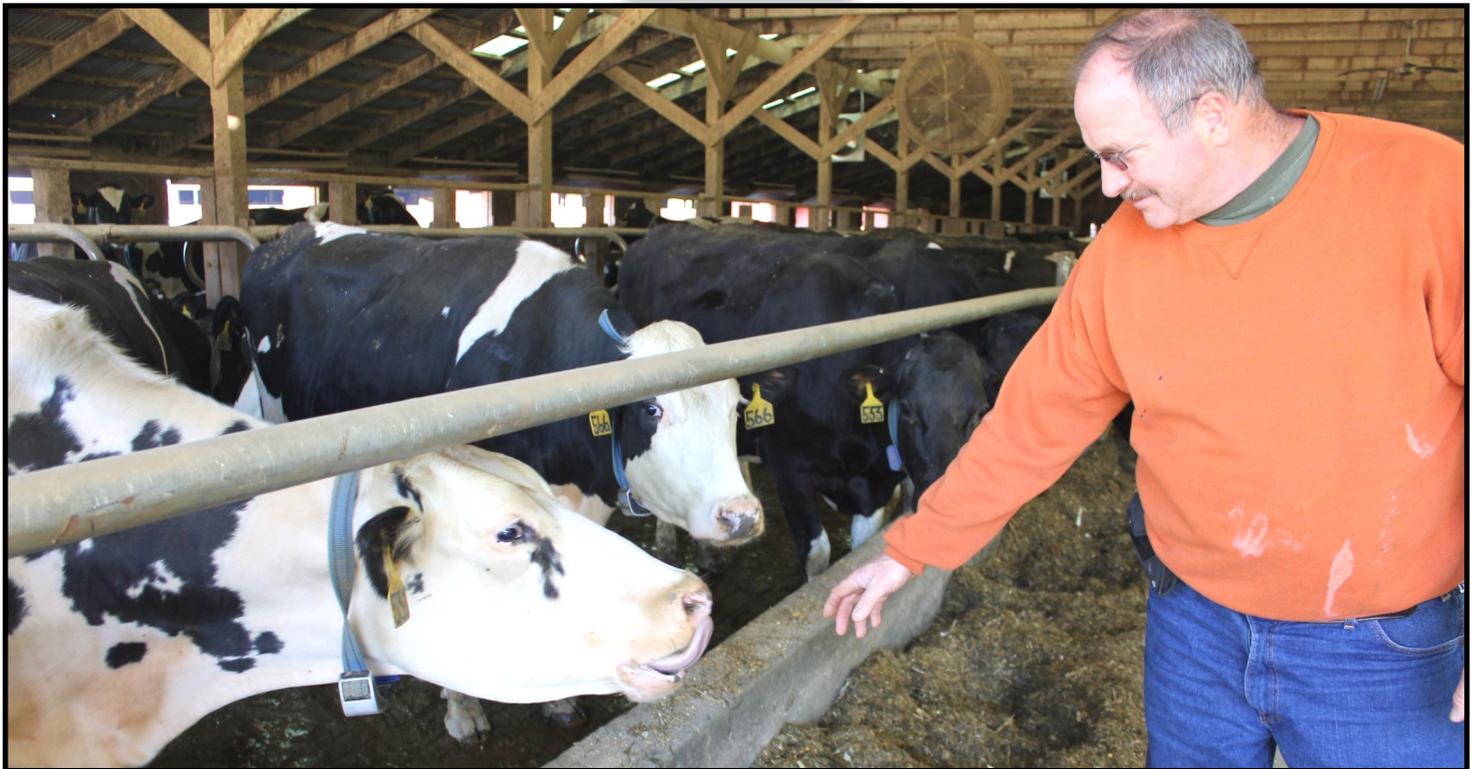


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Woodstock dairy farmer Tim Young with some of the 230 cows he has outfitted with blue activity-monitoring collars.

## DOAG HELPING FARMERS MODERNIZE, STRENGTHEN OPERATIONS WITH TRANSITION GRANTS

*By Ron Olsen, Marketing and Inspection Representative*

Even when he's sleeping, Tim Young is tracking literally every move made by the 230 dairy cows at his Valley Side Farm in Woodstock.

