



# Agricultural Report

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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### MARKET RESEARCH: UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL FOR YOUR AGRIBUSINESS

By Jaime Smith, Agriculture Marketing Representative

In today's rollercoaster economy, diving head first into a new business venture is something most people are not doing. But starting a new business can be done with a little forward thinking and market research to surface the viability of a product, good, or service.

So, how does one do market research??

Join us for an evening seminar on June 17th to learn the keys to successful market research – What is market research? how does one go about doing it? why is it so important? and what it can tell you?

Speakers for the evening will include Jeff Blodgett, Director of Research and Alissa DeJonge, Assistant Director of Research for the Connecticut Economic Research Center, Evelyn Pasco, Business Development Specialist for the Connecticut Small Business Development Center, Theresa Freund from Freund's Family Farm/CowPots, Margaret Chatey from Westford Hill Distillers, along with two additional Connecticut producers.

The evening will begin at 4:00pm at Maneeley's Banquet Hall in South Windsor. After two informative sessions and a networking dinner, attendees will have the opportunity to work closely with the speakers to ask specific questions about their potential business.

Registration for the evening is \$25 and includes dinner and materials. Space is limited! RSVP's are required by June 10 to Candace Bartholomew and can be mailed to UConn, c/o Candace Bartholomew, UConn Hartford County Extension Center, 1800 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117. More information and a registration form can be found soon at [www.ctwagn.com](http://www.ctwagn.com) or by contacting Ross Eddy, USDA FSA at 860-688-7725 x2, [ross.eddy@ct.usda.gov](mailto:ross.eddy@ct.usda.gov) or Dawn Pindell, USDA FSA at 860-774-8397 x109, [dawn.pindell@ct.usda.gov](mailto:dawn.pindell@ct.usda.gov).

Sponsored by: Connecticut Women's Agricultural Network (WAgN), Farm Service Agency, USDA, CT Farm Bureau, University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

### AIKI FARMS - "THE WAY OF THE FARMER"

Aiki Farms will host ED BEGELEY JR. for a Victory Garden Seminar to celebrate our freedom to nourish our bodies and spirits on Sunday July 12 from 11 am – 2 pm at Aiki farms 769 Shewville Road in Ledyard, Connecticut.

Ed will drive from Los Angeles in his electric car to host this event to raise money to support Working Lands Alliance, Farm Bureau, Young Farmers, and the Stower family farm in Loraine County Ohio.

This will be a seminar for beginner gardeners, as well as experts who will pick valuable information in organic gardening. Mystic Solar, will be on hand to show its support for the community and share information about renewable energy. There will be a feast served by the chefs from some of the best restaurants from around the area.

The donation for the spectacular star studded event will be \$ 40.00 per person and \$20.00 for family members.

Call: (860)536-6407; email: [ranchoaiki@aikifarms.com](mailto:ranchoaiki@aikifarms.com)

Chefs from : Willimantic Food Co-op, Citrus Juice Bar – Mystic, Mangetous – New London.

### GOVERNOR RELL ANNOUNCES DISASTER LOANS AVAILABLE FOR AGRICULTURE BUSINESSES IN 4 COUNTIES

Governor M. Jodi Rell has announced that federal disaster loans are available to agricultural cooperatives, small businesses and private, non-profit groups in Hartford, Litchfield, Tolland and Windham counties that suffered losses from the severe weather that hit the area in December 2008.

The low-interest loans are available through the U.S. Small Business Administration to recover damages from a severe ice storm. Governor Rell said the operations in those four counties were deemed eligible following a disaster declaration from the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for adjacent counties in Massachusetts.

"This much-needed assistance recognizes that natural disasters do not stop at state lines," Governor Rell said. "Small businesses are already under tremendous economic burden and these natural disasters are beyond anyone's control. I encourage all eligible enterprises to apply."

Eligible small businesses, agriculture cooperatives and non-profit groups may qualify for loans of up to \$2 million at an interest rate of 4 percent and terms of up to 30 years.

For more information, contact the SBA: By phone – 800-659-2955; By e-mail – [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov); · On the Web at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance)

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.**

**May 18, 2009**

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

EXTRA LARGE	65-69
LARGE	64-68
MEDIUM	54-56

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, May 18, 2009

Live animals brought the following average  
prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	22.00	28.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	43.00
76-90 lbs.	45.00	47.50
91-105 lbs.	50.00	55.00
106 lbs. & up	57.50	60.00
Farm Calves	65.00	70.00
Started Calves	30.00	35.00
Veal Calves	60.00	95.00
Open Heifers	60.00	87.50
Beef Heifers	45.00	62.00
Feeder Steers	45.00	85.00
Beef Steers	61.00	71.00
Stock Bulls	77.50	95.00
Beef Bulls	50.00	60.00
Replacement Cows	650.00	750.00
Sheep each	57.50	110.00
Lambs each	60.00	110.00
Goats each	47.50	170.00
Kid Goats each	17.50	70.00
Canners	Up to	51.50
Cutters	52.00	54.00
Utility Grade Cows	55.00	58.00
Rabbits each	6.00	24.00
Chickens each	5.00	33.00
Ducks each	6.00	28.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction. The  
auction will be held as usual on the memorial  
day holiday, Monday May 25.

