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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

JOIN US FOR CONNECTICUT AG DAY AT THE CAPITOL

by Jaime Smith, Marketing Representative

Wednesday, March 18, 2009 is this year's annual Ag Day at the Capitol. Located in the North Lobby of the Capitol from 10am-1pm, over 30 agricultural associations will be present to answer questions and distribute information.

Legislative leaders and their aides visit the displays, providing agricultural organizations the opportunity to inform policy makers of the importance of agriculture, to voice concerns, and discuss legislation important to agriculture.

At noon, presentations will begin and the official proclamation of "Connecticut Agriculture Day" shall be read. The recipient of the Outstanding Young Farmer (OYF) award will be presented. Sponsored by the Connecticut Agricultural Information Council (CAIC) and the CT Jaycees, the purpose of the award is to foster better urban-rural relations with farmers by creating a greater public interest and understanding of today's farmer and their challenges. Four national winners from the 50 states are honored annually at the National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Banquet. If you would like to apply to be the CT Outstanding Young Farmer, applications and guidelines can be downloaded from the CT Ag Education Foundation website – www.ctaef.org and must be postmarked by February 16, 2009 to qualify. Questions regarding the program can be directed to Erin Sepe at erin.sepe@firstpioneer.com

Prior to the awards ceremony we urge all attendees to visit the variety of agricultural booths, enjoy the samples, and see what Connecticut agriculture has to offer. It's both a fun and informative day for all who attend.

If your association has not been notified and would like to attend the event, please contact Jaime Lizee Smith at 860-713-2559 or jaime.smith@ct.gov.

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL JOURNALISM AWARDS / PROGRAM RULES

•Purpose. This program of the Connecticut Agricultural Information Council (CAIC) recognizes outstanding coverage of Connecticut agriculture by the news media in calendar year 2008.

•Nominations may be made by anyone in the state of Connecticut with an interest in agriculture, including the entrants themselves.

•Entry Deadline. The deadline for nominations is March 11, 2009.

•Prizes & Recognition. Each recipient will receive a check for \$100 and an Award Plaque. Presentation of the Awards will be made at Con-

necticut Agriculture Day in the state capitol in March. Winners will be publicized to the news and trade media. Winning entries will be displayed in a special exhibit in the state capitol for Connecticut Agriculture Day, March 18. The total number of awards will not exceed 10 for any one calendar year.

•Awards Committee. A committee composed of three members of the Connecticut Agricultural Information Council shall be appointed by the CAIC President to review nominations and decide the Awards. No committee member may be connected in any way to an entry. Decisions of the Awards Committee are final.

•Entry Procedure. All nominations must be made on the official CAIC form provided. All material nominated for an award must have been either published or broadcasted.

Actual copies of the material must be provided along with the nomination form. No entries will be returned to nominees. For broadcast outlets: video must be furnished in VHS or DVD format; audio must be furnished in cassette or CD format.

For more information and entry forms, contact CAIC, 203-445-0110. CONNGREEN@AOL.COM

FARMERS TO SEE RETURN ON INVESTMENT WITH 2007 CENSUS

A record number of farmers invested in their future by participating in the 2007 Census of Agriculture. They can now see a return on that investment as Census results were released Feb. 4 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

"The true value of the Census of Agriculture is in the information it provides," said Gary Keough, director of the NASS New England Field Office. "The Census charts trends in agriculture over time and provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive data for every county in the nation."

The Census, which is conducted every five years, provides facts and figures on virtually every aspect of U.S. agriculture, including number and types of farm operations, the economic aspects of farm production and the demographics of U.S. farm operators.

For farmers and ranchers, Census data can be a valuable tool to help them make informed decisions about the future of their operations. In addition, the information is used by all those who serve farmers and rural communities, including government agencies, community planners, agribusinesses, lenders, trade associations and many others.

