



# Agricultural Report

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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS OF TREE GROWING

by Ron Olsen, Marketing Representative

The 50th anniversary celebration of the CT Christmas Tree Growers Association (CCTGA) took place Friday and Saturday August 6-7 and proved to be two wonderful days. Location, Location, Location are the 3 things needed for success in real estate. The three things that helped to guarantee the success of this event were organization, weather and location. The planning for this event began almost two years ago and through the dedication and perseverance of CCTGA Executive Director Kathy Kogut along with many volunteers of the association, the event came to fruition not only with great substance but in grand style. The weather for this two day event was perfect and the location at Jones Family Farm in Shelton could not have been better!

In 1960, the CCTGA was organized and the first field meeting was held at this very same farm. The working lands there have changed a great deal from this former dairy farm. This 7 generation farm originating in 1848 sold beef, lamb, eggs and apples and then became a dairy farm operating into the mid 1960's. One fixture that has not changed is that of Phil Jones, one of the original charter members, the first president of the association and the patriarch of this 400 acre family farm. He planted the first Christmas trees there around 1940 and in 1947 sold the first of them. Phil and his wife, Elisabeth became pioneers in developing and promoting the cut your own tree industry so important today. He still runs the tractor and works the

acres), blueberries (15 acres), pumpkins, gourds and squash (25 acres) and wine grapes (5 acres) along with 50 acres of hay land and 50 acres of woodlots. Long Island Sound can be seen on clear days as was the case on both days. Boasting not only pick your own Christmas trees, blueberries, strawberries and pumpkins, the farm also processes its own wine with a tasting room and their Harvest Kitchen Cooking Studio teaches cooking using fresh, local ingredients.

Of course, Christmas tree culture was the educational focus of the event and speakers came from Penn State University, Michigan State University and The CT Agriculture Experiment Station. Attendees included all New England states, Pennsylvania, New York and Canada. Pesticide recertification credits were offered and guided tours of the farm were featured. A trade show with vendors exhibiting all types of Christmas tree equipment and wares showed both days. A wine tasting, a pizza party and an awards and recognition event highlighted Friday night with entertainment by Lara Herscovitch, the Connecticut Troubadour. Terry Jones was keynote speaker and Agriculture Commissioner Prelli spoke. Saturday featured educational meetings, a picnic luncheon and more farm tours. It's not often you can mix business with such an enjoyable experience but once every 50 years shouldn't be too much to expect! Shame on you Connecticut growers who did not attend, as this was a once in a lifetime event and one that will be hard pressed to duplicate!



custom saw mill on the farm and along with his family has been instrumental in making it one of our state's premier agricultural destinations. The farm is diversified and flourishing and the farm family is a leader in the farmland preservation movement in Connecticut.

Set on 400 rolling acres in the appropriately named White Hills section of Shelton, the farm offers panoramic and pastoral views of the surrounding agricultural lands filled with Christmas trees (200 acres), strawberries (15

### CONNECTICUT GROWN PRICE CARDS & POSTERS

The Connecticut Grown Price Cards and Posters are available at the Department of Agriculture and are available to growers, grocery stores and roadside stands. Cards and posters are available on a first come, first- served basis. Call Rick Macsuga at (860) 713-2544 .

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.**  
**August 23, 2010**

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

EXTRA LARGE	112-118
LARGE	107-111
MEDIUM	81-84

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, August 23, 2010

Live animals brought the following average  
 prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	22.00	30.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	40.00
76-90 lbs.	42.50	46.00
91-105 lbs.	47.50	49.00
106 lbs. & up	50.00	52.50
Farm Calves	55.00	57.50
Started Calves	25.00	27.50
Veal Calves	65.00	125.00
Open Heifers	85.00	110.00
Beef Heifers	48.00	59.00
Feeder Steers	95.00	115.00
Beef Steers	62.50	70.00
Stock Bulls	70.00	110.00
Beef Bulls	70.00	80.00
Feeder Pigs each	75.00	90.00
Sheep each	75.00	120.00
Lambs each	60.00	150.00
Goats each	57.50	142.50
Kid Goats each	25.00	75.00
Canners	Up to	54.00
Cutters	55.00	59.00
Utility Grade Cows	60.00	62.50
Rabbits each	5.00	31.00
Chickens each	4.00	20.00
Ducks each	4.00	25.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction. Sale  
 will be held on Labor Day, September 6 as usual.

