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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

CT GROWN LUNCH AND DEMO BY FARM-TO-CHEF MEMBERS FEATURED AT HEALTHQUEST '09

By Linda Piotrowicz, Agriculture Marketing Representative

HealthQuest '09 was held last month at Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson to help raise community awareness about healthy lifestyles. As one of the event's highlights, attendees were treated on Saturday to a CT Grown lunch of fresh roasted turkey sandwiches with goat cheese, field greens, asparagus, and balsamic maple vinaigrette, served with potato leek soup and the Vanilla Bean Café's famous chili soup.

As guests feasted on their delicious and nutritious lunch, CT Farm-to-Chef Program members John Turenne of Sustainable Food Systems and Marydale DeBor of New Milford Hospital gave a culinary demonstration and sustainable foods presentation created by the Plow to Plate® program. Joining them were Barry Jessurun of the Vanilla Bean Café, and 85 Main and Putnam Community Development Coordinator Delpha Very.

"The CT Grown lunch was a huge hit," said Farm-to-Chef member Cherie Poirier of Daniel's Pharmacy, who was one of the organizers of the event. "We received numerous emails, compliments, and thank-yous for making people aware of what was available in our area. We are very excited about what we have started, and we are committed to keeping this momentum going in our community."

Other weekend activities offered by HealthQuest '09 included a motivational walk rally by Robert Sweetgall of Creative Walking, Inc. Sweetgall, regarded as one of the world's leading recreational walkers and walking advocates, led over 1,000 students, teachers, and administrators from the Plainfield School System on a walk around the high school track. The walk kicked off a new wellness initiative for Plainfield students in grades 4-8, who now will begin the school day with a 10-minute walk, then journal about their daily experience.

"I've seen these programs successfully implemented at thousands of schools across America," said Sweetgall. "In addition to the health benefits, many school administrators report an increase in academic achievement, improved morale, and a significant decrease in discipline problems."

Following the walk, Sweetgall and Marc Cerrone, MD, from Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH), hosted an educator's forum for other schools interested in adopting sustainable walking wellness initiatives.

Sweetgall also spoke to the HealthQuest '09 attendees at Quinebaug Valley Community College. His lively keynote address literally kept attendees on their feet as he explained how to fit 6,000 steps into each day to reduce heart disease, diabetes, stress, weight, and the rate of aging.

A Heart Truth™ Workshop capped off HealthQuest '09, thanks to Northeast District Department of Health (NDDH) and a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health. A presentation and discussion about women's heart health and risk of heart disease was led by Cardiologist Lisa Canter, MD, FACC, from DKH, and a Red Dress fashion show starred employees of NDDH and their families.

Now in its second year, the HealthQuest planning partnership includes representatives from NDDH, DKH, Daniel's HealthMart Pharmacy, Plainfield Public Schools, the Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, Town of Putnam Community Development, Whitcraft, LLC, and WINY Radio. NDDH has been selected for funding by the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, and the HealthQuest coalition has become a national ACHIEVE community (Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and Environmental Change, an initiative of the Centers for Disease Control's Health Communities Program).

"HealthQuest is a collaborative health partnership of a number of local organizations who share the common vision of achieving healthier communities," said Poirier. "We're focused on promoting the simple steps we can all take to prevent illness and promote wellness in our own lives, and, in turn, improve the health of our schools, businesses, and communities."

For more information about HealthQuest, contact Cherie Poirier, cpoirier@danielspharmacy.com or 860-779-1136. Special thanks to Linda J. Colangelo from NDDH, who contributed to this article.

NO AGRICULTURAL REPORT NEXT WEEK!

The Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report publishes 48 issues per year. We do not publish four weeks throughout the year. Next week is one of the weeks when we do NOT publish. You will receive your next issue the week of July 1, 2009, and all ads will be extended to compensate for this week.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

June 15, 2009

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

EXTRA LARGE	73-77
LARGE	72-76
MEDIUM	51-53

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, June 15, 2009

Live animals brought the following average
prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	15.00	18.00
61-75 lbs.	20.00	25.00
76-90 lbs.	28.00	30.00
91-105 lbs.	35.00	37.50
106 lbs. & up	40.00	42.50
Farm Calves	47.50	57.50
Started Calves	18.00	25.00
Veal Calves	75.00	100.00
Open Heifers	60.00	67.50
Beef Heifers	50.00	55.00
Stock Bulls	65.00	82.50
Beef Bulls	48.00	57.00
Sheep each	50.00	67.50
Lambs each	60.00	120.00
Goats each	50.00	117.50
Kid Goats each	12.50	62.50
Canners	Up to	47.50
Cutters	48.00	50.00
Utility Grade Cows	51.50	53.50
Rabbits each	5.00	28.00
Chickens each	4.50	15.00
Ducks each	7.00	18.00

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, June 15, 2009

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Bulk/ Breakers	High/ 75-80% lean	Low Dressing 45.00-47.50
47.00-52.00	53.75-55.50	45.00-47.50
Boners	80-85% lean	
46.50-50.50	51.00	43.50-46.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
41.00-46.50	48.00-50.50	38.00-40.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1