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NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

February 2, 2009

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

EXTRA LARGE	116-120
LARGE	115-119
MEDIUM	92-94

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, February 2, 2009

Live animals brought the following average
prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	12.00	20.00
61-75 lbs.	22.00	24.00
76-90 lbs.	25.00	28.00
91-105 lbs.	30.00	32.00
106 lbs. & up	33.00	37.00
Veal Calves	62.50	105.00
Open Heifers	55.00	90.00
Beef Heifers	52.00	56.00
Feeder Steers	40.00	70.00
Beef Steers	52.00	57.50
Stock Bulls	52.50	82.00
Beef Bulls	44.50	87.50
Replacement Heifers	1 @	405.00
Feeder Pigs each	41.00	42.50
Goats each	47.50	165.00
Kid Goats each	25.00	90.00
Canners	Up to	44.50
Cutters	45.00	49.75
Utility Grade Cows	50.00	52.50
Rabbits each	5.00	26.00
Chickens each	4.00	17.00
Ducks each	5.00	16.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

**Sale will be held on President's Day,
February 16 as usual.**

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, February 2, 2009

Bulk/High/Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean	
49.00-52.00	51.00-52.50	47.00-48.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
45.00-49.00	46.00-48.50	38.00-43.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2

1030-2380 lbs	57.00-63.00
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Bullocks: 945-1415 lbs 66.00-72.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Choice and Prime 2-3

50-60 lbs	146.00-147.00
60-70 lbs	142.00-150.00
80-90 lbs	130.00-144.00
90-110 lbs	128.00-142.00
110-130 lbs	120.00-124.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 1-3

120-160 lbs	56.00-64.00
160-200 lbs	52.00-60.00
200-300 lbs	56.00

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

Kids: 30-40 lbs	48.00-52.00
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FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5lb	9.00	11.00
APPLE CIDER, 9-1/2 gallons	17.00	17.00
APPLES, Cortland 80ct xfancy	26.00	28.00
APPLES, McIntosh 96ct xfancy	21.00	22.00
APPLES, Red Delicious 2-3/4 no grade	14.00	15.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb bag	5.00	6.00
CABBAGE, Red Organic 40lb	38.00	38.00
CELERY ROOT, 20lb organic	18.00	18.00
POTATOES, Russet 10lb	2.50	2.50
POTATOES, Round White Chef 50lbs US1	6.00	8.00
SQUASH, Acorn Organic 35lb	32.00	32.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu lg	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, Butternut Organic med	32.00	32.00
SQUASH, Delicate Organic 35lb	37.00	38.00
TOMATOES, 11lb on vine Greenhouse	23.00	23.00
TURNIPS, White Cape 1-1/9 bu	23.00	23.00

SHIPPED IN

ARRUGULA, Baby 3lb bag FL	14.00	14.00
ASPARAGUS, 11lb Green lge PERU	15.00	18.00
BEANS, Green bu FLA	30.00	32.00
BLACKBERRIES, Organic 12 - 1/2pts	41.00	42.00
BOK CHOY, Organic 35lb CA	27.00	27.00
BROCCOLI, bunched 14's CAL	12.00	13.00
BRUSSELS SPROUTS, 25lb CA	17.00	20.00
CABBAGE, Green 50lb med/lge NY	9.00	10.00
CABBAGE, Nappa 50lb FL	16.00	17.00
CLEMENTINES, 5lb SP	6.00	7.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9bu med HON	28.00	28.00
GARLIC, Col 30lbs CA	42.00	42.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24's CAL	12.00	15.00
ONION, Yellow med 10lb NY	2.50	2.60
ORANGES, Navel 88 ct CA	20.00	22.00
PEPPER, Green lge 1-1/9bu FL	14.00	15.00
RASPBERRIES, 12 - 1/2pt CHILE	21.00	24.00
RHUBARB, Greenhouse 6kg	32.00	32.00
ROMAINE, 24's CA	15.00	18.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

40-50 lbs	52.00-65.00	
50-60 lbs	66.00-75.00	MKT
70-80 lbs	74.00-88.00	SCRD
80-90 lbs	90.00-116.00	COD LGE
90-100 lbs	110.00-128.00	MKT
Nannies/Does:		SCRD
80-130 lbs	78.00-98.00	MIXED COD
130-180 lbs	92.00-110.00	POLLOCK
		SCRD
		WOLF
		CUSK
		HAKE LGE
		MED
		SML
		HLBT
		OCN PRCH
		YELLOWTAIL LGE
		SML
		DABS LGE
		MED
		SML
		SAND DABS
		GREYSOLE LGE
		MED
		SML

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon February 2, 2009

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

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	45.00-48.00
	270-300 lbs	43.00-46.00
	300-350 lbs	44.00-47.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	42.00-45.00
	270-300 lbs	40.00-43.00
	300-350 lbs	41.00-44.00
40-45	220-270 lbs	39.00-42.00
	270-300 lbs	38.00-41.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	46.00-50.00
	500-700 lbs	41.00-46.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	12.00

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

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS

TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,

Grade A eggs on:

February 2, 2009

EXTRA LARGE	124-128
LARGE	122-126
MEDIUM	98-103

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.