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION,  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009**

Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>		
Breakers	75-80% lean	
52.00-55.50	56.50-58.00	49.00-50.73
Boners	80-85% lean	
47.50-52.50	52.50-55.00	46.50-47.50
Lean	85-90% lean	
43.00-49.50	49.50-52.75	39.00-42.50
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1</b>		
1180-1455 lbs		61.50-66.50
1705-2565 lbs		61.00-64.50
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled &amp; Shorn</b>		
Choice and Prime 2-3		
40-50 lbs		166.00-182.00
50-60 lbs		156.00-168.00
60-70 lbs		154.00-164.00
70-80 lbs		142.00-160.00
80-90 lbs		138.00-154.00
<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3</b>		
90-110 lbs		60.00-72.00
120-160 lbs		42.00-60.00

**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 xfcy	25.00	26.00
APPLES, McIntosh 80ct fcy	18.00	19.00
ASPARAGUS, 2lb lge	50.00	56.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb bag	5.00	5.00
CHIVES, 1/lb 12/bunch	8.00	8.00
FIDDLEHEADS, lb	3.00	3.50
POTATOES, Russet 10/5lb	11.00	11.00
RHUBARB, 29lb	24.00	24.00
SQUASH, Acorn, organic 35lb	32.00	32.00
SQUASH, Delicata organic 35lb	37.50	37.50
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 15lbs 20's	22.00	22.00
SHIPPED IN		
ARRUGULA, 3lb NJ	15.00	15.00
BEANS, green handpicked bu GA	16.00	17.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1pt GA	32.00	34.00
CABBAGE, Green 50lb med NY	11.00	12.00
CARROTS, 48/1lb med/lge CA	16.00	17.00
CILANTRO, 1/2 crate 24's NJ	11.00	11.00
CIPOLINOS (Onion), 10lb bag NY	18.00	18.00
COLLARD GREENS, 12-16's NJ	10.00	12.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9bu med FL	14.00	16.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu med FL	9.00	12.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24's CA	14.00	15.00
LETTUCE, Boston 24's NJ	13.00	13.00
LETTUCE, Romaine 24's CA	14.00	15.00
MESCULIN, Mix 3lb CA	6.00	6.50
ONION, Vidalia 40lbs jbo GA	19.00	20.00
PEA, Snow 10lb GU	12.00	13.00
PEPPER, Green lge 1-1/9 bu FL	8.00	9.00
PEPPER, Jalapeno 1/2 bu FL	12.00	13.00
PEPPER, Long Hot 1-1/9bu FL	12.00	12.00
POTATOES, Long White 50lb CA	25.00	26.00
RADISHES, 2dz bunched NJ	13.00	13.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/ 1lb med-lge CA	11.00	12.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

160-200 lbs	44.00-58.00
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection</b>	
1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.	
Kids: 30-40 lbs	54.00-70.00
40-50 lbs	72.00-92.00
50-60 lbs	88.00-102.00
60-70 lbs	96.00-114.00
<b>Nannies/Does:</b>	
80-130 lbs	77.00-94.00
130-180 lbs	104.00-116.00
<b>Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs</b>	
150-250 lbs	136.00-152.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION**

Mon May 18, 2009 - Hogs sold by actual  
weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	36.50-40.00
	270-300 lbs	38.00-41.50
	300-350 lbs	39.00-42.75
45-49	220-270 lbs	31.50-35.00
	270-300 lbs	32.50-36.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	30.00-34.00
	500-700 lbs	46.00-50.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	8.50-10.00

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

**NEW YORK PRICES**

**WHITE EGGS**

**TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,

Grade A eggs on:

**May 18, 2009**

EXTRA LARGE	76-80
LARGE	74-78
MEDIUM	61-65

Above quotations based on  
CARTON sales to retailers.