With the help of a Dept. of Agriculture Farm Transition matching grant, Young outfitted each cow with an electronic "activity meter" sensor collar that records a 'round-the-clock variety of information on each animal, allowing him to better manage the health and production of the herd.

The information is transmitted by a wireless antenna mounted on a barn wall to a computer in a small office, where with the click of a key Young can get an instant profile of a cow's movements, whether for a single day or a period of weeks.

"We know when they're up, we know when they're eating and we know if they're down and possibly getting sick," Young said. "It's a tool that has really helped us do a better job in many ways."

The most important result of the monitoring system is that it can improve the overall productivity of each cow by predicting and measuring its heat cycle to better time when to breed it.

"We're now averaging 12.6 months," between reproductive cycles, he said. "That's pretty good."

Shorter calving intervals means cows return faster to peak lactation, increasing overall milk production. The collars also monitor certain health issues, enabling more targeted treatment.

Young estimates the monitoring system is saving the farm upward of \$15,000 a year. He hopes to expand use of the system to track how much milk each of his cow produces in a given time.

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said the collars are an example of how Farm Transition Grants can help farmers "take the next step" in improving and modernizing their operations.

The deadline for a new offering of grants - which are capped at \$49,999 and must be matched by at least 50 percent by the farmer - is Friday, Nov. 14.

"One of our priorities continues to be offering grants that will assist with hardening of farms' infrastructure to withstand extreme weather events and to help growers comply with the requirements of new federal Food Safety Modernization Act regulations," Reviczky said. "Now is the time for farmers considering making improvements in these areas to put their applications together and get them submitted by the deadline."

Since its inception in 2005, a total of 134 producers have been awarded over \$3.6 million in grants, helping fund projects totaling nearly \$11 million in overall value.

Projects have included farm buildings and equipment, commercial kitchens and other value-added processing equipment,

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**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, Oct. 6, 2014

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	55.00	65.00
61-75 lbs.	250.00	260.00
76-90 lbs.	285.00	290.00
91-105 lbs.	295.00	300.00
106 lbs. & up	305.00	310.00
Farm Calves	315.00	320.00
Starter Calves	45.00	50.00
Veal Calves	100.00	200.00
Open Heifers	120.00	160.00
Beef Steers	132.00	150.00
Beef Heifers	131.00	137.00
Feeder Steers	120.00	155.00
Stock Bulls	115.00	145.00
Beef Bulls	114.00	133.00
Boars	n/a	
Sows	1@	44.00
Butcher Hogs	125.00	130.00
Goats each	75.00	165.00
Kid Goats	65.00	85.00
Canners	up to	119.00
Cutters	120.00	123.00
Utility Grade Cows	125.00	129.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	30.00
Chickens each	4.00	25.00
Ducks each	4.00	9.00
Feeder Pigs	35.00	65.00
Lambs	85.00	170.00
Sheep	65.00	145.00

**Auction will open on Columbus Day****NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

		Low	High
48-52	200-300 lbs	87.00	91.00
	300-350 lbs	n/a	
52-56	200-300 lbs	91.00	94.00
	300-400 lbs	n/a	
Sows, US1-3	300-500 lbs	n/a	
	500-700 lbs	58.00	64.00
Boars	650-800 lbs	39.50	42.00

