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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

PLANT SCIENCE DAY

By Vickie M. Bomba-Lewandoski, CT Agricultural Experiment Station
New Haven, CT July 1, 2008 - The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station will hold its 98th annual Plant Science Day open house on Wednesday, August 6, at Lockwood Farm in Hamden.

The featured program will begin at 11:15 a.m. in the main tent. Steve Grant, Staff Writer, The Hartford Courant, will give the Samuel W. Johnson Memorial Lecture entitled "Are We Making Progress? A journalist's perspective on more than three decades of environmental and agricultural change in Connecticut." at about 11:40 a.m.

Other speakers, from the Experiment Station Staff, are: Dr. Sandra L. Anagnostakis "Chestnuts Are Coming Back!" at 10:15 a.m.; Dr. Jeffrey S. Ward on "Japanese Barberry (Berberis Thunbergii DC)" at 10:45 a.m.; Mr. Gregory J. Bugbee on "Invasive Plants: Our Lakes and Ponds In Peril" at 1:15 p.m.; and Dr. MaryJane Incorvia Mattina on "Communication And Cooperation Through Laboratory Network: Positive Outcomes Of 9/11" at 1:45 p.m. In addition, there will be technical demonstrations by Dr. John F. Anderson "Bed Bugs In Connecticut" at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Dr. Abigail A. Maynard on "Growing Your Own Transplants For Your Vegetable Garden" at 11:00am. and 2:00pm.

There also will be barn displays on a range of topics and about 70 other field plots and exhibits. The event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

An additional feature of Plant Science Day is the presentation of the Century Farm Award to a Connecticut farming family in operation for more than 100 years. The recipient, Buell's Orchard in Eastford, was selected by the Connecticut Agricultural Information Council.

The barn displays will feature "Analysis of Pesticides in Pollen Collected by Honey Bees," "Suppressing Soil-borne Nematodes with Bio-fumigants," "Can you smell me now? Chemical communication in long-horned beetles," "Partial Saturation Ebb and Flow Watering for Potted Plants," "Integrated Pest Management for Winegrapes in Connecticut," and "Connecticut's Invasive Aquatic Plant Problem."

The field plot displays on fruit and vegetable crops include: sweet potatoes, calabaza squash, Chinese cabbage, wine grape cultivars, personal-sized watermelons, beach plums, heirloom tomatoes, and Japanese plums.

Displays on crops and forests include cultivar trial of greenhouse tomatoes grown in coir dust, using soybean meal and corn gluten on turf, pest management using biodiesel oilseed crops, control of blight on American chestnut, inducing fusarium disease resistance in gladiolus,

the use of earthworms to suppress fusarium crown rot of asparagus, white birch research, commercial chestnut cultivars, and environmentally-friendly control of powdery mildew on landscape plants.

Mosquito trapping and testing program for West Nile and Eastern Equine Encephalitis viruses, serum antibodies to West Nile virus in naturally exposed and vaccinated horses, Lyme Disease in ticks submitted by Connecticut citizens, natural products for the control of the tick *Ixodes scapularis*, changing caterpillars and their natural enemies on crops in the cabbage family, exotic insects in Connecticut and nearby states, integrated pest management of Eurasian watermilfoil, and subtleties in chemical control of hemlock woolly adelgid are some of the entomological and acarological topics to be highlighted.

Predominant molds on water-damaged drywall, factors affecting composition of hydroponic lettuce, table grape demonstration plot, bio-char—a by product of a biomass-to-fuels technology—as a possible soil amendment: consideration of its ability to adsorb agriculturally-important chemicals, pinot gris cultural trials, composting leaves using the static pile method, phytoremediation: using plants to clean contaminated soil, and ebb and flood watering of potted ornamental plants will also be included in the field plots.

The bird and butterfly garden, the Connecticut Nurserymen's Garden, displays on weeds and wild plants, and exhibits on nursery and bee inspections will also be available to visitors.

Pesticide credits for Connecticut will be offered to those persons who attend Plant Science Day. No pre-registration is required for attendance. However, individuals interested in obtaining pesticide credits must sign in at the registration table at the start of the day, between 9:30-10:00 a.m., collect signatures for accredited talks and tours attended, and sign out to pick up pesticide credit forms between 2:45-4:00 p.m. The pesticide credits for the respective programs are as follows: all categories and private applicators (PA) 4 hours, applicators can assign 4 credit hours to one category or split hours among more than one category.