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

MONDAY, August 23, 2010

Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>		
Breakers	75-80% lean	
58.00-60.50	61.00-62.00	55.00-57.00
Boners	80-85% lean	
55.50-58.00	59.00-60.50	53.00-54.50
Lean	85-90% lean	
52.00-55.50	56.00-57.50	47.00-51.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1</b>		
1290-1880 lbs	69.50-73.00	
2025-2250 lbs	67.00-69.00	

**SHEEP AND LAMBS: \*\*\*Report format change:**  
 Traditional markets refer to lambs that are sub-  
 jected to USDA carcass grading, and marketed  
 through mainstream outlets. Non-Traditional mar-  
 kets refer to lambs destined for slaughter outside  
 of what would be termed as traditional markets.  
 \*\*\* All sheep and lambs are sold by the hundred  
 weight, on actual weights.

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:**

Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	
60-80 lbs	155.00-178.00
80-90 lbs	150.00-160.00
90-110 lbs	135.00-146.00
110-130 lbs	134.00-142.00

**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

APPLES, Ginger Gold 100ct exfcy	20.00	22.00
APPLES, Paula Red, exfcy 96	24.00	24.00
APPLES, Paula Red 12/3-lb bags exfcy	18.00	18.00
ARRUGULA, 24's bunched	12.00	13.00
BEANS, Green bu ,handpicked	15.00	15.00
BEAN, Wax bu	20.00	20.00
BLACKBERRY, 12/ 1/2-pt	26.00	26.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct	10.00	10.00
Pear, Bartlett, 4/5 bu	18.00	22.00
CABBAGE, Green box 50lb	8.00	9.00
CABBAGE, Savoy 40lb	11.00	12.00
CANTALOUPS, 1ge each	1.50	1.50
CHIVES, 1-lb bag	5.00	8.00
COLLARD GREENS, Crate	11.00	11.00
CORN, 5 dz	10.00	10.00
CUCUMBERS, Pickling 1-1/9 bu	10.00	15.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9 bu med	15.00	15.00
EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 bu	8.00	10.00
GRAPES, Concord 8/1 qt	24.00	24.00
MUSTARD GREENS, Crate 12-16's	12.00	12.00
NECTARINES, 20lb box 2-1/2 up	26.00	26.00
ONIONS, 1-1/9 bu	14.00	14.00
PEACHES, 25lb box 2-1/2 up	17.00	18.00
PEPPERS, Bell Green 1-1/9 bu xlge	9.00	10.00
PEPPERS, Cubanelles 1-1/9 bu	12.00	12.00
PEPPERS, Jalapeno 1/2 bu	10.00	10.00
PLUMS, red, 20lb	25.00	25.00
POTATOES, 10lb bag	2.10	2.40
SQUASH, Green 1/2bu sm-med CT	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, Kabocha 1-1/9 bu	15.00	16.00
SQUASH, Yellow sm-med CT	10.00	10.00
SWISS CHARD, 12's	10.00	14.00
TOMATOES, 25lb xlge	10.00	10.00
TOMATOES, 8 qt basket x lge	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Cherry 12/1pt	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Grape 12/1-pt	10.00	14.00
WATERMELON, Seedles 13-15lb each	2.50	3.00
WATERMELON, Sugar baby each	1.50	2.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

130-150 lbs	132.00-140.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh</b>	
120-160 lbs	60.00-78.00
160-200 lbs	56.00-64.00
200-300 lbs	52.00-60.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection</b>	
1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.	
Kids: 40-60 lbs	77.00-92.00
60-80 lbs	84.00-108.00
80-100 lbs	96.00-110.00
100-110 lbs	104.00-118.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	94.00-106.00
130-180 lbs	100.00-112.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	144.00-160.00
150-250 lbs	176.00-190.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION**

