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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

DOAG JOINT VENTURE GRANTS

The Department of Agriculture will accept applications for the CT Grown Joint Venture Grant Program from January 1 through January 31, 2010.

This popular program offers matching funds for marketing projects that use the CT Grown logo or slogan. Eligible projects include signage, advertisements, billboards, brochures, websites, etc. This competitive program is open to producers and agricultural nonprofits. Awards will be announced in February 2010.

The guidelines, application, and state forms can be downloaded from the Department of Agriculture website, www.ctgrown.gov, click on Programs and Services, then CT Grown Joint Venture Grants. You can also call 860-713-2503 to have a copy of the information emailed to you.

USDA TO LAUNCH HIGH TUNNEL PILOT STUDY TO INCREASE AVAILABILITY OF LOCALLY GROWN FOODS

3-Year Project To Verify Effectiveness Of High Tunnels In Natural Resource Conservation

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan today announced a new pilot project under the 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' initiative for farmers to establish high tunnels - also known as hoop houses - to increase the availability of locally grown produce in a conservation-friendly way. Merrigan and other Obama administration officials highlighted opportunities available for producers in a video posted on USDA's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07vtMJgp0no>, which shows high tunnels recently installed in the White House garden.

"There is great potential for high tunnels to expand the availability of healthy, locally-grown crops - a win for producers and consumers," said Merrigan. "This pilot project is going to give us real-world information that farmers all over the country can use to decide if they want to add high tunnels to their operations. We know that these fixtures can help producers extend their growing season and hopefully add to their bottom line."

The 3-year, 38-state study will verify if high tunnels are effective in reducing pesticide use, keeping vital nutrients in the soil, extending the growing season, increasing yields, and providing other benefits to growers.

Made of ribs of plastic or metal pipe covered with a layer of plastic sheeting, high tunnels are easy to build, maintain and move. High tunnels are used year-round in parts of the country, providing steady incomes to farmers - a significant advantage to owners of small farms, limited-resource farmers and organic producers.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will provide financial assistance for the project through the Environmental Quality In-

centives Program (EQIP), the EQIP Organic Initiative, and the Agricultural Management Assistance program. NRCS will fund one high tunnel per farm. High tunnels in the study can cover as much as 5 percent of 1 acre. Participating states and territories are Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Pacific Islands, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

To sign up or learn more about EQIP assistance for high tunnel projects, contact a local NRCS office.

DID YOU KNOW?

* Agricultural land provides habitat for 75 percent of the nation's wildlife. Deer, moose, waterfowl and other species have shown significant population increases during the past several years.

* Ethanol and new bio-diesel fuels made from corn and other grains are beneficial to the environment and promote energy security.

CONNECTICUT FARM ASSISTANCE SEMINAR

A free informational seminar will be offered on FSA Disaster Declaration and the new BCAP Program, USDA Rural Development Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Grants, CT Clean Energy Fund Incentive Programs, USDA NRCS EQIP Program and Energy Audit Planning Assistance, CT AGvocate Program, and current energy technology available in Connecticut. There will also be Energy Vendors onsite.

Tuesday, January 26th, 2010, 10:30am- 2:30pm
at the Lebanon Fire Safety Complex

Located at 23 Goshen Hill Rd, Lebanon CT, 06249
Snow Date will be Wednesday January 27th, 2010

Lunch will be served. RSVP by: January 20th. Contact Amanda Fargo-Johnson, 860-345-3977 or email: CTFarmEnergy@aol.com.

Webpage: www.ctfarmenergy.org

This seminar is sponsored by: CT Farm Energy Program and USDA Rural Development. This institution is an equal opportunity provider, and employer.

Come learn about opportunities you can take advantage of for your Farm or Ag Based Small Business

A special Thanks to the Town of Lebanon for hosting the Seminar.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.
January 4, 2010

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

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|-------------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 111-115 |
| LARGE | 109-113 |
| MEDIUM | 86-88 |

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn.