1000-1640 lbs 64.00-69.50

Bullocks: 865-1285 lbs 70.00-76.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Choice and Prime 2-3

40-50 lbs	138.00-154.00
60-70 lbs	123.00-138.00
70-80 lbs	119.00-134.00
80-90 lbs	116.00-129.00
90-110 lbs	114.00-126.00
110-130 lbs	110.00-122.00
Choice 2-3	40-50 lbs 116.00-132.00
	50-60 lbs 112.00-126.00
	60-70 lbs 110.00-125.00
	70-80 lbs 107.00-122.00
	80-90 lbs 104.00-118.00
	90-110 lbs 96.00-114.00
	110-130 lbs 92.00-108.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5lb	11.00	11.00
APPLE CIDER, 4/1 gallon	15.00	15.00
APPLES, McIntosh 80ct fcy	18.00	20.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb bag	5.00	5.00
CHIVES, 1/lb 12/bunch	6.00	6.00
CILANTRO, 1/2 crate 24s	12.00	12.00
LETTUCE, Boston greenhouse 12/4oz	14.00	15.00
POTATOES, Russet US one 50lb	13.00	13.00
RADISHES, 24's	10.00	12.00
RHUBARB, 20lb	24.00	24.00
SQUASH, Acorn, organic 35lb	32.00	32.00
SQUASH, Delicata organic 35lb	37.50	37.50
STRAWBERRIES, 8/ 1qt med-lge	24.00	28.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 11lbs-on vine	17.00	17.00

SHIPPED IN

ARRUGULA, 3lb NJ	13.00	13.00
BEANS, green bu GA	18.00	20.00
BEETS 12CT NJ	12.00	12.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1pt GA	14.00	18.00
BABY BOK CHOY 30LB NJ	18.00	20.00
CABBAGE, 1-3/4bu green NJ	14.00	14.00
CHERRIES, Rainier 16lb 11-1/2 row CA	45.00	55.00
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	15.00	18.00
CUCUMBERS, Pickles bu med NJ	25.00	30.00
GREENS, Kale crate NJ	11.00	12.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24's NJ	13.00	13.00
LETTUCE, Red Leaf 24's NJ	13.00	13.00
NECTARINES, 25lb 64sz CA	24.00	24.00
ONION, Vidalia 40lbs jbo GA	19.00	20.00
PEAS, English bu CA	36.00	36.00
PEAS, Snow 10lb GU	15.00	18.00
PEAS, Sugar snap 10lbs GU	22.00	25.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2 bu med NJ	8.00	8.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu med NJ	12.00	13.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

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

Kids:	20-30 lbs	36.00-40.00
	30-40 lbs	40.00-46.00
	40-50 lbs	56.00-74.00
	50-60 lbs	60.00-78.00
	60-70 lbs	82.00-96.00
	70-80 lbs	96.00-118.00
	80-90 lbs	104.00-120.00
	110-120 lbs	126.00-140.00
Nannies/Does:	80-130 lbs	70.00-86.00
	130-180 lbs	88.00-102.00
Bucks/Billies:	100-150 lbs	118.00-136.00
	150-250 lbs	130.00-148.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Mon June 15, 2009 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	34.00-37.00
	270-300 lbs	34.00-35.25
45-49	220-270 lbs	34.25-37.50
	270-300 lbs	32.25-34.00
40-45	300-350 lbs	31.75-35.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	22.00-23.00
	500-700 lbs	25.00-30.00

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:

June 15, 2009

EXTRA LARGE	79-83
LARGE	77-81
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 6/15/09 - PRICES

INCLUDE DEALERS FEES

SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS

	LBS MIN	HIGH
U/12 CHANNEL	2.4	640 665
U/10	1.7	740 740
10/20	1.4	565 590
20/30	2.7	630 635
U/10 GEORGES	6.1	715 715
10/20	20.0	565 605
U/10 MID ATL	0.5	665 665
U/12	1.8	615 615
10/20	5.8	525 550
20/30	5.1	490 550
U/10 DELMARVA	3.1	690 690
U/12	4.1	615 615
10/20	10.8	525 525

NEW BEDFORD

WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION

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

DATE 6/15/09 PRICES

INCLUDE DEALERS FEES

SPECIES	LBS MIN	HIGH
COD LGE	0.8	161 172
MKT	16.4	97 109
SCRD	3.6	102 104
MIXED	0.3	43 66
GILNET WHALE COD	0.1	191 191
GILLNET LGE COD	2.1	157 159
MKT	4.8	77 99
SCRD	0.2	102 102
JIG LGE COD 1/	0.0	137 137
MKT	0.2	99 99
SCRD	0.1	62 62
HADDOCK	6.7	152 164
HADDOCK SCR D	25.4	119 144
WOLF	0.1	61 61
HAKE MED	0.0	67 67
SML	0.0	37 37
BLUEFISH DRESSED	0.0	56 56
POLLOCK LGE	0.1	62 62
MEDIUM	0.1	39 39
SCRD	0.0	49 49
LEMONSOLE GEO	0.6	156 165

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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.

