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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

MARKETING BUREAU HAS MUCH TO OFFER

by Ron Olsen, Marketing Representative

The Marketing Bureau of our department administers many programs that benefit both small and large growers and promotes CT Grown to the citizens our state. Our efforts to promote local products can be seen by the increased visibility of our CT Grown logo at retail stores, farm stands, and at grocery chain stores.

Our Farmers' Market program continues to be one of the best in the east, if not in the nation, as more towns want to start their own Farmers' Market. We advance this by actively seeking farmers to fill them, guiding the town through the regulatory process and supporting the markets through several grants that are available to them. There were 114 markets in Connecticut last year and more to come this year. This not only supports the local farmers and their communities, it provides healthy and local foods to the consumer. In addition, the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program helps thousands of at risk women, infant, children and seniors.

The Grants Program is important for agricultural viability and diversity, since the grants not only promote agriculture, they help beginning farmers to move into the marketplace and help businesses to grow and expand their operations through good business practices. The grants include Joint Venture Grants for the promotion of associations and producers, the Farm Reinvestment Grants that help fund capital projects for production agriculture, and the Ag Viability Grants that provide funding to both producers and to municipalities for any number of agricultural endeavors that will show growth and production. Over the past 4 years, over \$4 million in grants have been allocated to 140 producers, agricultural non-profits and agricultural co-ops. This grant money has been used to leverage over \$10 million in projects. This has meant expansion in revenue, production, jobs and increased money to town and state tax coffers.

The Farm to School Program, still in its infancy, targets CT Grown fruits and vegetables for use in school cafeterias and snacks. 83 schools, 44 producers and 8 wholesale houses take part and the demand is there for this program to expand.

The Farm-to-Chef Program helps to connect culinary professionals with agricultural producers and distributors of CT Grown products. Just last week we saw some of its success and potential as well over 100 producers and culinary professionals met to discuss their needs and how they can better the network and develop the relationships

between farmer and culinary institutions. Informational newsletters, workshops, networking, and promotions are all a part of this effort, and each month more CT Grown producers are seeing the benefits of working within this program.

The Farm Link Program is another program in its early growth stage and is just beginning to bear fruit. This program will link those who are looking for farmland with those who actually have farmland and want to see it used as farmland. We act as a clearing house for this information and hope that it will keep farmland in production and actually increase its use. To date we have 60 who are farm seekers and 30 who have farmland.

Our Agricultural Directional Signage Program has expanded to over 150 producers. These CT Grown signs direct consumers and tourists from state highways to local agricultural destinations. This is a cooperative effort with the state Department of Transportation (DOT).

Our Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report is now available on-line and by email at no charge. This is an ideal publication if you want to keep up with what's happening in Connecticut agriculture. The Agricultural Report also features an excellent advertising section for your needs.

These are just a few of the programs that are ongoing in our Marketing Bureau as we move ahead in our efforts to sustain and increase agricultural viability in Connecticut. In addition, we also produce and distribute many commodity brochures that help promote CT Grown farm products and farms. There are 7 new brochures for Connecticut farmers, including the Agritourism, Dairy, Farm Stands, Honey, Meat Producers, Organic Farms, and Wineries. These publications have added an additional 75,000 brochures which are distributed around the state to help market these commodities. As with all our brochures, they are also available on our website in electronic form.

Our CT Grown Point of Purchase materials are available for any Connecticut producer to use and include price cards and posters for retail outlets. The crop availability calendar in full color is available for all to use along with use of our many mascot costumes for promotional events. Our relationship with the media is strong and our efforts in radio, TV and print can be seen on a daily basis as we promote the success of CT agriculture to this market.

