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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

CT GROWN PRODUCER LISTINGS AND BROCHURES

The Department of Agriculture offers a variety of online listings on its Publications page. Connecticut producers interested in participating in these listings must complete and return an application for each applicable listing.

Applications that are currently being accepted for online listings include the following:

- 2011 Connecticut Agritourism
- 2011 Connecticut Farm Stands/Stores
- 2011 CT Grown Dairy and Egg Producers
- 2011 CT Grown Honey Producers
- 2011 CT Grown Meat Producers

These online listings are updated year round and applications can be submitted at any time. Applications can be found at <http://www.ct.gov/doag/cwp/view.asp?a=3243&q=430982>

Applications that are currently being accepted for printed brochures (will also be posted online):

2011 Connecticut Pick-Your-Own Farms (\$25 fee to help defray cost of printing). DEADLINE is 3/25/11 to be included in print version (online listing can be updated at any time)

]For more information, please contact Linda Piotrowicz at 860-713-2558 or Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov.

GOOD NEWS FOR ORGANIC GROWERS (OR THOSE TRANSITIONING TO ORGANIC PRODUCTION)

Are you a certified organic producer? Are you transitioning to organic production? If so, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Connecticut has financial assistance available for conservation practices. However, you'll need to move fast – although applications are accepted on a continuous basis, this year's deadline for funding is March 4, 2011.

Connecticut State Conservationist Jay T. Mar announced today that the agency has received over \$310,000 for the implementation of conservation practices that encourage more organic agricultural production. Funding is being made available as part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). This is the third year for this initiative.

"The 2008 Farm Bill provided funding specifically to help organic farmers and those agricultural producers transitioning to organic farming," said Mar. "This initiative will allow organic food producers to compete for EQIP funds."

Successful applicants will receive funding to implement priority conservation practices designed to improve natural resource conditions and sustainable organic production. Not only do these practices offer significant environmental benefits, they are also important to growers. Eligible practices include crop rotation, cover crop, nutrient management, pest management, seasonal high tunnels, and prescribed grazing.

If you are a certified organic producer, you must submit an Organic System Plan (OSP) at the time of application, along with proof of farm ownership. If you are a producer in transition to organic farming, you must provide proof of farm ownership, and written self-certification agreeing to develop an OSP and implement conservation practices consistent with EQIP statute and the OSP.

Interested producers should contact their nearest field office: Brooklyn (860) 774-0224, Ext. 102; Hamden (203) 287-8038, Ext. 101; Norwich (860) 887-3604, Ext. 300; Torrington (860) 626-8258, Ext. 200; Windsor (860) 688-7725, Ext. 118; or visit www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/.

USDA TO SURVEY FARMERS' PLANTING INTENTIONS FOR 2011

Concord, NH – What crops do farmers intend to plant this growing season? Will field corn intended acreage be above or below last 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 2011.

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 kept confidential under Title 7 of the U.S. Code and CIPSEA (Public Law 107-347). "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.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

February 14, 2010

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

EXTRA LARGE	104-107
LARGE	103-106
MEDIUM	91-93

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, February 14, 2010 - Live animals brought the following average prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	20.00	22.00
61-75 lbs.	25.00	30.00
76-90 lbs.	35.00	40.00
91-105 lbs.	42.50	47.50
106 lbs. & up	50.00	55.00
Farm Calves	60.00	67.50
Started Calves	22.00	25.00
Veal Calves	77.50	110.00
Open Heifers	55.00	82.50
Beef Heifers	63.00	75.00
Feeder Steers	75.00	90.00
Beef Steers	70.00	100.00
Stock Bulls	77.00	80.00
Beef Bulls	65.00	85.00
Sows each	25.00	27.00
Hogs,Barrows and Gilts	57.00	57.50
Feeder Pigs each	30.00	35.00
Sheep each	50.00	82.00
Lambs each	65.00	195.00
Goats each	67.00	165.00
Canners	Up to	63.50
Cutters	64.00	70.00
Utility Grade Cows	71.00	74.00
Rabbits each	9.00	17.00
Chickens each	10.00	65.00
Ducks each	10.00	15.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction. **Auction will be held on Monday, Feb 21 as usual.**