NEW BEDFORD

WHALING CITY SEAFOOD

DISPLAY AUCTION

SEA SCALLOPS LANDINGS &

PRICES IN 1,000 LBS

DATE 2/2/09

(prices include dealers' fees)

SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS

LBS MIN HIGH

U/10 ELEPHANT TRUNK

6.3 885 885

10/20 11.4 690 715

NEW BEDFORD

WHALING CITY SEAFOOD

DISPLAY AUCTION

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN

1,000 LBS & \$/CWT

DATE 2/2/09

(prices include dealers' fees)

SPECIES LBS MIN HIGH

HADDOCK 7.2 96 105

HADD SCR D 33.9 86 92

JIG LGE COD 1/

0.0 207 207

MKT 1.8 102 106

SCR D 0.9 92 92

GILLNET LGE COD

0.6 188 232

8.3 92 98

0.6 82 88

2.9 196 200

17.0 94 102

3.2 82 90

1.0 61 72

0.6 122 122

2.0 43 49

0.1 62 62

0.0 46 46

0.4 92 112

0.4 32 92

0.0 38 38

0.1 620 630

0.1 43 43

1.1 190 219

2.3 158 163

0.1 165 165

0.8 178 181

3.6 140 154

0.0 25 25

0.0 542 542

0.2 112 212

2.5 123 141

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 or ddonahue01@comcast.net. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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3-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.

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, stakes, custom and portable sawing available. (203) 788-2430.

17-R. Curtis 7'-6" powerangle snow plow set to fit JD 460 quick attach front end loader. New \$1,750. Insulate 2-bowl antifreeze livestock waterers - \$150 each. (203) 996-9342.

18-R. John Deere 450 hydra-push manure spreader; Arkfeld scales for sheep/goats; Noland nipple waterers for sheep/goats; medication proportioner for water line; portable 4'x5' lambing pens; Premier sheep handling equipment; 300' fenceline feed bunks for sheep/goats; Vent-o-matic wall fan; 24 - 3'x16' white steel roof panels. Call Howard at (860) 489-3736 after 6:00 pm.

WANTED

13-R. John Deere 3940, 50, 60 or 70 corn chopper wanted. Running or parts. Prefer 3960. Also wanted, 1 or 2 point sub soiler. For more information call (860) 875-0280.

16-R. Wanted: Farmers for the CT Farm-to-School

The Farm-to-School Program is a statewide effort designed to incorporate CT Grown fresh fruits and vegetables into local schools cafeteria meals and snacks. This project is intended to be twofold: to support local farms and to offer more nutritious school meals as a result of buying local, fresh, produce. If you are interested in selling to one, several, or to a whole school district of schools (through a wholesaler or direct), call Jane Slupecki at (860) 713-2588 or at Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov

MISCELLANEOUS

6-R. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has established the Farm Link Program. It 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. A website will be developed to aid linking farm seekers and farm owners. Persons interested in the process can receive applications now available at www.farmlink.uconn.edu or calling the CT Dept. of Agriculture at (860) 713-2503. The Department is encouraging all next generation farmers and transitioning family farms in Connecticut to participate. For further information, please contact Jane Slupecki at (860) 713-2588.

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.

8-R. Horse properties, Farms and Land. Ralph's the man specializing in all types of Real Estate. With a lifetime of agricultural and business experience he is the best choice to represent both buyers and

sellers and make your dreams come true. Call Ralph Winn, Century 21 Alaimo & Corrado at (860) 648-6902 or www.winwithWINN.com.

10-R. Sign up to attend the Harvest New England Ag Marketing Conference & Trade Show! Over 20 breakout sessions, three general sessions, two pre-conference workshops, optional farm tours, and a trade show with over 60 vendors!

Improve your marketing skills, network with producers from around New England, and learn from hearing the experiences of others! Don't miss out on the largest ag marketing conference in New England! One-day registrations are \$50, full conference registrations are \$85, and additional family members/employees are \$70! Register online at www.harvestnewengland.org or call Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 for more information!



CENSUS RESULTS FROM PAGE 1

"The information provided from the Census is really the voice of our nation's farmers and ranchers," said Keough. "They took the time to tell us about what's happening in agriculture on a local and national level. That voice will be heard by policymakers and other agricultural stakeholders now and in the years ahead."

Census results are available online and in various publications to be issued by NASS. For more information, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov or call (800) 727-9540.