Please feel free to contact our Bureau with your thoughts and ideas as we continue to look for ways to better the agricultural climate in Connecticut.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

January 26, 2009

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

EXTRA LARGE	119-123
LARGE	118-122
MEDIUM	91-93

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, January 26, 2009

Live animals brought the following average
prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	18.00	22.00
61-75 lbs.	25.00	28.00
76-90 lbs.	30.00	30.50
91-105 lbs.	32.00	35.00
106 lbs. & up	39.00	41.00
Started Calves	16.00	24.00
Veal Calves	47.50	82.00
Open Heifers	55.00	72.00
Beef Heifers	45.50	50.50
Feeder Steers	60.00	77.50
Beef Steers	60.00	62.50
Stock Bulls	62.50	80.00
Beef Bulls	53.00	65.00
Cutters	46.50	48.75
Utility Grade Cows	51.25	54.75
Rabbits each	3.00	18.00
Chickens each	6.00	26.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, January 26, 2008

Bulk/High/Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean	
47.00-50.00	50.00-50.50	45.00-47.00

Boners	80-85% lean	
44.00-47.00	47.00-49.50	42.00-44.00

Lean	85-90% lean	
40.00-44.00	44.00-46.50	37.00-40.00

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2	
1125-2265 lbs	59.00-65.00

Bullocks: 825-1450 lbs	65.00-71.00
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SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Choice and Prime 2-3	
50-60 lbs	148.00-167.00
60-70 lbs	138.00-160.00
70-80 lbs	136.00-149.00
80-90 lbs	132.00-146.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 1-3

120-160 lbs	56.00-68.00
160-200 lbs	50.00-64.00

Utility and Good 1-3	
120-160 lbs	38.00-54.00
160-200 lbs	34.00-45.00
200-300 lbs	32.00-40.00

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

Kids:	
40-60 lbs	60.00-88.00
60-80 lbs	74.00-90.00
80-100 lbs	98.00-116.00
100-120 lbs	106.00-114.00

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 fancy	22.00	23.00
APPLES, Red Delicious 2 3/4 no grade	14.00	15.00
APPLES, McIntosh 96ct xfancy	21.00	22.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb bag	5.00	6.00
CABBAGE, Red organic 40lb	38.00	40.00
CELERY ROOT, 20lb organic	18.00	18.00
POTATOES, Round White 10 lbs US1	2.50	2.50
POTATOES, Round White Chef 50lbs US1	12.00	12.00
POTATOES, Round White 10/5lbs	12.50	13.00
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	21.00	21.00
TURNIPS, White Cape 1-1/9 bu	23.00	23.00
SHIPPED IN		
ARRUGULA, Baby 3lb bag FL	17.00	17.00
ASPARAGUS, Green 11lb lge PERU	20.00	23.00
BEANS, Green bu FLA	20.00	22.00
BLACKBERRIES, 12 /6oz	10.00	12.00
BOK CHOY, Baby 35lbs CA	27.00	27.00
BROCCOLI, bunched 14's CA	14.00	18.00
CABBAGE, Green 50lb med-lge NY	9.00	10.00
CLEMENTINES, 5lb CA	4.50	4.50
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9bu med FLA	36.00	38.00
GARLIC, 30lbs Col, CA	39.00	42.00
LETTUCE, Greenleaf 24's CA	13.00	17.00
ONION, Red med 25lb NY	7.50	8.00
ORANGES, Navel 88ct CA	20.00	22.00
PEPPER, Green lge 1-1/9bu FL	16.00	18.00
RASPBERRIES, 12 - 1/2pt CHILE	29.00	24.00
ROMAINE, 24's CA	14.00	17.00
SPINACH, Baby 4lb AZ	9.00	11.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

Yearlings: 100-120 lbs	92.00-114.00
140-160 lbs	118.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	70.00-88.00
130-180 lbs	84.00-96.00.
Slaughter Bucks/Billies:	
100-150 lbs	134.00-152.00
150-250 lbs	166.00-182.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

MON JANUARY 26, 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	44.00-47.00
	300-350 lbs	46.00-49.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	42.00-45.00
	270-300 lbs	41.00-44.00
	300-350 lbs	43.00-46.00
40-45	220-270 lbs	39.00-42.00
	270-300 lbs	38.00-41.00
	300-350 lbs	39.00-41.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	50.00-55.00
	500-700 lbs	45.00-50.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	12.00-13.00

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

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS

TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,

Grade A eggs on:

January 26, 2009

EXTRA LARGE	127-131
LARGE	125-129
MEDIUM	98-102

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.

