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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

LOW-INCOME/FERAL CAT PROGRAMS RETURN

By Frank L. Ribaldo, Director
Animal Population Control Program

The Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that for FY 2011, the Animal Population Control Program (APCP) will release vouchers to low-income Connecticut residents to help vaccinate and sterilize their owned pets and to not-for-profit organizations for the purpose of providing similar benefits for feral cats. These two programs were not offered in FY 2010 due to the state budget crisis.



for pets owned by low-income Connecticut residents. Approximately \$75,000 is expected to be set aside for each program.

Low-income CT residents must apply to the APCP and qualify through one of seven different Department of Social Services (DSS) programs. Once eligibility has been determined, up to two vouchers per household will be sent to the approved recipient. State vouchers provide for two vaccinations and either a dog or cat sterilization benefit. The pet must be altered in order to receive vaccinations. Feral cat benefits are offered to CT non-profit organizations for the purpose of vaccinating and sterilizing feral cats. Organizations must submit a grant application by the deadline date of July 31, 2010. Once received, applications are reviewed by a grant committee and awarded by the end of August. The benefit period will run from September 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

For FY 2009, 676 feral cat vouchers were issued to twelve non-profit organizations and 654 used for a 97% compliance rate. Low-income vouchers were issued to 555 pets and 284 used for a 51% sterilization rate. The ability to offer benefits for these two programs is due to the success of the Animal Population Control Program. Since 1995, the program has provided benefits to more than 70,000 companion pets, which has led to a 50% reduction in both the impound and euthanasia rate at municipal facilities across the state.

Both programs were activated on July 1, 2010 and the response is expected to be brisk. "In today's tight economy we are pleased to be able to offer on a limited basis, benefits to those who need it the most", said Department of Agriculture Commissioner F. Philip Prelli. Effective October 2007, Public Act 07-105 became law, which allows the Department to set aside up to 10% of APCP income for the vaccination and sterilization of feral cats and another 10%

NEW ISSUE OF HEALTHY ANIMALS NOW ONLINE

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) has posted a new issue of Healthy Animals. This quarterly online newsletter compiles ARS news and expert resources on the health and well-being of agricultural livestock, poultry and fish.

The new issue is available online at: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/np/ha/han42.htm>.

Each quarter, one article in Healthy Animals focuses on a particular element of ARS animal research. The current issue discusses ARS research on ways to help cattle producers protect their animals against heat stress.

Research highlighted in this issue:

- ARS findings that coat color, wind speed, access to shade and breed could influence the animal's physical response to heat.

- A model that predicts when environmental conditions are ripe for heat stress in livestock, and presents the information in an easy-to-read, color-coded map.

- Findings that solar-radiation-blocking polyethylene cloths are an effective way to reduce stress-related losses.

Professionals interested in animal health issues might want to bookmark the site as a resource for locating animal health experts. An index lists ARS research locations covering 70 animal health topics. These range from specific diseases, such as Lyme disease to broad subjects such as nutrition or parasites.

The site also provides complete contact information for the 25 ARS research groups that conduct studies aimed at protecting and improving farm animal health.

To receive an email alert about each issue's online posting, contact Chris Guy at 301-504-1654, e-mail chris.guy@ars.usda.gov or sign up on line at: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/np/ha/subscribe.htm>.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

August 2, 2010

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

EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	77-81
MEDIUM	57-59

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, August 2, 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	39.00
76-90 lbs.	40.00	45.00
91-105 lbs.	46.00	48.00
106 lbs. & up	49.00	50.00
Farm Calves	50.50	52.50
Started Calves	25.00	32.00
Veal Calves	75.00	100.00
Open Heifers	60.00	82.50
Beef Heifers	55.00	66.00
Feeder Steers	60.00	87.50
Beef Steers	67.00	78.00
Stock Bulls	75.00	92.50
Beef Bulls	65.00	76.00
Feeder Pigs each	7.50	32.50
Sheep each	65.00	75.00
Lambs each	45.00	115.00
Goats each	50.00	135.00
Kid Goats each	20.00	100.00
Canners	Up to	50.50
Cutters	52.00	54.75
Utility Grade Cows	55.25	57.00
Rabbits each	5.00	17.00
Chickens each	5.00	20.00
Ducks each	11.00	18.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, August 2, 2010

