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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

COMMISSIONER PRELLI RECOGNIZES JUNE IS NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

A Month of Recognition and Celebration
of Connecticut's 150 Family Dairy Farms
by F. Philip Prelli, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Agriculture

June Is National Dairy Month was originally celebrated to help stabilize the demand for milk and dairy products during the spring months of peak production. Today we honor our dairy farmers and the safe, wholesome products they produce. June is National Dairy Month, is a great opportunity to recognize that dairy foods present a unique combination of both nutritional and economic value.

"Whether large or small, conventional or organic, Holsteins or Jerseys, dairy farms contribute immensely to the quality of life we live. Dairy farmers are good people that are committed to living off the land and to producing a healthy and wholesome product. They care not only about the end product, but the animals that produce it, as well as the land they work and the workers they employ. Because their efforts on the farm impact the lives of so many off the farm, I ask you to join me this month in pouring a tall glass of cold milk and honor our hard working dairy farmers for all that they do."

Over the past year, Connecticut dairy farmers have experienced a collapse in milk prices. Recently the legislature approved a bill that will provide grants to dairy farmers using a formula based on the difference the cost of production and the blend price. The Governor praised the strong legislative support the bill garnered from many state legislators from both sides of the isle including Sen. Guglielmo, Sen. Roraback, Rep. Hurlburt and Rep. Lewis.

"This issue is about saving an important part of Connecticut's economy and cultural heritage," Governor Rell said. "We have lost far too many dairy farms in recent years to high production costs and development pressure. Our dairy farmers are struggling and we recognize our responsibility to save this unique and irreplaceable part of the state's agricultural character and preserve our ability to produce food."

According to a 2009 economic analysis conducted by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development and the University of Connecticut, the state dairy industry generates:

- As much as \$1.1 billion in sales

- Approximately 4,200 jobs
 - \$145 million to \$208 million in personal income
- Related industries include feed suppliers, fertilizer and seed suppliers, veterinary services, equipment manufacturers and distributors, processing equipment, packing materials refrigeration, transportation and energy.

In 2008, Connecticut dairy farmers produced 351 million pounds of milk, which is approximately 40 percent of the milk consumed in the state.

The publication "THE ECONOMIC AND FISCAL IMPACTS OF CONNECTICUT'S DAIRY INDUSTRY" can be found on the department's website at http://www.ct.gov/doag/lib/doag/pdf/dairy_impact_report_-_1-12-2009_v6.pdf

VOTING HAS OPENED TO SELECT "AMERICA'S FAVORITE FARMERS MARKETS"

Washington, D.C. —American Farmland Trust (AFT) has opened the voting to select "America's Favorite Farmers Markets" at www.farmland.org/vote. The on-line contest is a nation-wide challenge to see which of America's 4,685 farmers markets can rally the most support from its customers. The goal is to promote the connection between fresh local food and the local farms and farmland that supply it.

At the end of the contest, one large, medium, and small farmers market will win the title of "America's Favorite Farmers Market" for 2009. The reward will be a shipment of No Farms No Food® tote bags for the winning market managers to distribute to the shoppers that made it happen!

"Voting for your favorite farmers market is more fun and local than voting for TV entertainment," says Jane Kirchner, AFT Senior Director of Marketing. "This is a contest where people can vote for their hometown favorite. Markets are places where people in towns gather for good food, to meet the producers of their food, to buy good ingredients and have good times!"

"Farmers markets are one of the best ways for consumers to support local farms and farmers," says Julia Freedgood, Managing Director for AFT's Growing Local Initiative. "A great way to find seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, farmers markets also support public health and economic development opportunities in our communities," she adds.

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NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

June 29, 2009

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

EXTRA LARGE	62-65
LARGE	60-64
MEDIUM	51-53

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, June 29, 2009

Live animals brought the following average
prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	16.00	20.00
61-75 lbs.	22.50	25.00
76-90 lbs.	26.00	33.00
91-105 lbs.	35.00	37.50
106 lbs. & up	38.00	42.50
Started Calves	22.00	24.00
Veal Calves	62.50	100.00
Open Heifers	75.00	80.00
Beef Heifers	55.00	77.50
Feeder Steers	75.00	85.00
Beef Steers	60.00	78.00
Stock Bulls	65.00	102.50
Beef Bulls	55.00	60.00
Boars	1 @	.01
Sows	1 @	.13
Feeder Pigs each	8 @	47.00
Sheep each	40.00	70.00
Lambs each	70.00	130.00
Goats each	35.00	205.00
Kid Goats each	17.50	67.50
Canners	Up to	49.50
Cutters	50.00	52.00
Utility Grade Cows	53.00	60.00
Rabbits each	4.50	21.00
Chickens each	5.00	45.00
Ducks each	5.00	20.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, June 29, 2009

Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:		
Breakers	75-80% lean	
50.75-54.75	54.00-56.50	47.00-48.75
Boners	80-85% lean	
49.50-53.75	54.00-54.75	45.00-48.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
44.50-49.50	49.75-53.00	39.00-44.50
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1		
1020-2320 lbs		58.00-64.00
Bullocks: 865-1590 lbs		70.00-76.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Choice and Prime 2-3		
50-60 lbs		128.00-146.00
60-70 lbs		128.00-144.00
70-80 lbs		126.00-143.00
80-90 lbs		122.00-142.00
90-110 lbs		126.00-138.00
110-130 lbs		116.00-131.00
130-150 lbs		118.00-136.00
Choice 2-3 50-60 lbs		118.00-134.00
60-70 lbs		118.00-137.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5lb	11.00	11.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb bag	5.00	5.00
BEANS, green bu handpicked GA	20.00	25.00
CHERRIES, Bing 20lb	45.00	45.00
CHIVES, 1/lb 12/bunch	6.00	6.00
CILANTRO, 1/2 crate 24s	12.00	12.00
CORN, 5dz	20.00	22.00
GREENS, Mustard Crate	12.00	12.00
LETTUCE, Boston greenhouse 12/4oz	14.00	15.00
PARSNIPS, 25lb	21.00	21.00
PEAS, English bu CT	30.00	30.00
PEAS, Snow 10lb CT	14.00	14.00
PEAS, Sugar snap 10lbs CT	16.00	16.00
POTATOES, Russet US one 50lb	13.00	13.00
RADISHES, 24's	10.00	12.00
RHUBARB, 20lb	24.00	24.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2 bu med CT	8.00	8.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu med	11.00	11.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/ 1qt med-lge	24.00	28.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 20lbs lge	27.00	27.00

SHIPPED IN

ARRUGULA, 3lb NJ	13.00	13.00
BEETS 24ct SC	14.00	14.50
BLUEBERRIES, Clamshell 12/1pt NJ	18.00	22.00
CABBAGE, green 50lb med DEL	16.00	16.00
CANTALOUPE, 24 bin lge GA	160.00	170.00
CIPOLINOS, (Onion), 10lb bag NY	18.00	18.00
COLLARD GREENS, 12-16's NJ	11.00	11.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9 bu med NJ	20.00	22.00
CUCUMBERS, Pickles bu med NJ	28.00	30.00
GREENS, Kale crate NJ	11.00	12.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24's NY	9.00	9.00
LETTUCE, Red Leaf 24's NJ	13.00	13.00
NECTARINES, 25lb 64sz CA	19.00	20.00
ONION, Vidalia 40lbs jbo GA	24.00	25.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

70-80 lbs	116.00-134.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3	
120-160 lbs	42.00-58.00
160-200 lbs	36.00-54.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection	
1, sold by the head, estimated weights.	
Kids:	
40-50 lbs	54.00-72.00
50-60 lbs	62.00-80.00
60-70 lbs	74.00-90.00
70-80 lbs	94.00-110.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	80.00-100.00
130-180 lbs	88.00-104.00
Bucks/Billies: 150-250 lbs	146.00-215.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon June 29, 2009

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.		
Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	40.00-43.50
	270-300 lbs	39.00-43.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	39.00-42.00
40-45	300-380 lbs	26.00-31.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	23.00-25.00
	500-700 lbs	30.00-32.00

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:
June 29, 2009

EXTRA LARGE	69-73
LARGE	67-71
MEDIUM	58-62

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.

NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION

SEA SCALLOPS LANDINGS &
PRICES IN 1, 000 LBS
DATE 6/29/09 - PRICES
INCLUDE DEALERS FEES
SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS

	LBS	MIN	HIGH
U/12 CHANNEL	2.1	765	765
U/10	8.5	820	855
10/20	67.3	620	670
20/30	2.0	655	655
U/10 GEORGES	0.2	810	810
10/20	31.2	615	640
10/20 MID ATL	1.6	640	640
20/30	0.1	615	615
U/10 CLOSED AREA II		36.3	860 885
10/20	17.9	655	695

NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN
1,000 LBS & \$/CWT
DATE 6/29/09 - PRICES IN-
CLUDES DEALERS FEES - 1/0
MEANS LESS THAN 100 lb

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
COD LGE	0.6	143	157
MKT	6.0	192	203
SCRD	1.8	132	179
MIXED	0.1	114	114
GILNET WHALE COD	0.0	149	149
GILLNET LGE COD 1/	1.0	142	153
MKT	2.2	162	188
SCRD	0.1	162	162
HADDOCK	15.1	127	231
HADDOCK SCR D	24.0	106	122
POLLOCK LGE	0.8	62	149
MEDIUM	0.9	112	142
SCRD	0.0	143	143
WOLF	0.1	37	37
HAK E LGE	0.0	87	87
MED	0.0	82	82
YELLOWTAIL LGE	5.1	202	209
SML	0.6	181	214
DABS LGE	0.0	213	213
MED	0.0	198	198
SML	0.3	177	177
LEMONSOLE GEO	0.2	278	278

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, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobby-farmusa.com.. 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, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com., 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.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm (860) 376-2227.

50-R. Registered Scottish Highland cattle, smaller size, nearly miniature in frame size. \$400 to \$1,000. 860-599-3759.

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

78-R. Hardwood tomato stakes, tobacco lath, horse fence, beams, rough lumber. Call 860-873-9774. Staehly Products Co.

98-R. John Deere side delivery rake, excellent condition. For more information call 860-767-1257.

99-R. Battery powered price computing scales with state compliance, battery powered cash registers, livestock truck scales. 1-800-403-5919.

101-R. Rough lumber; parts for Grimm hay tedders. Sylvan Tetrault 860-684-3458.

105-R. Hedge rows, drainage ditches, fence lines or any other hard to reach areas getting overgrown? We have the solution. An excavator mounted tree/brush mower capable of mowing 8"-12" diameters flush to the ground. Call for brochure or machine location to observe working or free demonstration on your site. (860) 875-0280 or visit Burkeridge.com Commercial Mowing Division.

106-R. John Deere tractor for sale, 3140, 4x4, w/cab, low hrs, \$19,500 obo. Good Condition. 203-671-1534.

109-R. John Deere 3010 Diesel tractor with loader for sale. Good condition. New rear tires. \$7,500 or best offer. Call 860-546-6227.

111-R. 67 Massey Ferguson 2135 w/MF 100 loader, continental Z134, 540, 3ptw/draft control, new rubber. 203-457-1667.

115-R. Round 4x4 hay bales, dry, silage grass, alfalfa. Tightly plastic wrapped starting at \$45. 860-884-2889.

116-R. Hay for sale - off meadow in Lebanon. Round bales \$45. Call 860-886-0716.

117-R. Grass fed white Galloways for sale. The ultimate cattle breed for grass only performance. 860-886-0716.

121-R. Krone & Massey Ferguson Haying Equipment, Tedders, Rakes, Square and Round Balers, Disk Mowers and much more! Easy financing Available 0% on most equipment. Big Boy's Toys, LLC, Pomfret Center, CT 860-928-9778. www.BIGBOYSTOYSLLC.NET

122-R. Two creep feeders for sale, 6 ft. long, 900 lb capacity. Built to last by Frey Brothers, kept inside, no rust. \$600 each. 203-788-0978.

123. 2005 New Idea round baler. Like new, baled less than 1000 bales. Ideal for small farmer. \$5,000. 860-928-9483.

124. Farmall cub one point fast hitch assembly - \$250. One point implements include harrow \$200, plow \$150, cultivators \$275, brush hog \$125. Cub front wheel weights \$125. JD 7 ft 2-gang harrow \$75. Call 860-828-6460.

125. Benson 20ft aluminum dump body for sale with hoist \$3,300. Call 860-489-5665.

126. Hay, 1st cutting from last year. 400+ Bales \$5.00 per bale picked up in East Windsor, Del. Available

John Deere Hammer Mill for Feed, Belt Driven. Call Ralph Winn 860-550-5138

127-R. New 4-wheel hay rake, 3PH, never used - \$550. Call 860-274-8473 for information.