NEW BEDFORD

**WHALING CITY SEAFOOD
DISPLAY AUCTION**

SEA SCALLOPS LANDINGS &
PRICES IN 1,000 LBS

DATE 1/27/09

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
U/10 ELEPHANT TRUNK	8.2	860	865
10/20 MID ATL	4.0	700	700
20/30	3.0	675	675

NEW BEDFORD

**WHALING CITY SEAFOOD
DISPLAY AUCTION**

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN
1,000 LBS & \$/CWT

DATE 1/27/09

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
HADDOCK	0.3	142	147
HADD SCR D	0.7	129	129
JIG MKT COD	1.0	162	162
SCR D	0.5	132	132
GILLNET LGE COD	0.5	214	218
MKT	2.9	131	136
SCR D	0.1	117	117
COD WHALE	0.1	193	193
COD LGE	1.0	223	223
MKT	4.5	129	144
SCR D	0.9	116	122
MIXED COD	0.4	111	116
POLLOCK	0.7	109	109
POLL MED	7.9	55	75
SCR D	0.6	54	54
WOLF 1/	0.0	118	118
CUSK	0.1	37	37
HAKE SOW	0.2	152	152
HAKE LGE	0.7	97	97
MED	0.9	62	62
SML	0.2	32	32
OCN PRCH	0.6	82	83
HLBT 1/	0.0	695	695
YELLOWTAIL LGE	0.5	160	206
SML	0.7	147	165
DABS LGE	0.3	174	174
MED	0.6	168	168
SML	0.6	127	127
SAND DABS	0.0	57	57
GREYSOLE LGE	0.0	387	387
MED	0.2	337	337
SML	1.3	114	147

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.

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323 or ddonahue01@comcast.net, Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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.

5-R. Tents for Sale: The Department of Agriculture would like to announce that the tents have been sold out. There are no funds available at this time for additional purchases, but if that changes at some time in the future, we will announce this in the Agricultural Report.

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.

19. Loftness 8' snowblower, double auger, 3-point hitch, good condition - \$3,500. (860) 489-5665.

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. (860) 875-0280.

14-R. Belt thrower wanted for New Holland baler. Must be hydraulic powered. Evenings (860) 859-0343.

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

15-R. New Holland Baler #273 wanted in working condition. Call (860) 274-8159.

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.

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!

BEDDING PLANT PROGRAM FOR GREENHOUSE GROWERS

The University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension is offering Bedding Plants - Spring 2009!

This educational program will feature the following topics of interest to those who produce spring crops:

- Update on Managing Insects and Mites on Spring Crops, Leanne Pundt, Extension Educator, University of Connecticut
- Managing Plant Nutrition to Limit Disease Susceptibility, Wade Elmer, Plant Pathologist, CT Agricultural Experiment Station
- Update on Nutrition, Chemical Growth Regulators and other Production Tips,

Richard McAvoy, Extension Specialist, Greenhouse Crops, University of Connecticut

- Update on Emerging Diseases & New Fungicides for Spring Crops, Botond (Bo) Balogh, Plant Pathologist, CT Agricultural Experiment Station.

In order to reach greenhouse growers throughout the state, this same program will be offered in three separate locations.

On Tuesday, February 10th, this program will be offered from 10 to 2:30 p.m. at the Tolland County Extension Office at 24 Hyde Avenue in Vernon, CT. 06066.

On Friday, February 20th, it will be offered from 10 to 2:30 p.m. at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station at 123 Huntington Street in New Haven, CT 06504.