**DIRECT TO CONSUMER****RETAIL BEEF****VERMONT GRASS FED (\$/LB)**

TENDERLOIN	15.00	22.00
BL RIBEYE	12.00	22.00
TBONE	11.30	20.00
FLANK STEAK	6.00	12.00
HAMBURGER	5.50	8.00
STEW	5.50	8.00
BRISKET	6.50	9.75
RIB ROAST	11.35	13.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES****NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	LOW	HIGH
POTATOES, RUSSET, 80CT	13.00	13.00
SQUASH, BUTTERCUP, 1 1/9	16.00	18.00
BROCCOLI, 14CT	16.00	18.00
BEAN GREEN, BU, HAND PICK	28.00	28.00
RADISHES, 24'S	14.00	14.00
BROCCOLI, CROWNS, 20LB	16.00	20.00
BEET, 12'S	15.00	18.00
POTATOES, 10LB	2.50	2.60
COLLARD	10.00	12.00
CORN, 5DZ	10.00	12.00
CAULIFLOWER, 9-12CT	16.00	20.00
CAULIFLOWER, 26" BIN	140.00	165.00
EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 BU	10.00	12.00
KALE, 12'S	10.00	14.00
CAULIFLOWER, ORANGE, 12CT	20.00	20.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, BOX	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, ACORN, 1 1/9	12.00	15.00
PEPPER, CUBANELLE 11/9BU	10.00	12.00
CHIVES, 1 LB	8.00	8.00
PEPPER, BELL, GREEN XL	12.00	14.00
PEPPERS SUNTAN, 1 1/9	7.00	10.00
RHUBARB 20 IB LGE	30.00	32.00
SQUASH, YELLOW, FCY, 1/2BU	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, BUTTERNUT, 1 1/9	12.00	15.00
SQUASH, GREEN, FCY, 1/2BU	22.00	24.00
SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1 1/9	16.00	20.00
SWISS CHARD, 12'S	16.00	18.00
PARSNIPS, 25LB	24.00	24.00
GRAPE, CONCORD, 8/1QT	26.00	26.00
APPLE, MCINTOSH, 96CT XFCY	28.00	32.00
APPLE, GALA, 80CT, XFCY	32.00	34.00
APPLE, MCINTOSH, 12/3	17.00	22.00
PEAR, BOSCH, 4/5BU	30.00	32.00
APPLE, CORT, BU	22.00	24.00
APPLE, HNYCRISP, 100CT, FCY	30.00	32.00

**WHOLESALE SEASONAL NEW ENGLAND**

INDIAN CORN, 20/3'S	38.00	40.00
PMPKIN, HOWDEN, 36"BIN, JBO	150.00	180.00
PMPKIN, PIE, sm, 36"bin, med	250.00	300.00
PMPKN, PIE, 1 1/9bu	11.00	18.00
CORN STALKS	4.50	4.50
PMPKIN, MINI, 1/2BU	13.00	16.00
GOURDS, SHELLACKED, 20LB	18.00	22.00
STRAW BALE	6.00	9.00

**WHOLESALE TOMATOES**

PLUM, 25LB	12.00	16.00
GRAPE, 12/1PT	16.00	18.00
FIELD, 25LB	10.00	20.00
HEIRLOOM, 10 LB	20.00	26.00

**PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY**

Average Dressing

	Low	High
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
breakers 75-80% lean	105.75	110.25
boners 80-85% lean	103.00	107.50
lean 85-90% lean	95.25	101.00
CALVES graded bull		
No 95-120lbs	295.50	347.25
No 2 95-120lbs	269.00	314.25
No 3 80-12 0lbs	205.00	265.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm2-3	156.00	158.50
Ch2-3	148.50	153.25
Sel2-3	143.50	148.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS.		
HiCh/prm3-4	155.25	160.00
Ch2-3	155.50	158.75
Sel2-3	151.00	154.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/prm3-4	143.25	147.25
Ch2-3	136.00	139.50
Sel2-3	131.75	135.50
VEALERS	47.00	92.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3		
50-70lbs	210.00	225.00
60-80lb	180.00	220.00
80-110lbs	197.00	230.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3		
100-120lbs	n/a	
120-160lbs	80.00	140.00
Bucks		
160-2000.lbs	86.00	94.00
200-3000lbs	79.00	100.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.		
20-40lb	n/a	
50-60lb	137.00	182.00
60-70lb	200.00	200.00
80-100lb	n/a	
Nannies/Does: 80-130lbs	152.00	212.00
120-210lbs	n/a	
Bucks/Billies: 160-250lbs	187.00	240.00
150-170lbs	n/a	

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.28	1.32
LARGE	1.26	1.30
MEDIUM	1.15	1.19

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

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

XTRA LARGE	1.61	1.71
LARGE	1.57	1.67
MEDIUM	1.25	1.35

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Baby goats at Beltane Farm in Lebanon.

**FARM TRANSITION GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE  
NOW THROUGH NOV. 14  
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netting, wildlife barriers, energy efficiencies and a host of other improvements and innovations.