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers	75-80% lean		
	56.00-58.00	-----	53.00-55.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	53.50-56.00	57.00-58.50	49.00-51.00
Lean	85-90% lean		
	48.00-53.00	54.00-55.00	44.00-47.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1			
	1355-1980 lbs		68.00-71.00
Bullocks:	965-1430 lbs		74.00-78.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Traditional Markets:			
Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	60-80 lbs		154.00-166.00
	80-90 lbs		148.00-162.00
	90-110 lbs		140.00-155.00
	110-130 lbs		144.00-158.00
Choice 2-3	60-80 lbs		133.00-152.00
	80-90 lbs		132.00-147.00
	90-110 lbs		135.00-149.00
	110-130 lbs		136.00-148.00
Non-Traditional: Wooled & Shorn			
Choice and Prime 1-2			
	40-60 lbs		150.00-177.00
	60-80 lbs		147.00-164.00
	80-90 lbs		140.00-154.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 9 - 1/2 gal	13.00	13.00
APPLES, paula red ,exfcy bu 2-1/2 up	25.00	25.00
ARRUGULA, 24's bunched	12.00	13.00
BEAN, Cranberry bu	35.00	40.00
BEANS, Green bu ,handpicked	18.00	20.00
BEAN, Wax bu	20.00	25.00
BLACKBERRY, 12/ 1/2-pt	27.00	28.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1-pint clamshell	19.00	22.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1-pint fiberboard	24.00	25.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct	10.00	10.00
Pear,clapp,4/5 bu	25.00	25.00
CABBAGE, Green box 50lb	9.00	9.00
CABBAGE, Savoy 40lb	12.00	12.00
CANTALOUPS, 6-8ct	10.00	10.00
CARROTS, 24 bunched/ w tops	19.00	19.00
CHIVES, 1-lb bag	5.00	8.00
COLLARD GREENS, Crate	11.00	11.00
CORN, 5 dz	8.00	10.00
CUCUMBERS, Pickling 1-1/9 bu	16.00	18.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9 bu med	14.00	16.00
EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 bu	10.00	12.00
KALE, Crate 12-16's	11.00	11.00
MINT, 1/2 bu	9.00	10.00
MUSTARD GREENS, Crate 12-16's	12.00	12.00
NECTARINES, 20lb box 2-1/2 up	28.00	30.00
PEACHES, 25lb box 2-1/2 up	20.00	22.00
PEACHES, White 25lb 2-1/2 up	28.00	28.00
PEPPER, Bell Green 1-1/9 bu xlge	12.00	14.00
PLUMS, Kelly Yellow 20lb	25.00	25.00
PLUMS, red, 20lb	25.00	25.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2bu sm-med CT	12.00	14.00
SQUASH, Yellow sm-med CT	10.00	12.00
SWISS CHARD, 12's	10.00	14.00
TOMATOES, 25lb	25.00	25.00
TOMATOES, 8 qt basket x lge	16.00	18.00
TOMATOES, Vine Ripes 20lb box med, ghouse	16.00	16.00
TOMATOES, Cherry 12/1pt	10.00	10.00
TURNIP TOP Greens, crates	8.00	8.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

Choice 1-2 40-60 lbs	122.00-146.00
60-80 lbs	121.00-143.00
80-90 lbs	123.00-137.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh	
120-160 lbs	68.00-83.00
160-200 lbs	61.00-76.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Fleshed	
120-160 lbs	54.00-68.00
160-200 lbs	49.00-64.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.	
Kids: 40-60 lbs	98.00-126.00
60-80 lbs	116.00-134.00
80-100 lbs	123.00-140.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	103.00-117.00
130-180 lbs	114.00-128.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	188.00-202.00
150-250 lbs 1	92.00-206.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon August 2, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.		
49-54	220-270 lbs	63.00-65.00
45-49	270-300 lbs	60.50-62.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	62.00-64.00
	500-700 lbs	63.00-66.50
Boars:	300-700 lbs	32.50-33.00

METROPOLITAN AREA

U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS

TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:
August 2, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	86-90
LARGE	84-88
MEDIUM	64-68

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

Monday August 2, 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	120.00-140.00
	Good
Timothy	110.00-120.00
Straw	100.00-120.00

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE RETAIL REPORT

Retail Prices at Grocery Stores
in the Northeast

Week of July 30, 2010

Prices are in dollars per pound
unless otherwise stated.

