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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

GROWTH IN AGRITOURISM INSPIRES REGIONAL CONFERENCE

by Jaime Smith, Agricultural Marketing Representative

Agricultural producers from CT, RI, MA, and NY will gather March 3rd to participate in the Southern New England Agritourism Business Conference – “Taking Your Farm Destination to the Next Level” at Gouveia Vineyards in Wallingford, CT.

The conference is a collaboration between New England FarmWays, the CT Department of Agriculture, and www.VisitNewEngland.com, with additional sponsorships provided by Farm Credit East. Agricultural producers as well as professionals from business, community and economic development, travel and tourism, and the marketing fields will explore the opportunities and challenges of agritourism during the conference.

“Agritourism is a rapidly growing – and changing – sector of the farm economy,” says Jane Slupecki, Ag Marketing & Inspection Representative for the CT Department of Agriculture. “Producers are looking to diversify their enterprises to generate additional on-farm revenue. With the extensive group of speakers available at the conference, producers are sure to take away a significant amount of information on how to pursue or expand their agritourism efforts.”

Slupecki anticipates the conference will develop the producer and professional relationships to expand the agritourism infrastructure in the region.

“Agritourism not only provides enjoyment but educates the consumer as well.” Slupecki says. “Agriculture in Connecticut is no longer the farmer-in-overalls image it used to be. It’s become a technology-savvy, diversified business with agritourism leading the way.”

The conference will be held on March 3, 2010 from 8:30am-4pm at Gouveia Vineyards, 1339 Whirlwind Hill Road, Wallingford, CT 06492-2727. Pre-registration is required. An early bird registration fee of \$75 per person is offered until February 24. Registration is \$95 per person after that. For more information go to: <http://www.nefarmways.org>.

LEARN HOW TO MARKET YOUR PRODUCTS!

Are you dreaming about turning your favorite recipe into a successful commercial product? Do you want to increase sales of your current value-added products or get ideas for products? Then attend From Farm to Kitchen to Market on March 10th at the Crown Plaza Cromwell from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The day is designed to help potential entrepreneurs explore the whys and hows of taking a food product from idea to a product on the shelf. The conference is sponsored by the Connecticut Women’s Agricultural Network,

the University of Connecticut, and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the Connecticut Specialty Food Association.

Ron Tanner, Vice President, National Association for the Specialty Food Trade, Inc., New York will explore with attendees the national trends in specialty food, while Brian Norder from the Vermont Food Venture Center, will cover the production process from start to finished product. Lee Kane, Regional Forager for Whole Foods Markets, will provide an experienced look at food trends in New England. Food safety requirements and how they can be met in small scale commercial kitchens will be reviewed by Diane Hirsch, University of Connecticut.

A panel of successful food entrepreneurs will share their experiences. Panelists include Phyllis Hanes of Mariah’s Chow-Chow of West Haven, Beth Hillson, founder of Gluten Free Pantry of Glastonbury, and Patrick Horan, Waldingfield Farm from Washington, CT. Marketing strategies will be presented by Kurt Houser from Ola! Granola of Redding, CT, whose products have been featured by Rachel Ray and Real Simple Magazine.

Registration is \$45 and includes lunch and resource materials. Registration details (paid registration must be received by March 3) and the complete program and registration form is available at www.ctwagn.com. Questions can be directed to us at ctwagn@cox.net or call 860-570-9067 or 860-657-8157. An equal opportunity employer and program provider.

SEASON EXTENSION WORKSHOP

Co-sponsored by the CT Department of Agriculture,
Wholesome Wave, CitySeed, and Buy CT Grown
Funded by the University of Connecticut Extension Program and RMA

Extending your season and Expanding your customer base
Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Middlesex County Extension Center
1066 Saybrook Road
Haddam, CT 06438

To RSVP and for more information, please contact:

Cristina Sandolo
cristina@wholesomewave.org
203-226-1112

If requested by a program participant at least 72 hours in advance, every effort will be made to provide special accommodations.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.
February 22, 2010

Prices To Retailers, Sales To Volume Buyers,
USDA Grade A and Grade A, White Eggs In
Cartons, Warehouse, Cents Per Dozen

EXTRA LARGE	102-106
LARGE	100-104
MEDIUM	88-90

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Middlefield, CT, February 22, 2010

Live animals brought the following average prices
per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	20.00	25.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	40.00
76-90 lbs.	42.00	45.00
91-105 lbs.	50.00	52.50
106 lbs. & up	55.00	60.00
Farm Calves	65.00	70.00
Started Calves	42.50	50.00
Veal Calves	54.00	115.00
Open Heifers	65.00	85.00
Beef Heifers	54.00	60.00
Feeder Steers	55.00	75.00
Stock Bulls	65.00	80.00
Beef Bulls	51.00	56.00
Feeder Pigs each	1 @	85.00
Sheep each	40.00	120.00
Lambs each	45.00	120.00
Goats each	50.00	190.00
Kid Goats each	25.00	120.00
Canners	Up to	53.50
Cutters	54.00	59.00
Utility Grade Cows	60.50	63.00
Rabbits each	8.00	19.00
Chickens each	5.00	14.00
Ducks each	8.00	15.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION,
MONDAY, February 22, 2010

Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
Premium White	65-75% lean	
52.50-55.00	55.50-58.00	48.00-50.00
Breakers	75-80% lean	
50.50-52.50	53.50-54.25	46.00-47.00
Boners	80-85% lean	
47.00-50.50	50.50-53.50	43.50-47.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
43.00-47.50	47.50-51.50	38.00-41.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1		
1245-2410 lbs		59.00-63.00
Bullocks: 865-1335 lbs		67.00-72.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Choice and Prime 2-3		
40-60 lbs		166.00-184.00
60-80 lbs		156.00-174.00
80-90 lbs		150.00-168.00
90-110 lbs		148.00-165.00
110-130 lbs		142.00-158.00
130-150 lbs		136.00-148.00
Choice 2-3	60-80 lbs	138.00-154.00
	90-110 lbs	118.00-134.00
	110-130 lbs	110.00-130.00
	130-150 lbs	105.00-122.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh		
	120-160 lbs	66.00-80.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 9 - 1/2 gal	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Empire bu 2-1/2 up no grade	10.00	11.00
APPLES, Fuji 88ct fcy	18.00	18.00
APPLES, Gala fcy 100 ct	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Red Delicious 120ct fcy	14.00	14.00
POTATOES, White Round 50lb	9.00	9.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu lge	16.00	17.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 11 lbs on vine lg	21.00	21.00
TURNIPS, Purple Top 25lb	12.00	12.00

SHIPPED IN

APPLES, Cameo us exfcy,80ct	28.00	28.00
APRICOTS, 28ct NZ	32.00	32.00
ASPARAGUS, 28lb lge MX	34.00	36.00
CANTALOUPE, 12ct CR	16.00	17.00
ARTICHOKE, 30ct CA	26.00	26.00
BEANS, Green bu handpicked MX	52.00	54.00
BEETS, 12's TX	15.00	16.00
CABBAGE, green 50lb CAN	10.00	11.00
CAULIFLOWER, 12ct AZ	15.00	16.00
CELERIAC, 20lb CAN	18.00	18.00
CORN, 4-1/2 doz FL	32.00	36.00
CUCUMBER, 1 1/9bu med MX	24.00	26.00
EGGPLANT, Greenhouse 11lb sm CAN	30.00	30.00
GARLIC, Elephant 10lb CA	33.00	34.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 40ct FLA	13.00	14.00
LEMONS, 115ct AZ	25.00	26.00
LETTUCE, Boston 12/4oz greenhouse TENN	14.00	14.00
LETTUCE, Iceberg, 24ct AZ	13.00	14.00
NECTARINES, 48-50 CHILE	21.00	22.00
OKRA, 1/2 bu sm-med MX	35.00	35.00
ONION, Yellow 50lb med NY	11.00	12.50
ORANGES, Navel 88's CA	17.00	18.00
PEACHES, 44ct CHILE	18.00	18.00
PEAS, Sugar Snap 10lb GU	13.00	14.00
PEPPER, Cubanelles 1 1/9 bu FL	48.00	50.00
PEPPER, Bell Green xl FL	32.00	36.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb lg FL	24.00	26.00
TOMATOES, 5x6 FL	30.00	32.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

METROPOLITAN AREA
U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES
WHITE EGGS
TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:
February 22, 2010
EXTRA LARGE 109-113
LARGE 107-111
MEDIUM 95-99
Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY
HAY REPORT

Monday, February 22, 2010
Hay and Straw Market for Eastern
Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid
by dealers at the farm and per ton.
Premium

Alfalfa	140.00-155.00
Mixed Hay	140.00-155.00
	Good
Timothy	100.00-120.00
Straw	100.00-120.00

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE
RETAIL REPORT

Retail Prices at Grocery Stores
in the Northeast
February 19, 2010
Prices are in dollars per pound
unless otherwise stated.