On Wednesday, February 25th, it will be offered from 10 to 2:30 at the Litchfield County Extension Center at 843 University Drive in Torrington, CT.

This educational program has been approved for 4 pesticide recertification credits by the CT DEP. Handouts; lunch and beverages will be included in your registration fee of \$20.00. Please make checks payable to the University of Connecticut and send to Litchfield County Extension Center, 843 University Drive, Torrington, CT 06790.

For more information contact Leanne Pundt, at 860-626-6240 or email: leanne.pundt@uconn.edu or visit the web site: <http://www.hort.uconn.edu/ipm/>

RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, anticipates announcing its Section 9007, Renewable Energy for America Program early in 2009. This program provides loan guarantees and grants to agricultural producers in eligible, rural areas and rural small businesses for the purposes of installing new renewable energy systems or to update existing facilities to make them more energy efficient.

Energy efficiency grants and loan guarantees can be made for such diverse purposes as: new, more efficient lighting; increased insulation; the installation of more efficient irrigation; thermal curtains for greenhouse applications; and others.

Renewable energy grants and loan guarantees can be used to install biomass, geothermal, hydrogen, solar, wind, and small hydro energy-generating systems.

MORE RENEWAL ENERGY ON PAGE 4

NEW WINTER FARMERS' MARKET NEEDS VENDOR

Westport Whole Foods (Indoors), Tuesdays 10-2
 Contact: Elly Truesdell, Whole Foods 203-227-6858
 email: Elly.Truesdell@wholefoods.com

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Though the Notice of Funding Availability has not yet been published, we encourage you to contact Rural Development's Windsor Area Office to discuss your potential applications and to begin the application process. The Windsor Area Office can be reached by phone at (860) 688-7725, option 4.

The Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP) is funded through the 2008 Farm Bill and will receive mandatory funding of \$55 million in 2009, with a potential of an additional \$25 million in discretionary funding available. This program updates what was previously known as the Section 9006 program by providing higher guaranteed loan limits, a lower level of required applicant match, and by allowing micro hydro power as an eligible renewable energy type.

VENDORS NEEDED FOR FARMERS' MARKET TO BENEFIT YMCA

Winterberry Gardens in Southington, CT wants to host a Farmer's Market on Saturday Aug 15th and Sunday Aug 16th ideally from 8am-6pm on Saturday and 9am-5pm on Sunday (although this is flexible).

The Farmer's Market would be a charity event for the Strong Kids Campaign. The Strong Kids Campaign is a YMCA Community Development Organization. It raises money to provide scholarships and subsidies so families in need can take part in YMCA programs. A few of the

programs they help fund are the Southington Teen Center and sending local kids to summer camp who would otherwise be unable to afford it.

A percentage of the booth fees will be donated to the Campaign. In this way, vendors would be helping just by participating. In addition, a percentage of the sales of Winterberry Grown products would be donated and vendors will be encouraged to donate a portion of their earnings to the Campaign as well. Any vendor who does donate will get a sign for their booth indicating this.

"By pairing with the Strong Kids Campaign we will have double the marketing we would otherwise be able to put on. We are looking into cooking on our grill and pizza oven, having carnival-style booths for the kids, and hayrides for the families. It should attract quite a crowd for our vendors to take advantage of," says Bryan Stolz, Landscape Designer for Winterberry Gardens.

"We need all kinds of food producers and we'd also like a few craftspeople to add variety."

Interested vendors should contact: Bryan Stolz, Winterberry Gardens, 2070 West St.. Southington - 203 537-1989.

FINAL DAYS! APPLY FOR DOAG JOINT VENTURE GRANTS NOW

Applications for the Joint Venture Grant Program must be post-marked by January 31, 2009 - awards will be announced in February. (Applicants are not guaranteed funding.)

Get the application and guidelines at the Department of Agriculture website: www.ctgrown.gov - go to Programs and Services and scroll down to the grants section to Connecticut Grown Program Joint Venture Grants.

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