TOWN DESIGNATES IMPORTANT LOCAL SOILS

NEW MILFORD, CT – New Milford has become the fifth municipality in Connecticut – and the first town in Litchfield County – to officially recognize and designate Local Important Farmland soils.

"Identification of important farmland soils is useful in the management and maintenance of the resource base that supports the productive capacity of American agriculture," said Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist for Connecticut Douglas L. Zehner. "The designation will help guide the future of New Milford, and provide a tool in the effort to preserve the extensive agricultural lands characterizing the town," said Zehner.

The Town of New Milford established a Farmland Preservation Committee in 2006. The committee inventoried the town's remaining farmland and prioritized five initial farms for preservation.

"We feel this tool offered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service," said New Milford Mayor Patricia Murphy, "will aide us in our planning efforts as we seek to permanently protect these farms; ensuring they remain as working farms to the betterment of the community."

Farmland classification identifies soil map units as prime farmland, statewide important farmland, or local important farmland. Prime farmland is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops and that is available for these uses. Statewide important farmland is land, in addition to prime farmland, that on a statewide extent economically produces high yields of crops when treated and managed according to acceptable farming methods. Local important farmland is additional farmland of local concern useful for the production of food, feed, fiber, and forage even though these lands are not identified as having national or statewide importance. Inventories of important farmland soils do not constitute a designation of any land area to a specific land use.

Local Important Farmland soils must be identified and officially recognized by local officials and NRCS. The list of all important farmland soils (prime, statewide important, and local important) in Connecticut is maintained by NRCS in the Field Office Technical Guide, and may be accessed through their website at www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov/technical.

CULTIVATING AN ORGANIC CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE

Closing Connecticut's Food Gap with
 Urban Agriculture, Small Farms and Gardens
 Saturday, February 21, 2008, 8:30AM - 4:45PM
 Windsor High School, Windsor, CT

Keynote Speakers:

Ian Marvey - co-founder and director of Added Value
 and its Red Hook Community Farm
 Dan Ross - executive director of Nuestras Raices -
 Spanish for "our roots" - in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Workshops, Organic Marketplace and potluck lunch

Online registration is now available at the NOFA site www.ctnofa.org.
 Register by February 7 and receive a \$5 discount.

EASTERN REGION MILK REVIEW

MADISON, WI. January 28, 2009 - The region overall is coping with increasing milk production, which was expected. Two other factors are complicating the normal flow of milk this week: (1) the recent announcement of a February Class I base price of \$10.72, down from \$15.74 for January; and (2) a severe snow and ice storm in some areas that is stalling transport and closing some milk plants due to power failures. The lower announced February milk price has resulted in some diminishment of orders for fluid milk or reductions of previously placed orders, until Sunday when February begins. NORTHEAST balancing plants are full of milk. Intakes are being accommodated with a higher level of drying for NDM production than in recent weeks. Regional ice cream production continues strong, drawing significant volumes of milk

and cream; more so than at this time in the last few years. MIDDLE ATLANTIC plants are beginning to experience heavy snow from the major storm covering parts of the U.S and moving over Middle Atlantic areas toward the Northeast. Disruptions so far have not been significant but there is concern looking ahead from this Wednesday morning. Intakes thus far this week have led to heavy churning and drying to make NDM. The SOUTHEAST has been heavily affected by ice and snow. Several milk plants have been shut down due to power failures attributable to ice accumulation on trees causing widespread loss of branches and entire trees in turn bringing power lines down. One plant has been closed for 3 days. Haulers are also being severely challenged in moving milk from farms to plants, then from plants to customers. The speed of weather changes has also aggravated winter conditions. Parts of Tennessee had heavy rain with temperatures in the 60's, then temperatures plunged to freezing in the same day, leading to severe road icing. The extreme disruptions in the region coupled with very weak retail milk sales and ordering caused shipments out of the region to spike from 0 last week to 89 this week. FLORIDA milk production continues to noticeably increase. The dry conditions in central Florida coupled with a brief freezing spell last week has left many pastures brown but that does not seem to have significantly crimped the milk production increase. Aggregate retail sales to consumers are reported to be up, driven by ever increasing numbers of seasonal residents. Orders received last week to supply fluid milk to stores by the end of this week were higher than expected, considering the pending February Class I price reduction, but then a number of order cuts were received early this week. Some bottling plants that typically operate on Saturday but not Sunday are scheduled to be closed this Saturday, but will then bottle again beginning Sunday February 1. Shipments out of the state increased from 133 last week to 174 this week.

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