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COMMISSIONER REVICZKY ADVISES AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS, RESIDENTS TO PREPARE FOR BLIZZARD

Editor's Note: Due to the forecasted major blizzard expected to arrive tonight, the Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report is publishing a day early, with an emphasis on advising residents how to prepare for the storm.

Department of Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky is advising residents to take immediate steps to protect livestock, pets and property during the blizzard forecast to begin this evening and last into early Wednesday.

Residents should be prepared for a prolonged severe weather event that could drop three feet of snow or more in some areas

Heavy winds and blowing snow are predicted to create more than 110,000 power outages.

"This is shaping up to be a storm of epic proportions," Reviczky said. "The agricultural community prides itself on preparedness and self-reliance, and this event will certainly test both of those attributes. I urge everyone to take immediate precautions for themselves, their animals and their property."

Reviczky advises all of our readers to take the following measures:

- All animals should have access to safe shelter.
- Have livestock roughage and concentrates available and accessible.
- Bring in companion animals and ensure pets have enough food, water and medicine.
- Check water supplies to ensure they have not frozen.
- Have three days' supply of fuel, and check emergency generators and heavy equipment to be used to clear snow.

BARNs, HOUSEs, AND OTHER STRUCTURES

Check roofs periodically especially in areas where snow may accumulate due to wind deposition, and be prepared to remove snow from roofs.

If you fear a roof collapse and cannot remove the snow, prevent access to those areas.

Wood structures will show stress before they fail, unlike metal structures that usually will not.

For a wood structure, the following audible and or visual signs may be noticed prior to failure:

- Creaking or moaning in the building
- Bowing of truss bottom chords or web members
- Bowing of rafters or purlins
- Bowing of headers or columns

If any of those signs are present, consideration should be given to evacuating animals and people from the barn:

Attempting to save a barn is not worth risking lives. Shoveling the roof without the proper approach may actually cause more damage than good by creating an unbalanced load on the roof.

If you have an urgent incident to report, please contact your local Emergency Management Director at town or city hall, who will forward the information to agriculture department staff at the state Emergency Operations Center in Hartford.

Reports should also be made to the local USDA Farm Service Agency

The Department of Agriculture is collecting information regarding damage of any kind to agricultural structures as a result of snow and ice accumulation. Please contact us at 860-713-2500 at your earliest convenience after the storm to report damage.

WIC/SENIOR FARMERS' MARKET NUTRITION CERTIFICATION MEETINGS POSTPONED

The Department of Agriculture has postponed the following WIC/Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program certification meetings for this week due to the storm:

- Wednesday, January 28th, at the Kellogg Environmental Center, 500 Hawthorne Ave, Derby.
- Thursday, January 29th, at the Middlesex County Extension Center, 1066 Saybrook Road, Haddam.

New dates for the meetings will be posted in the Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report, sent via email, and posted on the agency website.

Questions can be directed to Richard Macsuga at:
richard.macsuga@ct.gov or 860-713-2544.

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

LOW HIGH

SLAUGHTER COWS:

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| breakers 75-80% lean | 103.00 | 108.00 |
| boners 80-85% lean | 100.50 | 106.00 |
| lean 85-90% lean | 95.75 | 101.00 |

CALVES graded bull

| | | |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| No 1 95-120lbs | 367.50 | 425.50 |
| No 2 95-120lbs | 331.25 | 386.50 |
| No 3 80-120lbs | 237.75 | 311.00 |

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS

| | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|
| HiCh/Prm2-3 | 163.25 | 166.00 |
| Ch1-3 | 157.00 | 160.00 |
| Sel1-2 | 154.00 | 159.00 |

SLAUGHTER STEERS

| | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|
| HiCh/Prm2-3 | 165.25 | 168.75 |
| Ch1-3 | 159.50 | 163.25 |
| Sel1-2 | 154.00 | |

158.503SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS

| | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|
| HiCh/Prm2-3 | 147.25 | 150.00 |
| Ch1-3 | 138.50 | 142.50 |
| Sel1-2 | 136.25 | 141.25 |

VEALERS Utility 60-120lb

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|--|-------|-------|
| | 39.00 | 95.00 |
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SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| 60-80 lb hair sheep | 232.00 | 270.00 |
| 60-80 lbs | 236.00 | 252.00 |
| 80-110 lbs | 192.00 | 224.00 |

SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3

| | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|
| 90-130 lbs | 137.00 | 142.00 |
| 130-150 lbs | 120.00 | 142.00 |
| 160-170 lbs | 127.00 | 140.00 |

BUCKS

| | | |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| 170-1900 lbs | 110.00 | 114.00 |
| 210-250lbs | 77.00 | 107.00 |

SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| 20-40lb | n/a | |
| 40-60lb | 155.00 | 182.00 |
| 60-80lb | 165.00 | 185.00 |
| 80-100 | 222.00 | 260.00 |
| Nannies/Does: 110-130 lbs | 230.00 | 252.00 |
| 130-140 lbs | n/a | |
| Bucks/Billies: 130-150 lbs | 275.00 | 335.00 |
| 150-160 lbs | 280.00 | 395.00 |