January 4, 2010

Live animals brought the following average prices
 per cwt.:

| | Low | High | | |
|--------------------|-------|---------|--------|--|
| Bob Calves: | | | | |
| 45-60 lbs. | | 18.00 | 22.00 | |
| 61-75 lbs. | | 25.00 | 35.00 | |
| 76-90 lbs. | | 40.00 | 42.50 | |
| 91-105 lbs. | | 45.00 | 50.00 | |
| 106 lbs. & up | | 55.00 | 60.00 | |
| Farm Calves | | 62.50 | 65.00 | |
| Started Calves | | 25.00 | 28.00 | |
| Veal Calves | | 80.00 | 117.50 | |
| Open Heifers | | 47.50 | 85.00 | |
| Beef Steers | | 57.00 | 58.50 | |
| Stock Bulls | | 65.00 | 90.00 | |
| Feeder Pigs each | | 35.00 | 60.00 | |
| Lambs each | | 70.00 | 125.00 | |
| Goats each | | 1250.00 | 150.00 | |
| Kid Goats each | | 67.50 | 82.50 | |
| Canners | Up to | | 38.50 | |
| Cutters | | 39.00 | 44.00 | |
| Utility Grade Cows | | 45.00 | 47.00 | |
| Rabbits each | | 7.00 | 25.00 | |
| Chickens each | | 4.00 | 34.00 | |

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, January 4, 2010

SLAUGHTER COWS:

| | Bulk/ | High/ | Low Dressing |
|----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Breakers | 75-80% lean | | |
| | 45.00-48.00 | 48.00-50.00 | 42.00-44.00 |
| Boners | 80-85% lean | | |
| | 41.50-45.00 | 46.00-47.50 | 38.50-40.00 |
| Lean | 85-90% lean | | |
| | 38.00-41.50 | 43.00-45.00 | 35.00-37.50 |

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1

1210-1605 lbs 60.00-65.00

1665-2215 lbs 55.00-58.50

Yield Grade 2 1074-1445 lbs 54.00-58.00

Bullocks: 860-1355 lbs 67.00-71.00

high dress 1025-1360 lbs 73.00-77.00

low dress 770-980 lbs 57.00-62.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Choice and Prime 2-3

50-60 lbs 154.00-168.00

60-80 lbs 144.00-164.00

80-90 lbs 130.00-144.00

90-110 lbs 118.00-135.00

110-130 lbs 106.00-122.00

130-150 lbs 96.00-108.00

Choice 2-3 50-60 lbs 140.00-152.00

80-90 lbs 102.00-118.00

90-110 lbs 94.00-112.00

110-130 lbs 90.00-106.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh

120-160 lbs 74.00-90.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| APPLE CIDER, 4/1 gal | 13.00 | 13.00 |
| APPLES, Empire bu 2-1/2 up no grade | 10.00 | 11.00 |
| APPLES, Fuji 88 ct fcy | 18.00 | 18.00 |
| APPLES, McIntosh ex fcy 100 ct | 18.00 | 20.00 |
| APPLES, Red Delicious 120ct fcy | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| GREENS, Collard 12's Organic | 17.00 | 17.00 |
| POTATOES, 10/5lb | 8.00 | 8.00 |
| POTATOES, Round white 10lb sz A | 1.25 | 1.30 |
| SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu lge | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9bu | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu lge | 15.00 | 16.00 |
| SQUASH, Acorn organic 40lb | 29.00 | 29.00 |
| TOMATOES, Greenhouse 11 lbs on vine med | 18.00 | 18.00 |
| TURNIPS, Purple Top 25lb | 12.00 | 12.00 |