129. Ford tractor 2600 diesel with bucket, good tires, runs good \$6,000. Kuhn 2-star hay tedder - \$700. International Cub tractor \$2,200. Also Cub implements. 860-628-5475.

WANTED

103-R. Ford tractor wanted: with bucket loader. 860-653-0491.

104-R. Ever think of leasing your land? What if you could retain full use for farming? Established waterfowling group seeks land for seasonal use. Dedicated to wildlife conservation and habitat development. Exceptional references available from other Connecticut farmers. Contact Ken (860) 912-6109 or kpermy.mjsullivan@snet.net

120-R. Wanted Hay Land - Prefer close to Ellington/South Windsor, CT but will consider travel for larger acreage. Also, looking for rye grass for straw. 860-559-3009

128-R. Discbine wanted, 3ph or tow behind. Working or non-working condition. Call 860-274-8473.

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.

FARMERS MARKETS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The 2007 U.S. Agricultural Census reports a 49% growth in sales from farms directly to consumers since 2002—representing \$1.2 billion that stayed in local communities. But at the same time, more than one million acres of farmland are developed each year – most around cities where there is greatest demand for local food. “We need to make the connection: there’s no local food without local farms and farmland,” says Freedgood.

Many barriers stand in the way of scaling up local farm production to meet the burgeoning demand for local food. AFT is working to support policies and programs to protect farmland, reduce barriers between farmers and consumers and encourage communities to plan for agriculture and regional food systems.

Farmers market managers can register to join the contest by visiting www.farmland.org/marketmanager.

Shoppers can vote online for their support their favorite farmers' market at www.farmland.org/vote until August 8th. Results will be announced during Farmers' Market Week August 2 – 8, 2009.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CLOSED!

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture will be closed on July 3rd for the Independence Day holiday. In addition to the regular holiday, state employees are taking a furlough day (in accordance with budget negotiations) on Monday, July 6th. As a result, our offices will be closed Friday, July 3, through Monday, July 6th. We will be back to work, serving the Agricultural community, on Tuesday July 7th. We wish everyone a Happy Holiday!

**USDA TO TAKE A LOOK AT
FARM LABOR IN NEW ENGLAND**

Concord, NH – How many workers are employed on agricultural operations in New England? Have farm wages been affected by the current economy? These are the key questions the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be asking farm operators statewide as part of the July Agricultural Labor Survey.

“Now more than ever, labor issues are a concern in the agricultural community, making the Agricultural Labor Survey the most timely survey conducted by NASS,” explained Gary Keough, director of the NASS New England Field Office. “This survey provides the vital information affecting farmers and their bottom lines.”

Data from the Agricultural Labor Survey are used by the USDA and the Department of Labor to establish minimum wage rates for agricultural workers, administer farm labor recruitment and placement service programs, and assist legislators in determining labor policies.

During the last two weeks of July, NASS will contact selected New England farm operators and ask them to provide information on their total number of hired workers, hours worked and wage rates paid during that week. For their convenience, survey participants have the option of responding online.

NASS will compile, analyze and publish survey results in the quarterly Farm Labor report, to be released on August 21, 2009.

“We strongly encourage participation in this survey. Only farmers themselves can provide us with the accurate information needed to build the foundation for reliable agricultural labor estimates,” said Keough. As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. “NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses, 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. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS New England Field Office at 1-800-642-9571.

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS!

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Marketing Bureau is requesting applications for projects that solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture.)

Projects must impact and produce measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public rather than a single organization, institution or individual. Single organizations, institutions, and individuals are encouraged to participate as project partners. Submitted applications can have projects that last the duration of up to three years.

For complete application guidelines please contact Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 or jaime.smith@ct.gov. Application are due to the State Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Ave, Rm 129 by August 3, 2009.

YOU'RE INVITED!

CT Farm Bureau invites you to join in the fight for Connecticut’s family farms. CT Farm Bureau is the state’s largest, non-profit grass roots organization dedicated to promoting the interests of the entire farming community.

Farm Bureau membership has a lot to offer, from Farm Bureau’s advocacy efforts to direct work with members on issues surrounding local land use and taxation. When you join CT Farm Bureau, you become a member of your county Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Special membership offers are going on now. To join, call 860-768-1100 or visit the Farm Bureau website at www.cfba.org.

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