VEGETABLES

Asparagus	1.99 - 3.79
Broccoli	1.50 per bunch
Cabbage	.59
Carrots, Baby organic	1.50 - 2.00 1lb bag
Cucumbers	.33 - .75 each
Lettuce, Romaine	.99 each
Mushrooms, White	1.50 - 2.00 8oz pkg
Peppers, Bell green	.98
Peppers, Bell red	1.49 - 3.99
Potatoes, Russet	1.49 - 3.99 5lb bag
Squash, Zucchini	1.29 - 1.79
Tomatoes	1.99 - 2.99
Tomatoes on the vine	1.77 - 2.99

FRUITS

Apples, Red delicious	.88 - 1.59
Avocados, Haas	.89 - 1.50 each
Cantaloup	.99 - 2.99 each
Grapes, Green/Red	.88 - 2.59
Honeydew	1.99 - 2.99 each
Lemons	.25 - .67 each
Mangoes	.99 - 1.66 each
Nectarines	.99 - 2.79
Pears, Bartlett	1.49 - 1.59
Peaches	.99 - 2.79
Strawberries	1.88 - 3.99 16oz pkg

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

1-R. CT. Christmas Tree Growers, CT. Sheep Breeders and CT. Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency--Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com.. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com., Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

4-R. Gallagher High Tensile and portable electric fencing for farms, deer control, gardens. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

12-R. Hay – excellent 1st cut round, plastic wrapped bales \$40. 2nd cut \$50. 2nd cut squares \$5. Lebanon 860-886-0716.

14-R. Hay 4x5 round bales, stored in barn, \$50. p.u. Hereford heifer spring calf \$450. Standard donkey 6 mo. old jack \$450. International 1850 bucket loader attachment \$400. Call 860-537-1974.

17-R. Hedge rows, drainage ditches, fence lines or any other hard to reach areas getting overgrown? We have the solution. An excavator mounted tree/brush mower capable of mowing 8"-12" diameters flush to the ground. Also Fecon mower mounted on Trac Skidsteer. Call for brochure or machine location to observe working or free demonstration on your site. (860) 875-0280 or visit Burkeridge.com Commercial Mowing Division.

19-R. First cut 4x5 round bales \$40 p.u. First cut square bales \$4.50. For information call 203-265-4588.

23-R. Flat filler and bale breaker, good condition \$2,000. Onan generator 30kw, single or three-phase 6-cylinder Ford, runs on propane, 320 hrs, very good condition \$3,200. 8 greenhouse carts, base plus 7 slide-in shelves, 22-1/2" w, 49-1/2" h, 72" h, solid 6" wheels, good condition \$200 ea. Greenhouse sprayer 3gpm Hypro pump, 100' 3/8" hose and reel, Green Guard spray gun on small cart \$400. Call 860-289-8436, 860-268-5931 after 3:30.

25-R. Honeybees for sale, 3lb packages scheduled March 27 and April 26; 5 frame nucs April 10, Riverside Apiaries, 860-295-8972.

31-R. NH 316 baler w/mod. 75 kicker, electric controls \$7,500. JD 1219 Haybine, stub guards, hyd. tongue \$3,900. Haywagon \$1900. Kuhn GF452T tedder \$1900. NH hay rake, old, \$900. 150 gal. Mueller M self-contained bulk tank \$2,500. Small 2" DeLaval pipeline, complete w/pump, wash sink and receiver jar \$2,500. 860-951-8021.

33-R. 1987 Ford 350 diesel platform truck – good running condition, almost new tires \$2,200. Phone 203-906-9306.

36-R. 4 foot EMC 3pt hitch rotary mower \$300. James Fazzone 203-250-6677.

37-R. Somers 3.3 acre business zoned with 960 SF bldg and 9000 SF of greenhouse space. Zoned for many business uses. \$239,900 Clint Charter, Wallace-Tustin Realty, 860-558-3908.

38-R. Hay – 1st cut \$5.00 per bale. Special quantity discounts. No delivery. Stebner Farm, Lebanon, 860-423-9310.

39-R. Farmall 140 with full set of cultivators/Cole side dresser available. Farmall 140 with snow plow. Farmall Super A (late model) with full set of cultivators, side dresser available. Farmall Cs wide or narrow front ends with cultivators. Kasheta power equipment Company 860-528-8421.

40-R. KMW loader off of Zetor 5211 tractor. Best offer. Call for more information at 860-861-4238.

42-R. Pioneer Forecart for use as a training cart or for pleasure driving. Excellent condition. \$ 1,450.00 Contact: Tom 860-885-8299

43-R. Draft Horse Harness made by Yonie: Two stainless steel hame style draft horse harnesses. Excellent condition. \$1,800.00/pair Contact: Tom 860-885-8299

WANTED

35-R. All standing timber wanted. Highest prices paid. Free appraisals. Call New England Timber, LLC at 1-800-806-1664.

41-R. For Lease: Preston, Rt 164, easily accessible farm property, buildings, etc. For more information 860-889-0598.

MISCELLANEOUS

7-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-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

FARM FOOD SAFETY TRAINING: GAP CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

Many national food buyers require, or soon will, Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) certification from farms supplying fresh food items. This series of workshops is designed to assist producers in completing USDA GAP certification for their farm operations.