SHIPPED IN

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| ANISE, 30 ct AZ | 36.00 | 36.00 |
| APPLES, Pink Lady 12/3's WA | 35.00 | 36.00 |
| ARRUGULA, 4/1-lb bags AZ | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| ARTICHOKES, 36ct CA | 38.00 | 40.00 |
| BEANS, Green bu handpicked FL | 32.00 | 34.00 |
| BLACKBERRIES, Organic 12/6oz CA | 36.00 | 37.00 |
| BRUSSEL SPROUTS, 25lb ca | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| CARROTS, 48/1-lb bags CAN | 13.00 | 13.00 |
| CARROTS, 48/1-lb bags Organic GA | 42.00 | 42.00 |
| CAULIFLOWER, 12ct AZ | 20.00 | 22.00 |
| CHERRIES, 5kg Chile | 38.00 | 40.00 |
| GARLIC, 30lb #10 CAL | 54.00 | 54.00 |
| GRAPEFRUIT, Red 40ct FLA | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| LEMONS, 115ct AZ | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| LETTUCE, Boston 12/4oz ghouse CAN | 14.00 | 15.00 |
| LETTUCE, Green leaf, 24ct AZ | 18.00 | 20.00 |
| LIMES, 10lb Organic MEX | 18.00 | 20.00 |
| MUSHROOMS, 10lb White med PA | 15.50 | 16.00 |
| NECTARINES, 48-50 CHILE | 19.00 | 19.00 |
| ONION, Yellow 50lb med NY | 9.00 | 10.00 |
| ORANGES, Blood 44ct CA | 16.00 | 17.00 |
| ORANGES, Navel 88's CA | 18.00 | 19.00 |
| PEPPER, Bell Green xl FL | 12.00 | 13.00 |

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

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|--|---------------|
| 160-200 lbs | 68.00-82.00 |
| 200-300 lbs | 62.00-76.00 |
| SLAUGHTER EWES | |
| Utility 1-2: Thin Fleshed | |
| 120-160 lbs | 58.00-67.00 |
| SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are sold by the head, on estimated weights. | |
| Kids: 40-60 lbs | 54.00-92.00 |
| 60-80 lbs | 84.00-108.00 |
| 80-100 lbs | 106.00-132.00 |
| 100-110 lbs | 120.00-136.00 |
| Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs | 88.00-102.00 |
| 130-180 lbs | 100.00-115.00 |
| Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs | 180.00-198.00 |
| 150-250 lbs | 192.00-205.00 |

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon January 4, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

| Percent Lean | Weight | Price |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 49-54 | 220-270 lbs | 45.00-47.00 |
| | 270-300 lbs | 44.00-46.00 |
| 45-49 | 220-270 lbs | 43.00-44.00 |
| | 270-300 lbs | 42.00-44.00 |
| Sows: US 1-3 | 300-400 lbs | 28.00-36.00 |
| | 400-700 lbs | 34.00-40.00 |

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS

TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
 Grade A eggs on:
January 4, 2010

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 118-122 |
| LARGE | 116-120 |
| MEDIUM | 95-97 |

Above quotations based on
 CARTON sales to retailers.

VIRGINIA HAY REPORT

Mon Jan 04, 2010 USDA-VA

Dept of Ag Market News

Rushville Semimonthly Hay

Auction, Harrisonburg, VA on

Dec 30, 2009 - Prices per ton FOB

unless otherwise noted. Most loads

delivered free within 10 miles of

auction site. Delivery beyond 10

miles mostly 2.50 per mile.

Hay 17 dry tons

Alfalfa

Large square 650-750 lbs

Good 50.00 per bale 3rd cutting

Alfalfa Orchard grass mix

Small square 35-45 lbs

Fair 2.00 per bale 1st cutting

Mixed Grass

Large square 650-750 lbs

Good 13.00 per bale

Small square

Good 2.10 per bale 1st cutting

Large round over 1000 lbs

Good 41.00-60.00

20.00-38.00 per bale

Fair 14.00-16.00 per bale

Poor 15.00 per bale

Straw

Large square 37.00-47.00 per bale

Timothy

Large square 650-750 lbs

Good 48.00 per bale

Orchard grass - Timothy

Small square

Good 2.40 per bale

Fodder

Large square 21.00 per bale

TOP TEN TRENDS OVERALL

According to foodchannel.com, the biggest trends of from 2000-2009 include—

Sushi

Bacon

Cupcakes

Sliders

Gourmet Burgers with Kobe or Angus Beef

Superfruits such as Acai, Pomegranate and

Blueberry

Oils, such as olive oils and truffle oils

Whole grains, such as Kashi, polenta, risotto

Artisan foods, particularly in breads, cheeses

and dark chocolates

Coffees, teas

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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, 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.

8-R. First cut 4x5 round bales \$40 p.u. First cut square bales \$4.50. 203-265-4588.

9-R. Tractors: JD 3010 \$7,500. Farmall 706 \$6,500. Kubota B7500 \$6,000. Farmall 200 \$2,500. Make offer. 860-648-1355. Dzen Brothers Farm.