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

APPLES, Fuji 80ct WA	46.25	46.25
APPLES, Gala, 88CT xfcy WA	46.75	46.75
ARRUGULA, Baby Type 12's GA	18.25	18.25
AVOCADOES 48 MX	53.25	53.25
BOK CHOY 20lb, FL	42.25	42.25
CARROTS, 25lbs jbo CA	16.00	19.00
CAULIFLOWER, 12ct CA	38.50	38.50
CILANTRO, 30's CA	27.25	27.25
CUCUMBERS, 1/2bu MX	49.75	49.75
LEEKs, 12's CA	47.50	47.50
LETTUCE, Red Leaf 24ct CA	34.75	34.75
MESCULIN mix, 3lb CA	12.50	12.50
GREEN BEANS, bu FL	59.00	59.00
PEARS, D'Anjou U.S. #1 90ct WA	39.50	39.50
PEPPER, Red grnhouse 11lb MX	29.25	29.25
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb FL	35.25	35.25
TOMATOES, Plum 25lb	29.25	29.25

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, February 14, 2010

Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
Premium White	65-75% lean	
72.00-75.50	76.00-80.00	-----
Breakers	75-80% lean	
67.00-70.00	-----	63.00-66.50

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 4-one gallon	18.00	18.00
APPLE CIDER, 9 half-gallons	20.00	20.00
APPLES, Empire 80ct, xfcy	20.00	22.00
APPLES, Macintosh US#1 96ct	13.00	14.00
APPLES, Red Delicious, 12/3lb, xfcy	18.00	18.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb film	4.50	5.00
LETTUCE, Boston, Greenhouse 12/4oz	14.00	16.00
POTATOES, Round white 10lb bag loose	2.00	2.00
POTATOES, Russet, 10/5lb	11.00	11.00
TOMATOES, Cherry 5lb flat, on vine	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 15lb flat	34.00	34.00

SHIPPED IN

ARTICHOKEs, 36ct CA	26.00	30.00
ASPARAGUS, 11lb lge MX	25.00	26.00
BEANS, Green Handpick 30lb FL	32.00	33.00
BLACKBERRIES, 12/6oz MX	18.00	22.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/6oz CHILE	14.00	16.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct AZ	15.00	16.00
CABBAGE, Green med 50lb GA	18.00	20.00
CABBAGE, Nappa 50LB FL	20.00	22.00
CARROTS, 48-1lb CA	24.00	26.00
CORN, 4 1/2dz FL	21.00	24.00
CUCUMBERS, 1 1/9bu med MX	40.00	46.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 40ct FL	12.00	13.00
GRAPES, Thompson 18lb CHILE, LGN	20.00	20.00
LEEKs, 12's MX	20.00	24.00
LEMON GRASS, 30lb CA	70.00	70.00
LETTUCE, Red leaf 24ct AZ	34.00	36.00
NECTARINES, 2-layer 40's CHILE	21.00	21.00
ONION, RED, 25lb med NY	10.00	10.00
PEAS, Sugar Snap 10lb GU	15.00	16.00
PEPPER, Cubanelles, 1 1/9bu, lge FL	42.00	44.00
PEPPER, Green bell, 1-1/9bu xl FL	48.00	50.00
RASPBERRIES, 12/6oz lge CA	40.00	42.00
ROMAIN, 24, CA	36.00	40.00
SQUASH, Yellow, 1/2bu med FL	28.00	34.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb FL	14.00	16.00
SWISS CHARD, Mixed color, 12's CA	20.00	20.00

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 14, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	111-115
LARGE	109-113
MEDIUM	98-102

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.



PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

Week ending February 12, 2010
Hay and Straw Market for Eastern
Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid
by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	170.00-210.00
Mixed Hay	160.00-215.00
Timothy	140.00-170.00
	Good
Alfalfa	140.00-175.00
Mixed Hay	120.00-150.00
Timothy	130.00-140.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	100.00-120.00
Mixed Hay	100.00-120.00

Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh
120-160 lbs 138.00-152.00;
160-200 lbs 122.00-137.00

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

Kids: 40-60 lbs 110.00-152.00
60-80 lbs 158.00-173.00
80-90 lbs 161.00-175.00
90-100 lbs 163.00-177.00
100-110 lbs 169.00-180.00
110-120 lbs 172.00-184.00

Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 129.00-144.00
130-180 lbs 134.00-149.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs 186.00-200.00
150-250 lbs 209.00-223.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon February 14, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual
weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	66.50-68.00
	270-300 lbs	67.00-71.00
	300-400 lbs	65.00-69.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	63.50-66.00
	300-400 lbs	59.50-64.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	44.00-49.00
	500-700 lbs	47.00-52.00

Boners	80-85% lean	
63.00-66.50	68.50-70.50	59.00-62.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
58.00-62.00	64.00-67.50	53.00-57.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1		
	1500-1965 lbs	78.00-83.00
Bullocks:	990-1240 lbs	80.00-85.00
Calves: All prices per cwt.		
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1		
	95-130 lbs	95.00-110.00
	90 lbs	60.00-70.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1		
	95-110 lbs	140.00-190.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:		
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3		
	50-60 lbs	275.00-290.00
	60-80 lbs	228.00-271.00
	80-90 lbs	228.00-241.00
	90-110 lbs	216.00-231.00
	110-130 lbs	204.00-219.00
	130-150 lbs	210.00-222.00
Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3		
	50-60 lbs	199.00-214.00
	70-80 lbs	179.00-194.00
	80-90lbs	177.00-191.00
	110-130 lbs	176.00-190.00

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.