PA FEEDER PIG SUMMARY

| | | |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| US # 1-2 | | |
| 20-30lb | 135.00 | 180.00 |
| 30-40 lb | 170.00 | 200.00 |
| 40-50 lb | 160.00 | 175.00 |
| 60-80 lb | 160.00 | 160.00 |
| US # 2 | | |
| 20-30 lb | 120.00 | 160.00 |
| 30-40 lb | 130.00 | 180.00 |
| 40-50 lb | 120.00 | 170.00 |
| 60-90 lb | 75.00 | 110.00 |
| 113-131lb | 70.00 | 81.00 |

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

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| | LOW | HIGH |
| CIDER 9-1/2 GAL | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| BEAN SPROUTS, 10LB | 4.50 | 6.00 |
| ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5LB | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| POTATOES, WHITE CHEF 50LB | 11.00 | 11.00 |
| PARSNIPS, 25LB | 19.00 | 24.00 |
| RUTABAGAS, 50 LBS | 19.00 | 20.00 |
| TOMATOES, 12LB, GRHSE, VR | 24.00 | 24.00 |
| TOMATOES, CHRRY, 5LB, GRHS | 22.00 | 23.00 |
| APPLE, MCINTOSH, 12/3 FCY | 17.00 | 17.00 |
| APPLE, MAC, 140, CELLPK FCY | 19.00 | 19.00 |
| APPLE, MCINTOSH, 88, US FCY | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| APPLE, RED DEL, 88 CT, XFCY | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| APPLE, MCINTOSH, 120, US#1 | 17.00 | 18.00 |
| APPLE, CORTLAND, 12/3 US#1 | 15.00 | 15.00 |

SHIPPED IN

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| CABBAGE, 50LB, NY | 9.00 | 10.00 |
| CUKE, GRHSE, 12CT, CANADA | 13.00 | 16.00 |
| CARROTS, BABY, CA 15/2LB | 23.00 | 24.00 |
| BROCCOLI, 20LB, CA, CRWN | 28.00 | 28.00 |
| ORANGES, NAVEL, 88 7/10BU | 22.00 | 23.00 |
| PEPPERS, GRN, 1 1/9 BU, FL | 10.00 | 17.00 |
| RHUBARB, GRHSE, 10LB, MI | 35.00 | 35.00 |
| STAR FRUIT, 25 CT, FL | 14.00 | 15.00 |
| STRAWBERRIES, 4-2LB, FL | 18.00 | 24.00 |

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

| | | |
|-------------------|------|------|
| BAGGED FRYER | .99 | 1.99 |
| BAGGED ROASTER | .99 | 1.79 |
| BNLS/SKNLS BREAST | 2.49 | 4.99 |
| WHOLE WINGS | 2.99 | 2.99 |
| LEG QUARTERS | .79 | .99 |
| THIGHS | 1.29 | 1.29 |
| BNLS/SKNLS THIGHS | 2.39 | 2.49 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 1.99 | 1.99 |

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

| | | |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| | PREMIUM | GOOD |
| ALFALFA | 230.00-365.00 | 215.00 |
| MIXED HAY | 235.00-400.00 | 190.00-230.00 |
| TIMOTHY | 225.00-300.00 | n/a |
| STRAW | 130.00-240.00 | |

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, Jan. 19, 2015

LOW HIGH

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Bob Calves: | | |
| 45-60 lbs. | 55.00 | 65.00 |
| 61-75 lbs. | 85.00 | 140.00 |
| 76-90 lbs. | 290.00 | 310.00 |
| 91-105 lbs. | 315.00 | 320.00 |
| 106 lbs. & up | 325.00 | 330.00 |
| Farm Calves | 340.00 | 350.00 |
| Starter Calves | 50.00 | 60.00 |
| Veal Calves | 115.00 | 180.00 |
| Open Heifers | 120.00 | 135.00 |
| Beef Heifers | 110.00 | 136.00 |
| Feeder Steers | 125.00 | 160.00 |
| Beef Steers | 118.00 | 140.00 |
| Stock Bulls | 125.00 | 170.00 |
| Beef Bulls | 134.50 | 137.00 |
| 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 | 40.00 | 60.00 |
| Sheep | 105.00 | 145.00 |
| Lambs | 80.00 | 170.00 |
| Goats each | 122.50 | 330.00 |
| Kid Goats | 112.50 | 190.00 |
| Canners | up to | 110.00 |
| Cutters | 111.00 | 114.00 |
| Utility Grade Cows | 115.00 | 117.00 |
| 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)

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|------------|------|------|
| XTRA LARGE | 1.10 | 1.29 |
| LARGE | 1.04 | 1.18 |
| MEDIUM | .95 | 1.08 |

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

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

| | | |
|------------|------|------|
| XTRA LARGE | 2.05 | 2.15 |
| LARGE | 2.01 | 2.11 |
| MEDIUM | 1.43 | 1.53 |

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

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|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| 48-52 | 250-350 lbs | 55.00 | 60.00 |
| | 300-400 lbs | n/a | n/a |
| 52-56 | 250-350 lbs | 60.00 | 70.00 |
| | 300-400 lbs | n/a | n/a |
| Sows, US1-3 | 400-600 lbs | 50.00 | 53.00 |
| Low dress | 400-600 lbs | 40.00 | 42.50 |
| Boars | 650-800 lbs | 25.00 | 25.00 |

FOR SALE

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12-R. Calling all farmers in Middlesex County for development of website and brochure, free marketing. Please contact the RiverCOG: 860-581-8554, or nhougrand@rivercog.org with farm name and contact info.