Funding is through the Community Investment Act, which is generated by a \$40 fee on the recording of documents on municipal land records.

Unlike state bonding authorizations, the Act generates a dedicated revenue stream to fund agriculture programs on an ongoing basis. Grantees have one year to complete the funded project.

At Vincent Farms in West Suffield, a transition grant helped build a larger warehouse where vegetables and tobacco are packed and graded, and to purchase a cooler to store produce.

An extended loading dock used for palletized produce was included in the expansion to aid in their wholesale business.

Robert Vincent and son Josh grow 180 acres of sweet corn and other vegetables, hay and broad leaf tobacco. The new warehouse and refrigeration equipment has enabled them to increase their market share through wholesale clients, a larger retail farm store and expanded delivery to farmstands and other markets.

Beltane Farm in Lebanon used a Transition grant to expand its goat cheese production and processing room.

The farm's output and sales have increased each year since it was launched in 1999. About a decade ago, they were selling at three farmers markets and a handful of specialty retail markets in Willimantic and Mystic.

By 2012, they were participating in 15 farmers' markets and selling cheese and milk to retail stores and restaurants in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Boston.

They also developed distribution partnerships with CT Farm Express, Artisan Made Northeast and Sysco, creating a larger distribution network to area restaurants and other food service providers.

Today, Beltane milks approximately 60 goats on 22 acres. They produce cheese, a Greek style yogurt, and pasteurized milk. Cheese varieties include Chevre, Feta, natural rind and specialty flavors.

Beltane Farm has also received a Farm Restoration Grant that has helped clear 6-plus acres that were fallow and create three separate grazing areas for their goats.

Owner Paul Trubey said the larger facility not only allows the farm to produce more cheese, but enables him to meet new food safety requirements in processing.

Access to the new production room is limited to employees with specific training in food safety that will minimize contamination risk.

Trubey said the new room is much easier to keep clean, which has helped ensure better cleaning protocols, and created increased employee working times for care of aging cheese wheels, packing and labelling.

The better controlled climate has also produced an overall upgrade in cheese quality.

"As far as production, the Farm Transition Grant has allowed us to improve and increase an entire line of raw milk aged cheeses, which has increased our revenue by ten percent," Trubey said.

**For further information on Farm Transition Grants,  
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## DOAG'S NANCY JARVIS NAMED STATE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Dept. of Agriculture's Nancy Jarvis has been named state Animal Control Officer (ACO) of the Year by her peers in the Connecticut Municipal Animal Control Officers Association.

Jarvis, who has been an ACO for 27 years, was recognized at the association's annual conference held Sept. 25 at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum.

She was presented with the Paul A. Deneault – Theresa Foss Memorial award "in recognition of her outstanding commitment, dedication to the animal care and control profession."

Deneault, who died in 1993, was a longtime ACO with the Dept. of Agriculture, including serving as Deputy Chief of the Animal Control division, where he worked with Jarvis.

"This award means a lot because Paul was a big part of my life, as a mentor and a friend," Jarvis said. "The way I approach my job is the result of working with him and with some other really good teachers."

Theresa Foss was an ACO in Plainfield who died in 2010 after she responded to a call and was knocked to the ground by a dog, suffering a fatal head injury.

She was the first ACO in Connecticut to be killed in the line of duty.

Jarvis said Foss' situation spotlights the challenges that ACOs face on a regular basis. Known for her focus and passion in investigating animal-cruelty cases, and especially those involving horses,

Jarvis said she gets enormous satisfaction from seeing the progress many animals make after being removed from their abusive owners.

"If we didn't get to see some of these positive outcomes this job would be very difficult," she said.

Ray Connors, Supervisor of the Dept. of Agriculture's animal-control division, said Jarvis' dedication to animal welfare and to prosecuting those who mistreat them is well-known throughout the state.

"Nancy is a huge asset to this division and we are proud to see her get the accolades and recognition she deserves," he said.



Animal Control Officer Nancy Jarvis leads a horse seized in an abuse investigation at a Fairfield County farm this summer.



A new warehouse at Vincent Farm in West Suffield, partly funded by a Farm Transition Grant.

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