Thursday, March 4, 2010 - Intro to farm food safety & GAP certification
NYS Agriculture Experiment Station (Hudson Valley Lab)
3357 Rt. 9W, Highland, NY

Friday, March 5, 2010 - Writing your individual farm food safety plan
Ulster County BOCES, 175 Rt. 32, New Paltz, NY

For more information call Teresa Rusinek: 845-340-3990 or email tr28@cornell.edu or Mike Fargione: 845-691-7117 or email mjf22@cornell.edu

"MEET AND GREET" WITH DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN

Dr. Grandin is a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University and world-renowned Animal Behaviorist and author. Dr. Grandin will provide remarks and there will be an opportunity to meet Dr. Grandin and purchase signed copies of her most popular books.

When: Tuesday, March 2, 2010 7- 9PM Where: The Alumni Center, University of Connecticut
RSVP appreciated but not required: Pamela.chudzik@uconn.edu

Dr. Temple Grandin is credited with achieving great strides in designing livestock handling facilities in the U.S. and worldwide that promote animal welfare. In North America, almost half of all cattle are handled in a center-track restrainer system she designed for meat plants. Her writings on the flight zone and other principles of grazing animal behavior have helped many people to reduce stress on their animals during handling.

Dr. Grandin has authored over 300 articles in scientific journals and livestock periodicals on animal handling, welfare, and facility design and is the author of "Thinking in Pictures", "Livestock Handling and Transport", "Genetics and the Behavior of Domestic Animals", and "Humane Livestock Handling". Her books "Animals in Translation" and "Animals Make Us Human" were both on the New York Times best seller list. She is especially respected for her work, as a person with autism, to foster a better understanding of autism and she is a tireless advocate for autism rights. An HBO movie depicting her life will air on February 6, 2010.

Other Activities Featuring Dr. Grandin: Student Lectures and Demonstrations at the Univ. of Connecticut, Wednesday, March 3, 2010
8:30-10 AM Lectures on Human Livestock Handling and Animal Welfare Assessment and Auditing

Location: W.B. Young Building Room 100, UConn

10:30-12:30 PM A demonstration of Animal Welfare Assessment of the UConn Livestock and Equine facilities

Location: UConn Beef and Equine facilities

12:30-2:00 PM Lunch with students and Dr. Grandin

Please contact Dr. Sheila Andrew, 860-486-0803 sheila.andrew@uconn.edu for more information.

USDA TO SURVEY FARMERS' PLANTING INTENTIONS FOR 2010

On the heels of last year's record-breaking corn and soybean crops, what will U.S. farmers plant in 2010? Will last year's late harvest impact producers' plans for this year? What is the outlook for oats, barley, and other crops? These are just a few of the questions that will be answered by the March Agricultural Survey, conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). "Each year, the agricultural industry eagerly awaits USDA's Prospective Plantings report, which provides the first survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' planting intentions for the year," said Gary Keough, director of the NASS New England Field Office.

"The March Agricultural Survey provides the factual data that underpin these projections, making it one of the most important surveys we conduct each year."

Keough explained that data from the March Agricultural Survey benefit farmers and ranchers by providing timely and accurate information to help them make critical decisions for their operation. "When producers finalize their cropping and marketing plans, this survey will be one of the most important sources of information for them," he added.

At the end of February, NASS will begin contacting selected producers by mail or telephone, asking them to provide information about the types and acres of crops they intend to plant in 2010. NASS will also collect data on quantities of grains and oilseeds stored on-farm. The information will be compiled and analyzed and then published in a series of USDA reports, including the annual Prospective Plantings report and quarterly Grain Stocks report, both to be released on March 31.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state - and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Keough.

All reports are available on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS New England Field Office at 1-800-642-9571.

FARMING AND INLAND WETLANDS FORUM: WHAT EVERY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER NEEDS TO KNOW

Connecticut Farm Bureau Association

1st Annual Statewide Conference

Thursday March 4, 2010, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Maneeley's, South Windsor, CT

In 1972, the state legislature enacted the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act, CGS Sec.22a-36 through 22a-45. The Act provides for regulation of wetlands and watercourses by each town in the state of Connecticut.

The Act recognizes the important role farmers play as stewards of the land and provides special provisions exempting many agricultural activities from permit requirements.

This all-day program will provide participants with an understanding of how the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act applies to their farming operation and how to work with their municipal wetlands agency.

Experts in the fields of best management practices for agriculture, conservation practices, waste management, pesticides and wetlands considerations, conservation and farmland protection and PA 490 are also included in this program.

The program has been approved for 3 credits for CT Pesticide Applicators by the CT DEP.

Registration fee is \$45.00 for CT Farm Bureau Members and \$60.00 for non-members

Deadline for registration is Friday February 19, 2010.

For a registration packet or additional information please contact Joan Nichols phone 860 768-1105 or e-mail joann@cfba.org.

This program is a cooperative effort of USDA Risk Management, UCONN Cooperative Extension System and CT Farm Bureau Association.

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