10-R. Four Male Llamas for Sale- one Black and white, One Black, Two Brown. Price for all four, \$700.00. Westview Farm, Monroe, Ct. Bernie @ 203-880-6814.

11-R. Tobacco hook-lath, hardened steel hooks on tulip poplar lath. Used two seasons, large quantity, reasonable. 860-982-7056.

12-R. Hay – excellent 1st cut round, plastic wrapped bales \$40. 2nd cut \$50. 2nd cut squares \$5. Lebanon 860-886-0716.

13-R. Nearly new 13' Moritz 2 axle livestock trailer. Less than 1,000 miles of use. \$3,200. James Fazzone 203-250-6677.

14-R. Hay 4x5 round bales, stored in barn, \$50. p.u. Hereford heifer spring calf \$450. Standard donkey 3 mo. old jack \$450. International 1850 bucket loader attachment \$600. Call 860-537-1974.

15-R. First cut hay, square bales \$4 each. Sylvan Tetrault 860-684-3458.

16-R. Colchester Farm 16 Acres 14 Greenhouses 800 Amp Electric 50 Gallon per Minute Well 1 Approved Building Lot, Great for Horses, Animals, Farming, bordered by Town and State Land \$350,000 (without Greenhouses \$275,000) MLS# G540317 Harry Finer Realtor William Raveis Real Estate harry.finer@raveis.com 860-760-3633.

WANTED

1-R. Producers Wanted: Connecticut Farm-to-Chef is a free program that helps connect local culinary professionals with producers and distributors of CT Grown products. Informational newsletters, workshops, networking, promotions and other opportunities are provided to members as part of the program. Additional Connecticut producers and distributors are needed for this popular and expanding program. Please help us get your product into the hands of local chefs! Contact Linda at the CT Department of Agriculture, Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov or 860-713-2558, for more information.

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.farm-link.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.

EASTERN CT BEEKEEPERS ASSN PRESENTS... FROM ZERO TO BEEKEEPING- 2010

January 28th, Feb 4th, 11th, 18th 2010
6:30 till 9:30 PM each night (February 25th Snow date)
University of Ct., W B Young building,
School of Agriculture, classroom # 101, Storrs Ct.
A lecture and interactive series, focusing on honeybees and beekeeping, with an emphasis on management for pollination and honey production. This is a beginners class with no experience necessary. It will be taught by experienced and knowledgeable beekeepers from our association.
Cost is \$60.00 including reference book and materials. Vo- Ag Students will be able to attend for \$50.00. For information please call Adam Fuller @ 860.455.1296 Or Bill Paluska @ 860-871-1303
Email: adam@azapiaries.com

NATIONAL AG DAY ESSAY CONTEST

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) calls on seventh- to 12th-grade students each year to submit an original, 450-word essay about the importance of agriculture. This year's theme is "American Agriculture: Abundant, Affordable, Amazing," and the deadline is Feb. 12. Teachers and parents are asked to encourage their students to participate.

This year, the theme highlights the importance of agriculture and how the industry continues to overcome new challenges, which include keeping food affordable, meeting the demands of a growing population with fewer acres, working with legislative influences and addressing consumer concerns. Students may choose to specifically address one or more of these challenges in their essay. Agriculture has a touch point in each of our lives and is an amazing industry.

"CHS is pleased to help support this year's Ag Day essay contest and its theme of 'American Agriculture: Abundant, Affordable, Amazing,'" says Linda Tank, vice president, marketing and communications, CHS Inc. "We recognize the valuable contributions today's youth offer to help our nation's food, fiber and energy systems stay strong. We look forward to seeing the students' opinions and ideas about American agriculture."

This year's national winner will receive a \$1,000 prize and round-trip ticket to Washington, D.C., to be recognized during the Celebration of Ag Dinner held March 18 at Whitten Patio. At dinner, the winner will have the opportunity to join with industry representatives, members of Congress, federal agency representatives, media and other friends in a celebration of agriculture. Statewide winners of the contest also will be selected. Each state winner will receive a \$100 prize.

