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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

FARMLAND IN NEW ENGLAND AND CONNECTICUT

Submitted by Jay Dippel, Farmland Preservation

The Census of Agriculture continually shows a decline of farmland throughout New England.

Farms in Connecticut continue to be fragmented and developed or used for other purposes at a rate exceeding the New England average. A twenty-year review of census data for the category 'land in farms', consisting of crop, pasture, wood lands and wetlands from 1987 to 2007 follows:

LAND IN FARMS

Year	1987	2007	% land
State	acres	acres	decrease
ME	1,450,000	1,360,000	- 6.2%
NH	500,000	450,000	-10.0%
RI	73,000	60,000	-17.8%
CT	440,000	360,000	-18.2%
VT	1,530,000	1,220,000	-20.3%
MA	690,000	520,000	-24.6%
NE	4,683,000	3,790,000	-15.2%

Where are the farms and the cropland in the State? Census data report on average cropland comprises about 45% of the land in farms. In Connecticut 75% of the cropland is shown to be located within 50% of the counties. The Connecticut River Valley contains 25%, the eastern hills of Windham and New London counties 30%, and the western hills 25%.

CROPLAND BY COUNTY

County	# Farms(%)	Crop Acres (%)
Litchfield	979 (19.9)	39,169 (24.1)
Hartford	790 (16.1)	29,614 (18.2)
New London	793 (16.1)	25,111 (15.5)
Windham	594 (12.1)	25,143 (14.9)
Tolland	484 (9.8)	16,815 (10.3)
New Haven	573 (11.6)	13,797 (8.5)
Middlesex	393 (8.0)	7,405 (4.6)
Fairfield	310 (6.3)	6,326 (3.9)
Total	4,191	162,380

The permanently preserved farmlands of the State, enrolled in the Farmland Preservation Program, are represented similarly on a county level as shown in the following table. The State's efforts have been concentrated

within the agricultural areas of the State that have the highest percentage of cropland soils. The following table shows where the farmland has been preserved throughout the State.

STATE PRESERVED FARMLANDS

County	# Farms (%)	Acres (%)
Litchfield	54 (21.0)	6,980 (20.2)
Hartford	33 (12.8)	3,621 (10.5)
New London	64 (24.9)	9,940 (28.8)
Windham	59 (22.9)	7,635 (22.1)
Tolland	26 (10.1)	3,773 (10.9)
New Haven	8 (3.1)	824 (2.4)
Middlesex	10 (3.9)	1,434 (4.2)
Fairfield	3 (1.2)	293 (0.8)
Total	257	34,500

Early program studies estimated a development rights program would average 35% to 45% acquisition of land classified by USDA as prime and important farmland soils. Census data similarly have identified 45% of the 'land in farms' as croplands, typically the prime and important farmland soils. Through the Farmland Preservation Program criteria and efforts of the CT Department of Agriculture to preserve the best farmland soils, and in a manner consistent with the State Plan of Conservation and Development, of the farmland protected under the Farmland Preservation Program, almost 60% is cropland of prime and important farmland soils.

DEALING WITH LATE BLIGHT INFESTED FIELDS

By Jude Boucher, UConn Cooperative Extension

(Most of the information that follows comes from articles by Meg McGrath, the plant pathologist at Cornell's Long Island Research Station).

All tomato and potato fields should be sprayed for late blight at this time on a 5 to 7 day schedule. The schedule can be stretched to 10 days if the weather remains hot and dry between sprays. Growers that are alternating between the systemic fungicides Tanos/Curzate, Previcur Flex, or Presidio, and also adding a protectant fungicide, such as a maneb/mancozeb type product, or a Bravo or generic Bravo-like product, or Ranman, have been able to control this disease pretty well. Presidio has a 2 day-to-harvest (dh) restriction on tomatoes, while Tanos has 3dh, and Previcur Flex has 5dh. Restrictions are up to 14 dh on potatoes. Presidio is not