Mon August 23, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual  
 weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	67.00-68.00
	270-300 lbs	65.50-66.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	60.00-62.50
	270-300 lbs	63.50-65.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	55.00-58.50
	500-700 lbs	60.00-63.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	28.00-30.00

**METROPOLITAN AREA  
 U.S.D.A.**

**NEW YORK PRICES  
 WHITE EGGS  
 TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,  
 Grade A eggs on:  
**August 23, 2010**

EXTRA LARGE	124-128
LARGE	122-126
MEDIUM	96-100

Above quotations based on  
 CARTON sales to retailers.



**PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY  
 HAY REPORT**

Monday August 23, 2010

Hay and Straw Market for Eastern  
 Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid  
 by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	140.00-160.00
Mixed Hay	140.00-160.00
	Good
Timothy	110.00-120.00
Straw	110.00-125.00

**FRUIT AND VEGETABLE  
 RETAIL REPORT**

Retail Prices at Grocery Stores  
 in the Northeast

Week of August 20, 2010

Prices are in dollars per pound  
 unless otherwise stated.

**VEGETABLES**

Asparagus	2.99 - 2.99
Broccoli	0.99 - 1.69 per bunch
Cabbage	0.39 - 0.59
Carrots, Baby organic	1.66 - 2.49 1lb bag
Celery	0.98 - 1.69 each
Corn	0.16 - 0.50 each
Cucumbers	0.20 - 0.75 each
Lettuce, Romaine	0.79 - 1.49 each
Peppers, Bell green	0.79 - 1.50
Peppers, Bell red	0.99 - 3.49
Squash, Zucchini	0.79 - 1.99
Tomatoes	0.98 - 2.99
Tomatoes, organic	1.99 - 1.99

**FRUITS**

Apples, red delicious	0.98 - 1.49
Cantaloup	0.98 - 2.99 each
Grapes, Green/Red	0.98 - 2.49
Honeydew	2.48 - 3.99 each
Nectarines	1.28 - 2.49
Peaches	0.88 - 2.49
Pears, bartlett	0.98 - 1.69
Plums	0.98 - 2.49
Strawberries	1.50 - 2.99 16oz pkg
Strawberries organic	2.99 - 3.99 16 oz pkg
Watermelon, seedless	1.98 - 5.99 each

## 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, 1-888-526-8815, 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.

10-R. CT Grown Mesh Bags - The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has CT Grown Mesh Bags for sale. These bags are super strong and exceptionally attractive. The dimensions are 16" l x 5" w x 12" h. They are being sold by the case (40 per case) for \$156.16. For more information or to order, please call (860)713-2503.

92-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

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102. Parts for Grimm hay tedders for sale, also rough lumber. 860-684-3458.

105-R. Battery powered price computing scales CAS 60lb \$328. (CT state compliant). Battery powered cash registers, \$280. 800-403-5919.

121-R. Good Hay – Good Prices. Round bales, wrapped, conventional and organic \$25/bale and up. Square bales good hay \$4.25 and mulch \$3.50. 860-429-9698 or 860-234-1605.

132-R. H&S Manure spreader for sale. Holds 175 bushels and has never been used. It was bought last year but my land is too rocky. Asking \$7,000. Call 860-684-7214.

133-R. Chicken coops – run-in-sheds, livestock barns, garages, storage sheds. SVF Sales 860-749-4795.

134-R. Barn equipment, waterers, gates, feeders, stalls, fencing. SVF Sales 860-749-4795.

135-R. Battery and filter (oil, fuel, air). SVF Sales 860-749-4795.

137-R. Kiln dry sawdust for bedding. Excellent for cows and horses. Good rates. Trailer load. Call for price in your area @860-974-3853.