This is the 37th anniversary of National Ag Day. The goal of the ACA is to provide a spotlight on agriculture and the food and fiber industry. The first of each spring (National Ag Day), ACA helps consumers understand not only how food and fiber products are produced, but also brings people together to celebrate accomplishments in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

The Ag Day Essay Contest is sponsored by CHS Inc., The Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, High Plains Journal, National Association of Farm Broadcasting, National Agri-Marketing Association, Country Living Association and McCormick Company.

All entries should be sent to: Ag Day Essay Contest, Agriculture Council of America, 11020 King Street, Suite 205, Overland Park, KS 66210, or submitted by e-mail to essay@agday.org. Entry applications and official rules for the contest can be found at www.hpj.com/agdayessay.

You can also download the Entry Application at <http://www.agday.org/10essayrulesshort.pdf> and Rules at <http://www.agday.org/10essayrules.pdf>.

If you have questions, please contact Eleanore Provencal, CT Coordinator, Ag in the Classroom, at eleanore@ctaef.org

**INVENTORS OFFER ECOFRIENDLY
SUBSTITUTES FOR POLYSTYRENE**

Rigid, custom-fit foam pieces like those that keep computer monitors firmly in place inside cardboard boxes during shipping could be made with eco-friendly starch from potatoes, wheat or corn, instead of from petroleum, according to Agricultural Research Service (ARS) research plant physiologist Gregory M. Glenn. Opting for starch in place of petroleum-derived polystyrene would lessen America's dependence on petroleum.

Glenn works at the ARS Western Regional Research Center in Albany, Calif. For nearly two decades, he has been developing and patenting innovative, "green" techniques for transforming commonplace plant starches—like the silky white cornstarch kept in kitchen cupboards everywhere—into convenient, biodegradable foamed goods like shipping liners, dinnerware and more.

Co-inventor Simon K. Hodson collaborated with Glenn in developing two recent technologies. Both approaches yield strong, durable, and versatile biofoams that look like familiar polystyrene foam goods. Like those conventional foams, the biofoams can be manufactured to a range of densities and can be die-cut or molded into a seemingly limitless array of shapes, sizes and thicknesses.

Both patent-applied-for technologies for making biofoams rely on an extruder—a standard piece of equipment—to heat and mix starch and other all-natural compounds. With one option, the extruder squeezes out long strings, called "thermoplastic melt," that are later cut into small beads about half the size of a marble.

At various points in the process, the beads puff and expand, such as when they are put into the cavity of a heated mold to press them into the desired shape. Expanded beads eventually touch one another, creating a strong matrix that's much like the bead matrix of polystyrene foams.

The biofoams aren't waterproof, but a moisture barrier, made from plant sources such as corn, can be added, ensuring that the finished foam is still derived exclusively from renewable, biodegradable resources.

**MOVING NEW ENGLAND DAIRY
FARMS INTO THE FUTURE**

A seminar for New England dairy farming families

Farming families are invited to an afternoon program focused on multi-generational opportunities, transitions and communications for New England's dairy farming families.

This is the second in a series of events intended to equip the next generation of dairy farmers with the information, education and networks to ensure the survival and viability of the New England dairy industry.

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010 from 12:00-4:30 pm Lunch and Refreshments will be served.

Location: Connecticut Farm Bureau Office, 775 Bloomfield Avenue, Windsor, CT

Registration Fee: \$15 per attendee

Topics & Guest speakers include:

- "COMMUNICATIONS on MULTI-GENERATIONAL FARMS" - Ms. Karen Mastronardi, New York FarmNet, Organizational Development Director
- "PRO'S AND CONS OF TRANSITION" - Dr. Bob Parsons, University of Vermont Extension Agent
- "DEVELOPING FARM ADVISORY BOARDS" – Highlighting a new management tool for dairies and discussing how to approach topics, such as management decisions, farm transfer and succession plans. - Dr. Sheila Andrew, University of Connecticut Associate Professor and Dairy Specialist
- DAIRY FARMER PANEL – Farmers from around New England speak about their experiences with diversifying and expanding dairy operations to support their next generation.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 13, 2010. If you have questions OR are unable to attend this event but would like to receive notice of future meetings and activities for young dairy farmers, please contact Amanda Freund: phone: 860-768-1111 or email: amandaf@cfba.org

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