Lockwood Farm is in the Mt. Carmel section of Hamden. From I-91, take Exit 10 and follow the Route 40 connector to the end. Turn right onto Whitney Avenue and proceed north for 0.6 mile. At the traffic light, turn left onto Evergreen Avenue; proceed 0.1 mile and turn right onto Kenwood Avenue. The farm is on the left. Enter the second driveway.

For more information, refer to The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station web site: <http://www.ct.gov/caes> or call (203) 974-8500 (New Haven) or (877) 855-2237 toll-free (statewide).

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

August 4, 2008

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

EXTRA LARGE	98-102
LARGE	96-100
MEDIUM	65-68

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, August 4, 2008

Live animals brought the following average
prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	24.00
61-75 lbs.	30.00	35.00
76-90 lbs.	45.00	50.00
91-105 lbs.	48.00	55.00
106 lbs. & up	56.00	60.00
Farm Calves	58.00	70.00
Started Calves	18.00	22.00
Veal Calves	70.00	160.00
Open Heifers	70.00	95.00
Beef Heifers	66.00	72.50
Feeder Steers	45.00	90.00
Beef Steers	60.00	76.00
Stock Bulls	57.50	92.50
Beef Bulls	55.00	75.00
Boars	2.00	8.00
Sows	10.00	13.50
Hogs,Barrows and Gilts	1 @	50.00
Feeder Pigs each	37.50	47.50
Sheep each	30.00	100.00
Lambs each	45.00	105.00
Goats each	60.00	95.00
Kid Goats each	20.00	70.00
Canners	Up to	52.75
Cutters	53.00	57.00
Utility Grade Cows	58.00	66.50
Rabbits each	5.00	18.00
Chickens each	7.00	19.00
Ducks each	5.00	12.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, August 4, 2008

Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
Breakers	75-80% lean	
64.00-67.00	67.00-68.00	61.00-64.00
Boners	80-85% lean	
60.00-64.00	64.00-65.50	57.00-60.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
56.00-60.00	60.00-62.00	53.00-56.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2		
1035-1990 lbs	71.00-76.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN:		
Choice and Prime 2-3		
50-60 lbs	122.00-138.00	
60-70 lbs	118.00-138.00	
70-80 lbs	114.00-126.00	
90-110 lbs	112.00-128.00	
110-130 lbs	108.00-112.00	
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good and Choice 1-3		
120-160 lbs	42.00-60.00	
160-200 lbs	48.00-58.00	

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5lb	9.00	11.00
APPLE CIDER, 4/1 Gallon	13.00	13.00
BEANS, Green bu hand-picked CT	14.00	18.00
BEANS, Wax 1-1/9 bu	20.00	22.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1-pts with lids	23.00	24.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1-pts wrapped	23.00	25.00
CHIVES, 1-lb bags, 12ct	7.00	8.00
CORN, 5 dz CT	10.00	10.00
CUCUMBERS, Pickles 1/2 bu	8.00	12.00
CUCUMBERS, med 1-1/9bu	14.00	16.00
CUCUMBERS, large 1-1/9 bu CT	8.00	8.00
NECTARINES, 1/2bu, 2-1/2up	26.00	28.00
PEACHES, 1/2 bu 2-1/2 min	22.00	24.00
PEACHES, White 1/2bu 2-1/2up	26.00	28.00
PEPPERS, Cubanelles	14.00	15.00
PEPPERS, Green jumbo	14.00	14.00
PLUMS, Red 20lb	28.00	28.00
PLUMS, Yellow 20lb	28.00	28.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu med CT	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu sm	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, Zucchini 1/2 bu sm-med CT	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES, 8 qt basket	16.00	17.00
TOMATOES, 25lb 5x6	22.00	22.00
TOMATOES, Heirloom 10lb	30.00	30.00

SHIPPED IN

APPLES, Jersey Mac Fancy bu 2-1/2 min	25.00	25.00
BROCOLLI, 14ct	12.00	12.00
CABBAGE, Red 50lb NJ	13.00	16.00
CABBAGE, Green med NJ	10.00	12.00
CANTALOUPS, 12ct	15.00	15.00
CARROTS, 24 bunched	17.00	17.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu med NJ	10.00	13.00
LETTUCE, Boston 24ct Greenhouse NH	12.00	15.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24ct NY	12.00	12.00
MELON, Sugarbaby 6ct	10.00	12.00

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:

August 4, 2008

EXTRA LARGE	105-109
LARGE	103-107
MEDIUM	73-77

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.