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

August 10, 2009

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

EXTRA LARGE	93-96
LARGE	91-95
MEDIUM	60-62

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, August 10, 2009

Live animals brought the following average prices
per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	15.00	18.00
61-75 lbs.	25.00	30.00
76-90 lbs.	35.00	40.00
91-105 lbs.	45.00	50.00
106 lbs. & up	67.50	75.00
Farm Calves	85.00	100.00
Started Calves	20.00	24.00
Veal Calves	70.00	100.00
Open Heifers	41.00	71.00
Beef Heifers	55.00	58.00
Feeder Steers	65.00	70.00
Beef Steers	43.00	50.00
Stock Bulls	55.00	80.00
Beef Bulls	50.00	55.00
Boars	1 @	2.00
Sows	2.00	12.00
Feeder Pigs each	15.00	27.50
Sheep each	32.50	77.50
Lambs each	105.00	120.00
Goats each	40.00	132.50
Kid Goats each	27.50	77.00
Canners	Up to	46.00
Cutters	47.50	49.00
Utility Grade Cows	50.00	52.00
Rabbits each	5.00	17.00
Chickens each	4.00	14.00
Ducks each	5.00	16.50

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, August 10, 2009

Bulk/High/Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean	
52.00-53.50	-----	48.00-49.50
Boners	80-85% lean	
48.00-51.50	-----	46.00-47.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
42.50-48.00	49.00-51.00	38.00-42.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

1210-1505 lbs	58.00-63.00
1595-2240 lbs	58.00-60.50
Yield Grade 2 1105-1495 lbs	54.00-56.00
Bullocks: 760-1320 lbs	67.00-72.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Choice and Prime 2-3	
50-60 lbs	144.00-154.00
60-70 lbs	140.00-150.00
70-80 lbs	133.00-146.00
80-90 lbs	126.00-140.00
90-110 lbs	116.00-126.00
110-130 lbs	108.00-122.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: GOOD 1-2

120-160 lbs	46.00-64.00
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FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5lb	11.00	11.00
APPLES, Jersey Mac 2-1/2 up bu	14.00	14.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb bag	5.00	5.00
BEANS, green bu CT	14.00	16.00
BLUEBERRIES, fiber/net pt 12/1pt	25.00	28.00
BLUEBERRIES, clamshell-12/1pt	23.00	25.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct	10.00	11.00
BROCCOLI, Cut Crown poor cond 20lbs	7.00	8.00
CABBAGE, green 50lb med CT	9.00	11.00
CHIVES, 1/lb 12/bunch	7.00	7.00
COLLARD GREENS, 12-16 crate	11.00	11.00
CORN, 5dz	14.00	15.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9bu super sel CT	14.00	14.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu med CT	10.00	12.00
GREENS, Mustard Crate	12.00	12.00
GREENS, Swiss Chard organic crate	33.00	33.00
LEEKs, 12's	14.00	14.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24ct organic	29.00	29.00
LETTUCE, Romaine 24ct organic	30.00	30.00
MINT, 1/2 bu	7.00	8.00
NECTARINES, 1/2 bu 2-1/2 up	26.00	28.00
PEACHES, White 1/2bu 2-1/2 up	24.00	26.00
PEACHES, Yellow 2-1/2" 1/2 bu	20.00	24.00
PEPPERS, Cubanelles 1-1/9bu lge CT	18.00	18.00
PEPPERS, Green Bell jbo 1-1/9bu	13.00	13.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2 bu sm-med	12.00	12.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2 bu med	10.00	10.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu med	9.00	10.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu sm-med CT	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Field 20lb	22.00	22.00
TOMATOES, Plum 20lb field	12.00	14.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 10lb med	9.00	9.00
SHIPPED IN		
BEETS Cartons 12's NJ	12.00	12.00
CABBAGE, Red 50lb med NY	11.00	13.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24's NY	8.00	8.00
POTATOES, Round white 50lb Del Chef	14.00	15.00
WATERMELONS, Red Sdless 10-14lb DEL ea	2.50	2.50

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, estimated weights.