VEGETABLES

Asparagus	1.99 - 2.99
Broccoli	0.99 - 2.00 per bunch
Cabbage	0.29 - 0.59
Carrots, Baby organic	1.66 - 2.50 1lb bag
Celery	0.98 - 1.69 each
Cucumbers	0.33 - 0.79 each
Lettuce, Romaine	0.99 - 1.29 each
Mushrooms, White	1.29 - 2.00 8oz pkg
Peppers, Bell green	0.99 - 1.99
Peppers, Bell red	1.29 - 2.99
Potatoes, Russet	1.98 - 3.00 5lb bag
Squash, Zucchini	0.99 - 1.59
Tomatoes on the vine	1.49 - 2.49

FRUITS

Avocados, Haas	0.88 - 1.99 each
Cantaloup	0.99 - 2.99 each
Grapes, Green/Red	0.88 - 2.49
Honeydew	2.50 - 2.99 each
Lemons	0.33 - 0.67 each
Mangoes	0.78 - 1.99 each
Nectarines	0.98 - 2.29
Oranges, Navel	0.67 - 1.00 each
Peaches	0.77 - 2.29
Strawberries	1.50 - 3.00 16oz pkg
Strawberries organic	3.99 - 3.99 16 oz pkg

ADVERTISEMENT

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.

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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.

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

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

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

115-R. Quality hay, 1st cutting new hay \$4.50 per bale. 2nd cutting \$5.50 per bale. Telephone 860-642-6856.

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.

128-R. Round 4x4 bales. Premium dry, silage grass, alfalfa. Tightly plastic wrapped, starting \$43. 860-884-2889.

129-R. Mower conditioner John Deere 1219, new guards, knives. Hydraulic swing/lift. Excellent condition \$3,100. 860-884-2889.

130-R. Hay for sale. 1st cutting \$3.50 per bale. Mulch hay \$3.00. 203-558-0016. Shelton.

131-R. Quality hay, cut and cured right. Large bales. \$4.50 - 5.00. Lebanon. 860-887-3115.

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.

136-R. D-6 – Caterpillar track bucket loader. Engine needs new ring gear. \$2,500. (You move it.) 203-206-1344.

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. 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.

WANTED

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

139-R. Eastern CT RC&D Area, Inc. seeks to hire a qualified grant writer for its Connecticut Farm Energy Program. Interested applicants can go to www.ctfarmenergy.org or www.easternrcd-ct.org for job description and requirements. Experience in grant writing as well as agriculture and/or energy issues preferred.

Any questions email ctfarmenergy@aol.com or call Amanda at 860-345-3977. Resumes and references due by August 13, 2010.

Eastern CT RC&D is an equal opportunity employer.

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.

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

CARRIAGE DRIVING & NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC

Presented by Middletown Regional Agricultural
Science & Technology Center

August 14, 2010

at the Hills Farm/Maromas Stables, Middletown, CT
with David Bradham, NARHA Certified Driving Instructor

Dave is a lifelong horseman and pioneer of the Total Connection natural horsemanship program. Dave has a wealth of experience breaking and training driving horses, and enjoys helping riders and drivers of all backgrounds develop partnerships with their horses based on trust and mutual respect.

The clinic will have something to offer horseman of all ages, disciplines and experience levels. Chose from driving or mounted sessions (or both):

Driving Session: Learn to drive with one of our school horses, or bring your own horse for an individualized lesson. You may choose what you'd like to work on. Suggested topics include ground driving, proper harness and vehicle adjustment, or driving instruction and practice.

Mounted Session: Dave will apply natural horsemanship techniques to illustrate how music can be incorporated into your riding program to improve balance, rhythm and connection with your horse. This fun, engaging activity is applicable to riders of all disciplines and abilities.

Fees: \$95 per participant for private or \$65 per participant for semi-private session. Sessions will last approximately 50 minutes. Fees include breakfast or lunch. An attempt will be made to group semi-private sessions by age, discipline or experience level, or you are welcome to register your own group. Semi-private groups cannot exceed 3 participants. Auditors are welcome; auditing fee is \$10. CEU's can be provided where applicable.

Location: Hills Farm/Maromas Stables, 772 Brooks Road, Middletown, CT. The Agriculture program wishes to thank Ed and Andi Hills for their generous support.

Other: All incoming horses must provide proof of current Rabies/Coggins Test. Clinic will take place outdoors; however, an indoor arena is available in case of inclement weather.

For further information or to register: Contact Amanda Thompson at 860-704-4599 X4029 or email: thomsona@mps1.org.

Proceeds to benefit the CT State Champion Mattabeset FFA Horse Judging Team.

GET CERTIFIED!

CNLA'S CONNECTICUT ACCREDITED NURSERY PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM STARTS AUGUST 17

Architects have "AIA", medical doctors have "MD", and in the nursery/landscape industry you have "CANP". Pass the exam for the 13-week accreditation program, and CNLA will bestow that honor on you. You'll impress your employer and your customers. You'll feel proud at earning CNLA's seal of accreditation, giving you a great sense of personal accomplishment that follows you wherever you go.