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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.

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

11-R. Hay – excellent 1st cut, plastic wrapped round bales \$40. 860-886-0716.

22-R. Round bales mixed grasses, no canary. Pick up or delivered. 203-530-4953.

29-R. Honeybees for sale, 3lb packages mid-April, Riverside Apiaries 860-295-8972.

33-R. Premium mulches. Natural, dark brown, black and vibrant colors. Call for pricing, orders and delivery. Contact Charles Leigus (860) 301-0673.

34-R. First cut hay, June cut square bales \$4.50 each p.u. 203-265-4588.

35-R. Hay – late 1st cut \$3.00, quality 2nd cut \$6.00, 860-235-0624.

41-R. 48' storage or road trailers, roll up door, good for hay, good shape. \$1,000. ea. del available. Ford LN9000 tandem tractor, cummins diesel, 9 speed, \$4,000. Hereford 3 yrs. old bred to club calf due end of Jan. \$1,000. Hay square bales 1st cut 4.50 & 2nd 5.50 p.u. 860-537-1974.

42-R. 5' PTO snow blower, heavy duty Canadian made, used very little, always under cover, some surface rust – will throw snow 100'. Cost new \$2,400 – Sell \$1,200. 860-423-1347; 617-308-3015.

WANTED

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

38-R. Standing Timber Wanted. Hardwoods and Softwoods. Fully licensed and insured with emphasis on performing quality, low impact harvests. Payment before logging begins. 20 acre minimum. Call (860) 798-4039.

43-R. Lyman Orchards in Middlefield, CT is seeking an Orchard Manager. This is a hands-on supervisory position, overseeing crop production, harvesting and distribution at one of CT's largest farms. Vertically integrated marketing channels include PYO, direct retail, and an extensive agritainment component. Applicants should enjoy a fast-paced work environment, focused on exceptional customer service. A comprehensive benefit package is available. Three to five years' managerial and horticultural experience preferred. Interested candidates should forward their resume and salary requirements to John Lyman III, Lyman Orchards, P.O. Box 453, Middlefield, CT 06455. Email: jlyman3@lymanorchards.com.

44-R. Hay elevator wanted, 30' in working condition. 860-677-0903.

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.

611-R. The Ct Department of Agriculture's Farm Link Program. is a matchmaking service to help new farmers find farm land owners (for rent or for sale) and to aid in the process of land rental and/or farm transfer to the next generation of farmers. Persons interested in the process can use fillable applications right on the computer now available at www.farmlink.uconn.edu. The Department is encouraging all next generation farmers and transitioning family farms in Connecticut to participate. We have a great need for land owners at this time. For further information, please contact Jane Slupecki at (860) 713-2588.

NEW ENGLAND DAIRY CONFERENCES SCHEDULED AT FOUR LOCATIONS IN MARCH

Once again there are four locations for the New England Dairy Conferences scheduled in March, 2011. Cooperative Extension in New England and the Dairy Practices Committee are working jointly to organize these conferences. Each location will have its own local program and trade show, along with a featured speaker. This year's featured speaker will be Dr. Robert Graves, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

Dr. Robert E. Graves is an internationally recognized expert on dairy cattle housing, manure handling and treatment systems, milking equipment, and milking centers. He earned his M.S. and Ph.D. at the University of Massachusetts.

At Penn State, he is responsible for developing educational programs and materials on dairy systems, manure handling and composting. He has worked in these areas since 1965 as a university faculty member, extension agricultural engineer, dairy farmer, and engineering consultant. Since coming to Pennsylvania in 1982, he has worked extensively with producers, government officials, and researchers on issues related to dairy cattle housing and well-being, quality milk production, manure handling and treatment and regulations. He brings applications and field experience based perspective to the team.

Dr. R. Graves is a Director of the Buildings and Equipment Task Force of the Dairy Practices Council; member of the American Dairy Science Association and the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. During past years, Dr. R. Graves received many awards from different Agricultural Engineering organizations. He is also an author of numerous papers on dairy barn design, special needs cows facilities, and methane digesters and biogas utilization.