Kids:	40-50 lbs	44.00-56.00
	50-60 lbs	54.00-68.00
	60-70 lbs	65.00-77.00
	70-80 lbs	74.00-87.00
	80-90 lbs	86.00-100.00
	90-100 lbs	94.00-108.00
Nannies/Does:	80-130 lbs	62.00-84.00
	130-180 lbs	72.00-104.00
Bucks/Billies:	150-250 lbs	136.00-180.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon August 10, 2009

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	34.25-36.50
	270-300 lbs	30.50-33.50
45-49	220-270 lbs	31.00-32.50
	270-300 lbs	29.00-31.00
	300-350 lbs	28.25-30.50
40-45	270-300 lbs	28.50-29.75
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	20.50-22.00
	500-700 lbs	34.00-37.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	9.00

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
COD LGE	0.6	112	138
MKT	11.2	89	124
SCRD 1/	0.6	93	99
MIXED	0.0	37	37
GILLNET LGE COD	0.1	139	139
MKT	0.3	97	97
SCRD	0.0	105	105
HADDOCK	2.7	139	193
HADDOCK SCR D	28.8	67	91
STRIPED BASS	1.1	327	332
WOLF	0.1	109	109
POLLOCK	0.0	77	77
MEDIUM	0.6	67	72
SML	0.2	68	68
HAK E LGE	0.0	72	92
SML	0.0	37	37
MED DRESSED BLUEFISH	0.0	127	127
MED RND BLUEFISH	0.1	111	111
OCN PRCH	0.8	92	92
YELLOWTAIL LGE	5.5	86	97
SML	1.0	87	89
DABS	0.0	143	143
MED	0.1	96	102
SML	0.3	86	95
FLUKE JUMBO	0.4	62	62

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS

TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:

August 10, 2009

EXTRA LARGE	100-104
LARGE	98-102
MEDIUM	67-71

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.

NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION

SEA SCALLOPS LANDINGS &
PRICES IN 1,000 LBS

DATE 8/10/09 - PRICES

INCLUDE DEALERS FEES

SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS

	LBS	MIN	HIGH
U/12 CHANNEL	3.8	885	895
U/10	4.5	915	935
10/20	49.4	620	650
20/30	2.7	620	620
U/10 GEORGES	0.9	940	940
1020	18.6	620	645
20/30	14.3	615	625
10/20 ELEPHANT TRUNK	5.0	625	630

NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN
1,000 LBS & \$/CWT

DATE 8/10/09 - PRICES

INCLUDE DEALERS FEES

1/0 MEANS LESS THAN

100 POUND

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138-R. Hay 4x4 round bales and small square bales. Call 203-484-0664.

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WANTED

103-R. Ford tractor wanted: with bucket loader. --will Gentleman in Southington with information please call 860-653-0491.

18-R. Farm Land Rental Figures Needed - If you are a landowner renting farmland to a farmer or are a farmer renting land from a landowner your assistance is urgently needed. In the next month, you will be receiving a Land Use Value Survey questionnaire in the mail from the Connecticut Farm Bureau Association.

The Connecticut General Statutes requires the CT Department of Agriculture to compile revised recommended farmland use assessment values every five years for the PA 490 Land Use Assessment Program. The PA 490 program allows farm, forest and open space lands to be assessed at their current use value rather than fair market or potential highest and best use value. In order to compile these values, a large sampling of land

rental data on land that is being rented by farmers and used for production agriculture needs to be collected and analyzed.

This is where you, the farmer comes in. It is imperative that these surveys are completed accurately and returned to Connecticut Farm Bureau as soon as possible. This rental data will be compiled and used to help calculate recommended farmland use values for PA 490 assessment purposes for the next five years.

If you have any questions please contact Joan Nichols at Connecticut Farm Bureau at 860 768-1105 or Ron Olsen at the Connecticut Department of Agriculture at 860 713-2550. Your cooperation is critical to the success of the survey. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it today! If you do not receive a survey and need one, please contact Ron or Joan.

104-R. Ever think of leasing your land? What if you could retain full use for farming? Established waterfowl group seeks land for seasonal use. Dedicated to wildlife conservation and habitat development. Exceptional references available from other Connecticut farmers. Contact Ken (860) 912-6109 or kpermy.mjsullivan@snet.net

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What you need to know for 2009!!

Spend the best 30 minutes of your business life at a free Chrysanthemum White Rust educational event!

CWR is a quarantine-significant pest, so it's particularly important for you to be aware of the steps you can take to avoid the disease in your fall chrysanthemum crop.