**NEW BEDFORD**

**WHALING CITY SEAFOOD**

**DISPLAY AUCTION**

SEA SCALLOPS LANDINGS &

PRICES IN 1,000 LBS

DATE 5/18/09 - PRICES

INCLUDE DEALERS FEES

SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS

	LBS	MIN	HIGH
10/20 CHANNEL	4.0	670	670
20/30	4.8	665	675
U/10 ELEPHANT TRUNK		22.3	785 890
10/20	13.0	615	625
U/10 MID ATL	4.0	770	780
10/20	45.1	600	640
20/30	0.3	620	620
U/10 DELMARVA	3.2	805	805
U/12	2.2	770	770
10/20	4.8	615	620

**NEW BEDFORD -**

**WHALING CITY SEAFOOD**

**DISPLAY AUCTION**

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN

1,000 LBS & \$/CWT

DATE 5/18/09 - PRICES IN-

CLUDE DEALERS FEES

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
HADDOCK	0.0	262	262
HADD SCR D	0.0	270	270
GILLNET MKT COD	0.0	336	336
SCR D	0.2	262	262
COD LGE	0.0	350	350
MKT	0.1	323	323
SCR D	0.0	350	350
POLLOCK	1.3	168	168
POLL MED	1.3	192	192
SCR D	0.0	62	62
WOLF	0.1	37	37
CUSK	0.0	85	85
HAKE SOW	0.5	256	256
HAKE LGE	0.7	242	242
MED	0.2	202	202
SML	0.1	132	132
OCN PRCH	3.7	58	81
YELLOWTAIL LGE	0.7	137	209
SML	0.2	205	206
DABS LGE	0.0	193	193
MED	0.1	203	203
SML	0.2	193	193
GREYSOLE MED	0.0	707	707

## 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.hobbyfarmusa.com.. 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.

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

72-R. Spring Chicken Sale - Alabama Greys, Italian Reds, Connecticut Whites. Call 860-608-1226 for more information.

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.

79-R. Spring lambs available. Shropshire and Romney. Live weight priced. Burlingame Farm, Killingly. 860-774-5975.

80-R. Turkey Poults available immediately- Black Spanish heritage breed. Fed organic feed from hatching.- 2007 John Deere 5103 utility tractor, excellent condition, 550 one owner hours, shed kept. - John Deere Model 45 7 foot grader blade - Lilliston 2 row spider wheel cultivator - Lilliston 4 row spider wheel cultivator - 4 rolls of 5' black plastic mulch for mulch layer - 5000 Tomato stakes 5 and 4 foot - Certified Organic Potting Soil and Plant trays. 860-633-6601.

84-R. Case IH 8430 round baler - \$7,000. Case IH 8420 round baler - \$6,500. IH 2-row 3pt hitch row cultivator - \$700. Hesston 7' haybine. NH BR730 baler can bale wet hay \$11,500. NH Tandem axle manure spreader - \$3,000. NH 575 baler with thrower - \$13,500. NH 311 baler with thrower - \$6,500. JD 336 baler - \$3,500. JD 328 baler with kicker - \$6,500. New and used metal kicker wagons. New 4-star Pequea 4-star tedder - \$6,000. New Morra 4-star hydraulic fold tedder - \$4,500. NH 4-star hydraulic fold tedder - \$3,500. New 11' Pequea rotary rake - \$6,000. JD 5320 1500 hrs forward reverser. JD 5420 and 6200 - \$15,000 each. JD 4020 side console p/s \$11,500. MF 375 tractor new motor - \$6,500. Brillion 10' seeder - \$3,750. IH 450 3-bottom 3pt hitch plow. Several 710 and 720, 4 and 5 bottom plows. 203-530-4953.

87-R. Worthington 7-foot, 3-gang reel type, tow behind lawn mower. In excellent mechanical condition, including 6 new tires. \$600. Call 860-778-6070.

88-R. Hardi Comby sprayer (160 gal), 3 point hitch - excellent condition. Also irrigation pipe (40 ft lengths). 860-653-3837.

90-R. Steers ½ or whole. You pick up at slaughter house. Call 203-530-4953.

91-R. 2 Oliver 70 tractors; one runs excellent; both need tires. \$500 for the pair. 860-482-0281.

92-R. Tobacco hook lath, large quantity. 860-982-7056.

94-R. Hereford cattle for sale, 1 registered yearling bull \$1,350. Two fall bull calves, 1 fall heifer. 860-693-2052.

95-R. KRONE haying Equipment, tedders, rakes, mowers, balers. Good financing available. 0% for 36 months or cash rebates Big Boys Toys LLC, 860-928-9778 www.BIGBOYSTOYSLLC.NET

96-R. Hay 1st cut \$4.50/bale p.u. Donkey standard Jennie 1 yr. old, chocolate brown \$700. or B.O. 860-537-1974.

### WANTED

20-R. Wanted: Land to Lease/ Rent - Small, outdoor recreational club seeks lease of land. Possible long term arrangements. References available. Leave message 860-303-5252.

71-R. Two 21L-24 tractor tires; used chain and sprockets for John Deere 550A dozer. 860-673-6100.

75-R. Interested in purchasing/leasing 1-3 acres of farmable or pasture land in North Central CT. for small vegetable growing operation. Please contact Kim 860-688-6020.