EASTERN REGION MILK REVIEW

MADISON, WI. July 30, 2008 - Milk availability is varied through the region. Supplies are described as "adequate" in some areas, with pockets of very tight supplies elsewhere. In parts of the NORTHEAST, supplies at some plants are reported to be holding at what was referenced as a "lighter" level, after dropping last week. Other plants report only slightly less milk than they received toward the end of May during the flush peak. In the present, some plants reporting lighter supplies are relying on the reduced demand for plant time to perform maintenance, as well as to make some specialty products that are difficult to schedule when higher milk supplies challenge plant capacity. Managers in some plants with continuing heavier supplies, are looking forward to increasing movement of milk south to meet school milk demand. MIDDLE

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

Slaughter Kids: 60-70 lbs	65.00-68.00
70-80 lbs	72.00-88.00
80-90 lbs	80.00-91.00
90-100 lbs	82.00-101.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	70.00-78.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	138.00-152.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

FOR Mon August 4, 2008

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

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	56.00-59.00
	270-300 lbs	54.00-56.00
	300-350 lbs	50.00-53.50
45-49	220-270 lbs	54.00-56.00
	300-350 lbs	48.00-50.00
40-45	220-270 lbs	50.00-52.50
	270-300 lbs	48.00-50.00
	300-370 lbs	46.00-48.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	23.00-27.00
	500-700 lbs	27.00-30.25
Boars:	300-700 lbs	9.00

ATLANTIC milk supplies are sharply tighter. One plant manager described milk availability as being "way down", with only about half the tankers received this week as last week. Extreme heat, well beyond normal summer heat, is cited as a factor. Some plants are using the eased demands on plant capacity, to perform maintenance and upkeep. SOUTHEAST production is about equal with year ago, but seasonally lower, according to one plant manager. The region is beginning to anticipate the inward movement of milk to meet demand when schools open in several weeks. FLORIDA has now stopped shipping milk out. The decline was relatively rapid, going from 180 tankers 2 weeks ago, to 40 last week, to none this week. While there was reported to still be milk that could have been shipped out, the decision was made to hold inventory and begin to build supplies in anticipation of increased demand when schools begin classes. The bigger Florida districts begin classes August 18. demand for ice cream and increased supplies of cream resulting from production to meet school demand.

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 or ddonahue01@comcast.net..

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049 or ddonahue01@comcast.net, Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency.

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. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, stakes, mantles, portable and custom sawing available. (203) 788-2430.

93. Irrigation system – covers 3 acres. Complete with all fittings plus trailer. \$3,000 firm. Call (860) 289-5188 or (860) 289-5055 for more information.

123-R. Battery powered price computing scales with state compliance, battery powered cash registers, repair of all types of scales. Call (800) 403-5919.

184-R. Bailed hay in field. You pick up. Call for information. (860) 274-8214, Frank.

118-R. Registered Nubian doe kids. Three beautiful brown and white with black dorsal stripe. Call (860) 659-3426.

154-R. Hay for sale – 4 x 4 round bales. Call (203) 484-0664.

161-R. Feed hay that has been rained on. Mulch hay. \$3.00 per bale. Lebanon (860) 642-6856.

162. 30 acres standing hay. Yields approximately 1,650 bales. Asking \$650. Call (203) 237-8085.

167-R. Irrigation Equipment: Chevy propane Berkley 6"-5" pump, pto Marlow 6"-5" pump, 2040ft Tico 5" pipe, 9000+ft 2" w/Wade fittings, Fitomate self-flushing filter. Call for pricing. Maple Lane Farms - Phone: (860) 889-3766.

180. Forklift – Ross model 6000 lb capacity - \$3,500. Benson 20ft aluminum dump body - \$4,500. (860) 489-5665.

181-R. Four Ashire heifers, 18 months, ready to breed, good body type, two with horns, two without - \$900 each. One bull calf, 3 month - \$300. Halter broke. (860) 857-2446.

182-R. Wagon loader for Ford or medium size machine - \$425 or best offer. Must sell. (203) 758-2002.

183. One 6-frame, radial, hand crank honey extractor for sale (normally \$465) with stand (normally \$60) in brand new condition. Used one season. Takes 6 medium or shallow frames. Combine price - \$400, a savings of \$125. Shipping on these items would be \$40 - total savings of \$165. (860) 642-7331 evenings or Shallowbrookfarm@aol.com.

184. 1992 Wildcat Compost Turner, model #CX 750 ME, Cummins Diesel 177 HP, American Coupler Systems coupler for attaching to a loader, complete with electric controls, serviced and ready to use - \$10,000 or best offer. 12'10" Taylor-Way Harrow with 20" smooth discs - \$2,000. 943 Bobcat loader - \$4,500. Dresser 520B with cab and 4in1 bucket – needs transmission - \$3,000. Call Greg in Connecticut (860) 668-7371 x213.