SAF and ANLA join Syngenta Flowers, Ball Horticultural Company and GroLink, the major U.S. propagation and breeding companies, in presenting an important opportunity - the educational "Webinar" - and encourage both you and your employees to take part.

The Webinar is a seminar conducted in person by Dr. Jane Trolinger, Plant Pathologist, Syngenta Flowers. The Webinar is conducted entirely online, from your computer. It is free, and it only takes about a half-hour. It includes excellent photographs teaching you to recognize the symptoms of the disease, and offers important advice on how to avoid it in your 2009 mum crop.

The webinar will be repeated several times.

Just click on the link below to the most convenient session for you.

[Thursday, August 13 10 am Eastern Daylight Time](#)
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LATE BLIGHT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

registered for potatoes. Gavel is the only late blight material that comes with a pre-mix of an effective systemic and a protectant, but carries a 5dh restriction on tomatoes and 3 dh for potatoes. UMass is reporting that some organic farms that started early with copper sprays have had some degree of protection from this disease, although it is not considered to be a very effective material.

Tomatoes in greenhouses and high tunnels are at less risk to late blight, but can still become infected. Previcur Flex, Curzate and some copper and mancozeb products can be used in greenhouses and tunnels.

It seems many growers did not heed the warnings about how fast this disease can kill a field and that a different fungicide program was needed this year to control this disease. However, some organic growers made an informed choice not to spray their fields. Tomato and potato plantings on organic farms and on many large conventional farms that did not adjust their spray schedule to the late blight threat in time this season have already been destroyed by this disease. Others have too many plants infected and sending off spores to survive much longer and should be destroyed.

Late blight spores can spread for many miles on the wind during cloudy and rainy weather. Sanitation is an important part of controlling this disease. When late blight is first found on a few isolated plants, remove those plants from the field, bury them, or place them under a tarp to kill the spores and contain the spread of the disease. This will give your fungicide program a fighting chance. Tomato plants can be cut at the base or pulled from the ground to kill the plants rapidly. Kill early plantings that are heavily infected when harvest becomes limited to help protect late plantings. Large potato fields can be sprayed with diquat or paraquat (Gromoxone), or flamed, or mowed to kill the vines. If plowing or disking is used to kill large sections of infected plants, the field should be sprayed first to help minimize the spread of spores. Spores can also move on equipment or personnel. Work in infected fields late in the day and do not let workers reenter uninfected blocks

before they have changed and washed their clothes. If possible, pressure clean equipment after working in infected areas.

Spores are deactivated by ultra-violet light on warm sunny days and require living plant material to reproduce. Potato fields that are heavily infected with the disease should be killed to protect the tubers. Allow the vines to dry for two weeks after vine kill or mowing to allow the spores time to die in the sun. Dig potatoes on a warm sunny day to minimize infection of the tubers. Be aggressive in culling potatoes prior to storage. Anything that looks suspicious should be culled. If vines are killed, tubers can be dug over time to extend harvest. If practical, some experts are recommending storing the tubers in the ground until they are ready to be marketed. Do not wash potatoes that are harvested unless absolutely necessary. If tubers must be washed, UVM recommends Storox (Oxidate) for organic growers or chlorine at labeled rates.

Late blight will not survive the winter on any part of the tomato plant, in the soil, or on alternate weed hosts, such as nightshade. Tomato fields can be harrowed or plowed down as usual at the end of the season before planting a cover crop. For extra protection, tomato stakes can be stored under a tarp in the sun for a week or two to help deactivate spores or dipped in a (10%) chlorine bath in the spring. Late blight will only survive the winter in infected tubers. Potato growers must take great care next year to manage volunteer plants that emerge from this year's fields or this whole late blight cycle can start all over again. Tubers can be left on the surface and will be killed by freezing temperatures this winter. However, buried tubers can produce infected plants next year that must be destroyed early before the spores start to spread. Organic grower may want to plan to disk 2009 potato fields several times next spring and early summer before planting a late-season cash crop. Conventional growers should be prepared to kill volunteer plants with post-emergence herbicides or cultivation equipment. Rotating fields should be standard practice with these crops to help prevent other common diseases, such as early blight, which is present to some degree in all fields at this time.

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