### 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.

93-R. For Lease: 50 man labor camp, north central Connecticut. 860-982-7056.

### INADEQUATE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION FOUND AMONG U.S. CHILDREN

ScienceDaily - Children and adolescents aren't meeting guidelines for fruit and vegetable consumption, according to researchers at Ohio State University.

The researchers analyzed results of the 1999-2002 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey to assess the amounts of fruits and vegetables consumed by children and adolescents compared to Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommendations, and to identify factors related to low fruit and vegetable consumption.

In a study of more than 6,500 children ages 2 to 18, the researchers found those not meeting recommendations tended to be male, older and living in households making between 130 percent and 350 percent of the federal poverty level.

The researchers found 2-to-5 year-olds consumed significantly more fruit and juice than children ages 6 to 11 and 12 to 18 year olds. Total vegetable consumption was significantly higher among 12-to-18 year-olds. However, only 8 percent of vegetables consumed by children in all groups were dark green or orange; fried potatoes constituted about 46 percent of total vegetable consumption.

The study also found fruit consumption differed significantly among race, ethnicities and household income. Mexican Americans consumed significantly more fruit than non-Hispanic white children and adolescents. In addition, non-Hispanic black children and adolescents consumed significantly more dark-green vegetables and fewer deep-yellow vegetables than Mexican American and non-Hispanic white children and adolescents.

The researchers concluded: "These children and adolescents should be targeted for nutritional interventions focusing on amounts and types of fruits and vegetables to consume. Nevertheless, there is a common need among American children and adolescents for nutritional interventions designed to increase daily fruit and vegetable consumption. When counseling children, adolescents and their parents/caregivers, dietitians need to address factors that may influence fruit and vegetable intake, such as gender, age, race/ethnicity and income."

This study was published in the March 2009 Journal of the American Dietetic Association.

**NEW FOOD SAFETY TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED FOR EGGS**

Good news for fans of raw cookie dough: Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists have filed a patent on technology that can protect pasteurized liquid eggs from food safety threats.

These threats include both naturally-occurring spoilage bacteria and pathogens. But don't go running for that dough just yet; the U.S. Food and Drug Administration still cautions against consuming raw, unpasteurized eggs or products that contain them.

Current pasteurization technology removes heat-sensitive pathogens, but some heat-resistant spoilage microorganisms can survive. Consumers can avoid illness by properly preparing and cooking eggs before consumption, but the researchers have found that new technology can compensate for the shortcomings of thermal pasteurization.

The technology, called "crossflow microfiltration membrane separation" (CMF), removes more pathogens than thermal pasteurization. And it does so without affecting the eggs' ability to foam, coagulate and emulsify, meaning that CMF-treated eggs could be safely substituted for pasteurized eggs in angel food cake and other products where those characteristics are desired.

In a pilot-scale study, CMF was shown to remove about 99.9999 percent of inoculated Salmonella enteritidis from unpasteurized liquid egg whites. The technology can also be used to remove Bacillus anthracis spores from egg whites. This finding adds to previous work in which ERRC researchers used CMF to remove 99.9999 percent of B. anthracis spores inoculated into fluid milk. Microfiltration can also protect milk from more common bacterial pathogens, potentially extending its shelf life.

Although effective in its own right, CMF works best when used as an accompaniment to pasteurization, not a replacement for it. Combining the two processes significantly reduces the pathogen load.

Read more about this research in the May/June 2009 issue of Agricultural Research magazine, available online at: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/AR/archive/may09/food0509.htm>

ARS is the principal intramural scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The new technology discussed in this article was developed by Sudarsan Mukhopadhyay, Peggy Tomasula and John Luchansky, researchers at the ARS Eastern Regional Research Center (ERRC) in Wyndmoor, Pa.

**ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

APPLES, Gala 80 ct WA	38.00	38.00
APPLES, Red Delicious 80ct xfcy WA	30.00	30.00
ANISE, 12's CA	27.00	28.00
BEANS, FAVA 25lb MEX	23.00	23.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/4.4oz GA	58.00	58.00
BOK CHOY, 35lb CA	28.00	28.00
CARROT, 48/1 med CA	39.00	39.00
CILANTRO, bunched 30 GA	37.00	37.00
COLLARD GREENS, 12 bunched CA	19.00	19.00
EGGPLANT, 25lb FL	29.00	29.00
GINGER ROOT, 5lb HAWAII	28.00	28.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24 CA	30.00	30.00
LEEKs, 12's	30.00	30.00
MUSHROOMS, Shiitake 3lb PA	21.00	23.00
MUSHROOMS, White 10lb lge PA	20.00	23.00
ONION, Red 40lb med CA	29.00	34.00
POTATOES, Russet 50lb 90 ct CA	31.00	31.00
WATERCRESS, 12 bunched FLA	17.00	17.00

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