138-R. JD-146 Tractor bucket loader attachment \$1,800., Hereford purebred 3 yr. old bred to club calf bull \$900., Donkey standard jack 7 mos. old, chocolate \$400., Boer goats \$75. ea. 860-537-1974.

142-R. NH 316 baler w/mod. 75 kicker, electric controls, very good condition \$5,900 OBO. '92 JD 1219 Haybine, stub guards, hyd. tongue, very good condition \$3,400 OBO. Small 2" DeLaval pipeline, complete w/pump, wash sink and receiver jar \$2,500 OBO. 860-951-8021.

143-R. 2001 26' Flagstaff camper trailer. Sleeps 6. Asking \$5,000. 860-355-2962.

144-R. 2001 Dodge 350 Mason's dump, 60,000+ miles. Asking \$8,000. 860-355-2962.

146-R. IH corn binder, steel wheels, JD MT tractor, Massey Harris 33, Oliver 70 – all best offer. Fred 203-395-3070.

147-R. Rye seed \$9.50 for 60lb bag. 860-688-1638.

148-R. Hale P.T.O. Irrigation pump, 4x4-600 gpm - \$1,500. 860-688-1638.

151-R. Sullair Rotary Compressor 4 cylinder. Ford industrial engine on wheels. \$2800. 860-767-1257.

152-R. 1967 Ford industrial tractor with bucket loader, hi-lo transmission, 8 speeds forward, brush hog, snow plow, weights, snow chains, new logging chains. Excellent condition. Call Ken at 860-767-2816 or 860-388-8580.

153. NH 408 discbine, NH 256 rake, Kuhn 440T tedder and Super MTA for sale. 203-901-4469.

154. Caterpillar D5B bulldozer, hydraulic tilt blade, R.O.P.S. Runs and operates good. Was \$15,000. Bargain price \$12,800. 860-984-8989.

155. 1985 Ford F700 – 10" gravel dump, diesel 5+2 speed only. 37,000 miles. 24,500 G.V.W. Good shape. \$6,800. 860-984-8989

156. 16' flatbed dump body with stake pockets and hoist. \$1,850. 860-984-8989.

157. 1994 Ford Tandem 16 foot high sided, good tires, good all-around shape. Call 860-984-8989.

158. 1998 Chevy C7500 series 5+2, hydraulic brake, fuel injector 427, 32,000 G.V.W. 6-1/2 dump. Call 860-984-8989.

### WANTED

35-R. All standing timber wanted. Highest prices paid. Free appraisals. Call New England Timber, LLC at 860-662-2412.

150-R. 2N Ford tractor 6 volt generator and voltage regulator wanted. Please call Bill at 860-653-0491.

### 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.

149-R. Free: 50 acres of hay. Must have proper insurances and equipment. Call evenings 860-274-8473.

610-R. Free: corn Bruce boxes (approximately 1,000). Contact: Onofrio's Fresh Cut at 203-469-5624.



**SO YOU WANT TO  
BE IN THE  
FOOD BUSINESS  
IV:**

One Day Only,  
September 20, 2010  
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

### HOW TO MAKE SOCIAL MEDIA WORK FOR YOU

Guest Speaker: Colin McEnroe of WNPR

at Saint Joseph College, Lynch Hall

1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117

\$50.00 Registration Fee, (includes light refreshments)

This class will focus on the use of social media for marketing businesses and products. Many small companies now use social media as a low-cost means of connecting with existing and potential customers, but few have a clear picture of the differences among the various platforms and how to maximize the potential that each offers. This seminar will be appropriate for both beginning and experienced social media users. It will explore these different platforms and how best to use them.

The instructor for this seminar will be Colin McEnroe of WNPR. Colin has been a blogger for the past 11 years and his long resume also includes radio talk show host, journalist, author, playwright, public speaker, and adjunct professor at Trinity College, where he teaches graduate-level courses on diverse aspects of media. We are very pleased to have someone with so much knowledge and experience willing to address our group.