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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.

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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.

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WANTED

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"ONE-TWO PUNCH" AGAINST THRIPS

The USDA Agricultural Research Service reports that it only takes a few minutes of feeding for thrips to transmit the virus that causes tomato spotted wilt disease (TSW), despite growers' attempts to prevent such assaults with insecticide spraying.

But thrips are highly visual insects, and scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and University of Florida (UF) are exploiting that dependency to, in effect, camouflage the tomato plants. In field trials, the scientists sprayed the plants with kaolin, a type of powdered clay, and one of three plant essential oils that together reduced the incidence of TSW by 50 percent.

According to Stuart Reitz, an entomologist with the ARS Insect Behavior and Biocontrol Research Unit's Tallahassee, Fla., site, kaolin forms a white coat that may interfere with thrips' ability to zero in on color cues during flight. Thrips that do still land on treated plants may find the kaolin coat difficult to penetrate with their juice-sucking mouthparts. This, in turn, may diminish their transmission of the TSW virus, which is present in the insects' saliva. Used alone, kaolin diminished TSW on experimental plots of tomato by 33 percent. Combining it

with tea-tree oil, lemongrass oil or geraniol reduced the disease further by 17 percent, reports Reitz. His collaborators are UF plant pathologist Timur Momol and Steve Olson at the university's North Florida Research and Education Center at Quincy.

In northern Florida, commercial growers have scored some success against thrips by using ultraviolet-light-reflective mulches. But for small-operation growers, such mulches may be too costly, leading Reitz and colleagues to explore kaolin and essential oils as less expensive commercial alternatives.

Severe outbreaks of thrips and TSW can cause yield losses of 100 percent. Once infected, the plants cannot be cured. But in a complementary approach, the ARS-UF team has begun field testing kaolin and essential oils plus acibenzolar-s-methyl, a commercial product that stimulates natural plant defense mechanisms, potentially containing the TSW virus and limiting its spread.

ARS is the principal intramural scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Questions? Call 860-738-1100.

USDA SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY & ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOANS AND GRANTS

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for grants and loan guarantees for farmers and rural small businesses to install renewable energy systems, make energy efficiency improvements, or conduct feasibility studies. The funds are administered through Rural Development's Rural Energy for America Program.

The deadline for applications is July 31. Applications can be sent to Chuck Dubuc, USDA Rural Development, 451 West St., Suite 2, Amherst, MA 01002. Electronic applications may be submitted through www.grants.gov.

Loan guarantees and grants are available to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. The maximum grant for renewable energy systems is 25 percent of eligible project costs, not to exceed \$500,000. Energy efficiency improvement projects are eligible for up to 25 percent of eligible project costs, not to exceed \$250,000. The maximum loan guarantee is 75 percent of eligible project costs, not to exceed \$25 million. Combination loan guarantees and grants are also available. Feasibility studies now also qualify for grants under the Rural Energy for America Program.

CT NOFA FARM AND AGRICULTURE TOUR

This year, the CT NOFA Farm and Agriculture Tour will visit three member farms in Windham County on Sat., June 27th, 10 am to 4 pm:

Bird Song Farm is primarily a vegetable farm situated in Hampton, CT. Plan to visit extensive rows of delectable crops on the beautiful 4 acre farm with Bruce Kittredge. The family regularly attends the Coventry and Storr's Farmer's Markets and sells fresh vegetables to restaurants. Also plan to visit the farm's chickens and goats! Enjoy some of the fresh mixed greens included in our lunch, all in the same afternoon.

Still River Mill in Eastford is run by Greg and Deirdre Driscoll. Their fiber mill is dedicated to serving small scale farm and animal owners nationwide. They strive to produce quality fiber products, on a cottage industry scale, as sustainably as possible. Still River Mill can process qiviut, buffalo, cashmere, yak, alpaca llama, angora, mohair and even pet fiber! Their operation is truly a valuable local resource.

Baldwin Brook Farm in Canterbury is home to Chris and Mavis Newton. Their picturesque farm is home to many milking cows and chickens, providing raw milk and fresh eggs. View the pasture by tractor, tour the milking facilities, enjoy an egg harvesting experience and butter making by Mavis (to be served on top of Chris' homemade bread).

A delicious light lunch will be catered. Many items on the menu will be both local and organic. Fee (includes lunch): \$40 for 1 or \$70 for 2 CT NOFA members, \$50 for 1 or \$90 for 2 for non-members. Children under 12, \$10. Join and enjoy a full year of member discounts!

Participants will drive themselves between farms. Carpooling is encouraged. Bring a cooler to take advantage of this opportunity to buy delicious local products right at the farm's doorstep.

For more information, call the CT NOFA office at 203-888-5146. Tours are limited to 60 people. Directions and maps will be sent the week before the tour.

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