You'll get a comprehensive CANP manual, and the instructors' PowerPoint (optional fee). Learn directly from six university instructors, who give great two-hour informative lectures each of the 13 Tuesday nights.

CNLA's annual certification program gives up-to-date knowledge and expertise that promotes horticultural professionalism within the industry. This annual 13-week course will teach you the basics of botany, plant identification, and professional technological information.

CNLA's low admission price makes accreditation open to all people in the nursery and landscape industry.

The designation, Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional, will be awarded in special ceremonies at the CNLA Winter Symposium in January. [Following the 13 class sessions, an examination is given to those persons wishing to attain "Accredited Nursery Professional" status.] And your accreditation will be honored in all six New England states.

Most classes are held from 7:00pm-9:00pm each Tuesday night beginning August 17 at Southington High School. Instructors are Dr. Mark Brand, Dr. Jessica Lubell, Dawn Pettinelli, Steve Rackliffe (all from University of Connecticut), Amy Sampson (Naugatuck Valley Community College) and Dan Dalton (NVCC).

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Register early! Enrollment limited to 150 students. Advance registration requires pre-payment & guarantees a seat. But walk-ins may be accepted only on the first night if space is still available. Fees include the course manual. Call CNLA for registration info: 800-562-0610.

Register online at: <https://cnla.wufoo.com/forms/connecticut-accredited-nursery-professional-canp/>

CT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION ASSISTS U. S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION ON TESTING SEAFOOD FROM THE GULF OF MEXICO

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) participates in a federal food safety program, Food Emergency Response Network, under the guidance of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In a national response to check the safety of oysters, shrimp, crabs, and fin fish in the oil-spill area of the Gulf of Mexico, new alternative methods were developed to more efficiently analyze seafood samples for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, chemicals associated with petroleum. CAES chemists worked closely with scientists in the US FDA Forensic Chemistry Center in Cincinnati and with chemists in the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to develop the analytical procedures.

On Wednesday, July 28, 2010, the first shipment of seafood samples arrived at the CAES for analysis. The testing will be conducted in at least two other laboratories nationwide and is expected to continue for several months. By agreement, the results must be reported to the US FDA regulatory officials for review. "We are pleased that we can assist in this national crisis" said Dr. Louis A. Magnarelli, Director of the CAES. "We have the expertise and state-of-the-art instruments that can measure unwanted chemicals to parts per billion to ensure food and product safety." The CAES, founded in 1875, is the oldest state agricultural experiment station in the US and is a separate state agency.

CUT FLOWER PRICES

DAHLIA, bunched 5 long NE	10.00	10.00
GARDENIA, per bloom NE	5.50	5.50
GARDENIA, Carton 3's	15.00	15.00
GERBERA, per stem long	1.25	1.25
GERBERA, per stem mini long	.85	.85
LILIES, Asiatic long per bunch 2-3 bloom	12.50	12.50
LILIES, Asiatic long per bunch 3-5 bloom	16.00	18.00
LILIES, Casa Blanca long per bunch 5	25.00	30.00
LILIES, Siberia per bunch long	25.00	25.00
MONKSHOOD, bunched 10 NE	15.00	16.50
Sedum, per bunch long	9.00	10.00
PHLOX, per bunch long	10.00	10.00
Veronica, per bunch, long	5.00	5.00
SNAPDRAGON, bunched 10 long	12.00	12.00
SNAPDRAGON, bunched 10 short	7.00	7.50
SUNFLOWER, bunched 5's long	5.00	5.50
SUNFLOWER, Teddy Bear per stem long	.85	.85
ZINNIA, per bunch long	6.00	8.00

HERB PRICES

BASIL, 1/1b bag nj	6.00	8.00
CILANTRO, 1/2 carton bunched 30's CA	16.00	20.00
DILL, bunched 24's NJ	26.00	28.00
Arugula 4/5bu nj	12.00	14.00
MARJORAM, 1lb bag MX	8.00	10.00
OREGANO, 1lb bag NJ	8.00	8.00
ROSEMARY, 1lb ba NJ	8.00	8.00
SAGE, 1lb bag NJ	8.00	8.00
SORREL, bunched 24's col.	10.00	12.00
TARRAGON, 1lb bag NJ	10.00	10.00
WATERCRESS, bunched 24's AL	16.00	17.00

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