WANTED

83-R. Wanted: Land to Lease: Small, outdoor recreational club seeks lease of properties with wetlands, fields and woodland. Looking for long possible term arrangements. References available. Leave message 860-303-5252

174-R. Cash paid for junk equipment, tractors, plows, balers, parts, etc. We pick up. Sam (203) 457-0314.

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.

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GOVERNOR RELL ANNOUNCES FARM REINVESTMENT GRANT PLACED ON BONDING AGENDA

200 year old Rogers Orchard at Sunnymount Farm in Southington was the site of the announcement by Governor Jodi Rell that the Farm Reinvestment grant was placed on the August 4th Bonding Commission agenda. This means that those farms that received the grant in May will be able to start their projects when the commission allocates the funding and as soon as the contracts are signed.

Commissioner F.Philip Prelli greeted Governor Rell at the orchard along with all three generations of the Rogers family. Sweet cider and cider donuts were provided at the farm stand immediately after the event.

Photo at left: The entire Rogers Family take time to meet and greet Governor Rell beneath the CT grown canopy.

**TIME TO SIGN UP FOR
THE 2008 AGRITOURISM BROCHURE!!**

We are in the process of compiling the 2008 Agritourism brochure! You would like your farm to have a free listing in this brochure, an application is available at www.ctgrown.gov under "Publications."

The brochure will be distributed to schools for the annual CT Grown For CT Kids Week, the first week of October (a collaborative effort with the CT Dept of Education for the CT Farm To School Program). Then, we distribute them to all the Welcome Centers throughout Connecticut, at all Department functions and other related events throughout the season—and it is available on the website and to the public upon request. Copies are also sent to all Connecticut libraries and town halls as well!

This is a great opportunity to advertise your kid-friendly agritourism to the public!! The deadline to receive your application is August 22, 2008. Applications can be US Postal mailed, emailed (jane.slupecki@ct.gov), or faxed (860-713-2516) back to us. Mailed applications can be sent to: CT Dept of Agriculture, Jane Slupecki/Agritourism Brochure, 165 Capitol Avenue, Rm 129, Hartford, CT 06106.

Thank you for your participation! Please do not hesitate to contact Jane at (860) 713-2588 with any questions!

NOTABLE TREES BUS TOUR

On Saturday, October 18, 2008, the Hartford Cooperative Extension Council will host a charter bus tour of Notable Trees of Central Connecticut. The chief tour guide will be well known tree expert Ed Richardson. The bus tour will begin and end in the parking lot of the University of Connecticut, West Hartford campus. The bus tour begins at 9 a.m. and will end at approximately 4 p.m. The cost of the Tree Tour, including lunch, is \$65 per person for registrations received prior to September 15, and \$70 thereafter. Registrations will be accepted until October 13,

2008. A portion of the registration is tax deductible and proceeds will be used to support the work of the Hartford County Extension Council.

For registration information or additional information about the tour, send an e-mail to: debbyrosen@sbcglobal.net. The bus tour will be held rain or shine and is limited to 100 people.

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

APPLES, GRANNY SMITH 12 – 3LB CHILE	47.00	47.00
APPLES, FUJI 80'S XFCY CHILE	65.00	65.00
ARRUGULA, BABY 3LB	10.00	11.00
BANANAS 40LB	21.00	23.00
BLACKBERRIES, MED 12 – 1/2PT CA	31.00	31.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12 1-PINT NJ	53.00	53.00
CANTALOUPE, 1/2 CARTON 12CT CA	25.00	25.00
GRAPEFRUIT, RED 7/10 BU 36CT CA	35.00	35.00
HONEYDEW, 2/3 CART 5'S CA	24.00	24.00
LEMONS, 115CT CA	90.00	90.00
MESCULIN MIX, 3LB CA	8.00	8.00
MUSHROOMS, SHITAKE 3LB PA	21.00	23.00
MUSHROOMS, WHITE 10LB LGE PA	19.00	23.00
ONIONS, YELLOW 12/3LB BAGS	34.00	34.00
PEACHES, 50CT CA	32.00	32.00
POTATOES, RUSSET 10-5LB BAGS	24.00	24.00
RASPBERRIES 12 – 1/2PT CA	32.00	32.00
SPINACH, BABY 4LB CA	13.00	15.00



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