This seminar should be very informative for everyone. For more information and registration forms, please contact: Connecticut Food Association, 195 Farmington Avenue, Suite 200, Farmington, CT 06032  
Phone: 860-677-8097 fax: 860-677-8418,

email: [ctfood@ctfoodassociation.org](mailto:ctfood@ctfoodassociation.org)

Space is limited so don't miss out in the opportunity to participate.

**SCIENTISTS DEVELOP NEW POTTING MEDIUM**

A new type of sustainable and environmentally friendly potting medium made from thinned pine trees has been created by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) scientists and their university cooperators.

Nursery plants are now grown in containers filled with soil-less potting medium, formally called substrate, consisting of Canadian peat moss, perlite, vermiculite and pine bark. But obtaining these materials can be costly and time-consuming, due to required energy inputs and availability.

WholeTree is a new material that can be used alone or mixed with other materials to make substrate. It was created by horticulturist Glenn Fain, formerly with USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) at the ARS Thad Cochran Southern Horticultural Laboratory in Poplarville, Miss., and Charles Gilliam, a professor with Auburn University. They collaborated with research leader James Spiers and horticulturalist Anthony Witcher at the ARS Poplarville laboratory, and with Greg Young, owner of Young's Plant Farm in Auburn, Ala. ARS is USDA's principal intramural scientific research agency.

As its name suggests, WholeTree is made from all parts of a tree, in particular the southern pine tree (*Pinus taeda*). But the trees aren't cut down in natural forests. Instead, the trees used to make WholeTree are harvested from tree plantations at the thinning stage, when some trees are removed to achieve a density the site can support. Once processed, WholeTree can be used as an alternative substrate.

Similar products have been available in Europe for several years, but WholeTree could be one of the first available U.S. products made from locally grown materials. According to Fain, who is now an assistant professor at Auburn University, field and laboratory studies have demonstrated the successful use of WholeTree, even at 100 percent for some nursery plants.

The scientists are further researching WholeTree's suitability for use in cutting and seedling propagation of herbaceous perennial and woody ornamental crops. So far, they have conducted tests on plants popular to the ornamental and landscaping industries.

**NEW ENGLAND CUT FLOWER PRICES**

AMARANTHUS, bunched 10 hanging long	12.50	15.00
CELOSIA, bunched 5 long (wheat)	5.00	5.00
DAHLIA, long per bunch	12.00	12.50
GARDENIA, per bloom	5.50	5.50
GARDENIA, Carton 3's	15.00	15.00
GERBERA, per stem long	1.25	1.25
HYDRANGEA, per bunch long	20.00	20.00
LILIES, Siberia per bunch	25.00	25.00
LILIES, Asiatic long per bunch 3-5 bloom	16.75	18.00
LILIES, Sorbonne, bunch 5, long	17.00	18.00
LISIANTHUS, bunched 10, long	15.00	15.00
VERONICA, per bunch, long	5.00	5.00
SEDUM, per bunch long	7.50	8.50
PHLOX, per bunch long	7.50	7.50
SNAPDRAGON, bunched 10 long	12.50	12.50
SUNFLOWER, bunched 5's long	5.00	5.50
SUNFLOWER, Teddy Bear per stem long	.85	.85
ZINNIA, per bunch long	6.50	8.50

**HERB PRICES**

BASIL, 1/lb bag NJ	6.00	8.00
CILANTRO, 1/2 carton bunched 24 NJ	15.00	15.00
HORSERADISH, 5lb MIZZ	12.00	14.00
MINT, 1/2 bu MA	10.00	10.00
OREGANO, 1lb bag NJ	8.00	8.00
PARSLEY, Crate, bunched 60's	18.00	20.00
ROSEMARY, 1lb ba CA	7.00	8.00
SAGE, 1lb bag NJ	9.00	9.00
SALSIFY, 5/1kg bags BEL	24.00	26.00
THYME, 1lb COL	6.00	8.00
WATERCRESS, bunched 24's AL	15.00	17.00

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