connecticut municipalities, groups of municipalities, regional councils of governments, and/or agricultural non-profit organizations for projects that foster agricultural viability.

The program provides grants to up to \$49,999. Applicants must provide a 40% match through cash or in-kind services.

Grant guidelines and forms can be found at www.CTGrown.gov/grants and must be submitted by email only between Nov. 7 and Nov. 14 to Jaime.Smith@ct.gov.

The program provides grants to up to \$49,999. Applicants must provide a 40% match through cash or in-kind services.

Funded projects have included town-owned farm improvements, efforts related to farmland preservation, the purchase of processing equipment to increasing the availability of Connecticut Grown products year-round in schools, and a host of other efforts that foster agriculture viability.

The final workshop on how to write a project plan and apply for the grant will be held Friday, October 14 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Hartford Regional Market Conference Room, Building A, in Hartford.

Please RSVP 24 hours prior to the meeting to Jaime Smith, 860-713-2559 or Jaime.Smith@ct.gov. Directions and parking information will be emailed to all meeting attendees the day before the meeting.

UConn BEEF AUCTION OCTOBER 30

The UConn Beef Auction will be held this year on Sunday, October 30 at the Cattle Resource Unit (heifer barn) located on Horsebarn Hill Road, Storrs campus.

The event is free and open to the general public. Preview of animals begins at 10 a.m. and the auction starts at noon. Lunch will be available for purchase.

Please contact Mary Margaret Cole, Executive Program Director, UConn Livestock Units at Mary_Margaret.Cole@uconn.edu with questions. Please provide your email address if you would like to receive an electronic copy of the animal sale list.

Approximately 13-15 animals are expected to be auctioned and may include Angus (heifers and steers), and Hereford (heifers and steers). Consignments will not be accepted this year.

Prior to the auction, the Animal Auction List will be posted at www.animalscience.uconn.edu

USDA DECLARES CONNECTICUT DROUGHT DISASTER AREA, OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated Hartford, Litchfield and Tolland counties in Connecticut as primary natural disaster areas due to losses caused by the recent drought.

Farmers and ranchers in Fairfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham counties in Connecticut also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous.

Farmers and ranchers in Berkshire, Hampden and Worcester counties in Massachusetts and Dutchess County in New York also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous.

All counties listed above were designated natural disaster areas on Sep. 29, 2016, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met.

Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses.

FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

Additional information is also available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Other FSA programs that can provide assistance, but do not require a disaster declaration, include the Emergency Conservation Program; Livestock Forage Disaster Program; Livestock Indemnity Program; Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program; and the Tree Assistance Program.

Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs.

NO WEEKLY AGRICULTURAL REPORT NEXT WEEK

Publication will resume on October 25

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