The conference will be held in four different locations. These dates and locations include:

* Monday, March 14: UCONN, Storrs, Connecticut – Bishop Center for Continuing Education

* Tuesday, March 15: Waterville, Maine – The Elks Club

* Wednesday, March 16: Whitefield, New Hampshire – Mountain View Grand Resort

* Thursday, March 17: West Lebanon, New Hampshire – Fireside Inn & Suites

For more information contact Extension Specialist, Michal Lunak at (603)787-6944.

CONNECTICUT FLORISTS ASSOCIATION FLORAL DESIGN SCHOOL

Classes for Spring 2011

Basic Floral Design March 8 - May 5

Intermediate Floral Design May 10 - June 9

If you always wanted to work with flowers, now you can make it a reality at Connecticut's only trade school for floral design, licensed and approved by the state higher education agency and for Veterans Administration benefits.

Connecticut's floral industry counts over \$100 million in annual sales. You can become a floral designer, a manager, even own your own flower shop someday.

A student can choose from a state-approved vocational curriculum of Basic or Intermediate design classes with a professional instructional staff and an acclaimed curriculum to match.

Modern Facilities - Learn inside the beautiful new facilities of the Agriculture Department of Middletown High School....convenient to I-91 and the Rt. 9 expressway.

Basic Floral Design - Starts March 8

This is a 39-classroom hour, comprehensive course on basic floral design for those interested in a career in the floral industry. It will cover care and handling practices, floral identification and nomenclature, floral mechanics, design principles, elements of design including an introduction to color theory. Students will create vase and floral foam arrangements and wrapped bouquets. Students will be introduced to wiring and taping techniques and will create corsages, boutonnières and wristlets. This course will focus on

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profitable design techniques and include proper pricing calculation methods. Course content will include lecture and hands-on projects. This course will prepare the student for an entry level position in the floral industry.

BASIC DESIGN will be offered as a 13-session evening program.

EVENINGS: Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6-9pm

DATES: March 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31, April 5, 7, 26, 28, May 5

FEE: \$1099 non members /
\$899 CFA members

Intermediate Floral Design - Starts May 10

This is a 27-classroom hour comprehensive course focusing, in greater depth, on the principles and elements of design. Students will review basic mechanics and color theory. Consisting primarily of hands-on experience, each student will create a variety of designs including an introduction to wedding and sympathy designs. All projects will be personally critiqued by the instructor. Students will be required to complete an additional 16-hour internship at a CFA retail floral shop, meet the stated attendance requirements and pass a practical exam to receive a Certificate of Successful Completion.

PRE REQUISITES: 1. Successful completion of CFA Basic Design OR

2. A minimum of one year experience as a designer in a properly licensed retail or wholesale floral company.

INTERMEDIATE DESIGN will be offered as a 9-session evening program.

EVENINGS: Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 6 - 9pm

May 10, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, June 2, 7, 9

FEE: \$999 non members / \$899 CFA members

To Get Your Copy of the School Course Catalog which explains the School's programs and policies in detail, go to http://www.cfafloralschool.org/pdf/CFA_School_Brochure.pdf

For more information, call 800-352-6946 or e-mail CFA at CTFlorists@aol.com

FSA PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS AFFECTED BY HARSH WINTER WEATHER

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Connecticut State Executive Director Marsha Jetté reminds livestock producers throughout Connecticut that FSA programs may be available to assist them. Many are dealing with harsh winter weather, which is causing serious harm to livestock and forage due to heavy snow, ice and extremely cold temperatures.

"This is turning out to be a tough winter for many ranchers and farmers in Connecticut, and learning about our FSA programs is an important step for producers to take," said Jetté. "We need producers to document the number and kind of livestock that have died as a direct result of these winter storms and timely notify their local FSA office of these losses. There may be situations where producers are transporting feed to their livestock. Producers should document these additional costs."

FSA administers several programs that help producers recover from livestock deaths that are beyond normal mortality rates, losses of purchased and/or harvested forage, and with the additional costs of providing or transporting feed. Among the key programs are the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). For livestock death losses to be eligible under LIP, producers must file a notice of loss with their local FSA office within 30 calendar days from when the loss is apparent to the producer.

Fact sheets for these two programs can be found at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on Newsroom, then Fact Sheets.

"We encourage all who have suffered a disaster due to the recent cold weather and blizzards to read the fact sheets and visit with their local FSA county office staff so they get a quick start in the recovery process," added Jetté.

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