CONSUMERS ADVISED TO DISCARD CHEESE FROM THE BUTTERFIELD FARM CO.

The Department of Agriculture is advising consumers, retail outlets and restaurants to discard any cheese purchased from The Butterfield Farm Co. in Cornwall after October 14, 2014.

On Thursday, Jan. 22 all cheese in inventory at The Butterfield Farm Co. was embargoed and the company was ordered to stop selling cheese after agriculture department inspectors learned that the company had no records of pasteurizing seven deliveries of raw milk made to its Hautboy Hill Road farm between Oct. 14 and Nov. 2.

Pasteurization uses heat to kill pathogens that may be present in raw milk. The Butterfield Farm Co. was licensed to manufacture cheese from pasteurized milk.

It is unclear from the records present during inspection whether any of the seven milk deliveries in question were used to produce cheese, but the department is notifying consumers out of an abundance of caution.

There have been no suspected illnesses reported. Anyone who believes they may have gotten ill from the cheese should notify their physician.

Butterfield Farm products were sold or used in about 20 stores and restaurants in Connecticut, as well as at some farmers' markets. They also were sold at the Union Square Greenmarket in New York City and at the Pleasantville Market in Pleasantville, N.Y.

Agricultural department inspectors recently visited several Connecticut stores that carried the product, and found Butterfield cheese in only one of them.

Restaurants and retail markets may have received bulk packaged cheese from The Butterfield Farm Co. and repacked it in consumer sized portions packaged for sale under the store's label. The department is contacting all known commercial outlets for The Butterfield Farm Co. products.

The agriculture department also has been in contact with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration about the matter.

Consumers with any questions should contact the Dept. of Agriculture at 860-713-2508.

ATTENTION GRAZIERS

The NRCS and SARE are looking to organize graziers in Connecticut.

The groups will meet twice in February and March, followed by summer meetings during the grazing months which will be held at members' farms. Groups are currently scheduled to be based in the Lebanon and Brooklyn areas, and will be limited to 5-8 farm per group.

Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. This is a great opportunity for FFA or 4-H groups, or a group of graziers from one area. Members will have a chance to bring real-life questions and ideas about plant and weed identification, animal forage selection and forage nutrition value, grazing infrastructure (i.e., fences, sacrifice pasture, and laneways) and management techniques.

The goal is to generate ideas and try new things for animal and pasture productivity and health.

For more information or to sign-up, please contact: Jim Hyde, NRCS, 860.871.4022, james.hyde@ct.usda.gov; or Joyce Meader, UConn Extension, 860-774-9600, or joyce.meader@uconn.edu

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Ag Marketing
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Trade Show**

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Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA

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NEW FARM SAFE GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Department of Agriculture has created a new State Assistance for Enhancements (SAFE) Grant is to provide matching funds to Connecticut farmers and farmer cooperatives.

The grants are designed to improve and diversify production, harvesting, processing, and manufacturing of agricultural farm products in accordance with the anticipated Food Safety Moderation Act (FSMA), and to expand venues and other markets in which a majority of products sold are grown in the state.

The purpose is to provide financial support to farmers to enhance their agricultural operations in accordance with anticipated FSMA regulations to increase profits and to assist farmers seeking to diversify, transition into new production areas, and/or expand existing production in accordance with

anticipated FSMA regulations.

Farmers and farmer cooperatives are eligible to apply. Project must focus on food safety enhancements, and priority projects are included in the guidelines. These are competitive grants based primarily on the submitted business plan.

Award maximum is \$25,000 and there a 50-percent cash match requirement. Projects must be completed within one year.

Questions and applications should be directed to Jaime Smith at jaime.smith@ct.gov or 860-713-2559. Deadline is 4 p.m. on March 6, 2015. Applications are accepted via email only.

Guidelines can be found at:

<http://www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=1366&Q=559564> or at www.ctgown.gov/grants

SNOW LOAD BASED ON ACCUMULATION DEPTH

| Snow Depth on Roof (Ft.) | "Dry Snow" (lbs./sq.ft.) | "In Between Snow" (lbs./sq. ft.) | "Wet Snow" (lbs./sq. ft.) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 3 | 12 | 21 |
| 2 | 6.5 | 24 | 42 |
| 3 | 9.5 | 36 | 62 |
| 4 | 12.5 | 48 | 83 |
| 5 | 15.5 | 60 | 104 |

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