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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### CT DOAG MARKETING BUREAU DOING MORE WITH LESS

By Linda Piotrowicz, Agricultural Marketing Representative

As the State budget crisis continues and the legislature and Governor Rell seek out solutions to bridge the gap, the CT Department of Agriculture's Marketing Bureau is working hard to do more with less. Spending freezes are in place; purchasing has been halted. Marketing staff continues to operate all of its programs and serve the state's agricultural community through creative measures.

Did you know, for example, that no piece of copy or printer paper gets to the recycle bin until both sides have been used? The office has a supply of reusable paper that goes into a designated drawer in the printer/copy machine. If copies are for in-house use, the reused paper is utilized instead of new paper.

For record-keeping, scanning and electronic copies are used whenever possible. Electronic copies also are used for distribution and submission to the business office, saving reams of paper each month.

While the Department waits for approval to go to print on its popular consumer brochures, staff is busy at work designing the brochures in electronic format. These will be posted on the Publications page of the agency's website, [www.CTGrown.gov](http://www.CTGrown.gov) for easy access and reference by the public.

Department communication is handled electronically, too. The CT Farm-to-Chef Program, for example, relies solely on digital distribution of its popular monthly newsletter, which goes out to over 500 recipients. Issues also are posted on the agency's website. Other announcements, when needed, are made via email and posted online.

Perhaps you are reading this in the online edition of the weekly Agricultural Bulletin. Last year Marketing added an electronic version of the long-running, widely-distributed printed newsletter. This change eliminated the need to print thousands of copies of the publication each month, saving paper, money, and waste. It also eliminated the need to charge subscribers postage fees for electronic subscriptions. This change has resulted in a real win-win situation for all involved.

For programs that require monetary expenditures to continue, the Marketing Bureau has sought out numerous federal grants. The USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007 has helped to pay for popular, high-demand CT Grown items such as farmers' market tents, banners, price cards, and other point-of-purchase materials used by local producers. It also has helped to fund additional CT Grown mascot costume purchases, Farm-to-School educational mate-

rials, Farm-to-Chef events, and other important projects that benefit the state's farmers and consumers.

A new year-round farmers' market facility at the Hartford Regional Market is being designed with funds from the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2008. The grant has made it possible to hire experts who can design a structure that will provide greater comfort for vendors and customers, along with improved parking and traffic flow. Farmers who produce items that can be sold year-round will have a centralized location at which to do so, while consumers who are hungry for CT Grown products in every season will have an exciting new venue at which to satisfy their appetites.

The economic downturn has been difficult for everyone. Farmers, distributors, retailers, and consumers all have felt the impact in their daily and their long-term activities. Government is no exception. Budgets have been cut, pennies must be watched carefully. However the DoAG Marketing Bureau maintains a steadfast commitment to its constituents to provide the greatest service possible, despite reduced resources. Every program is being examined; every function assessed for ways to operate more efficiently without compromising output.

The current economic situation will, at some point, turn around, much to the relief of everyone. Until then, rest assured that your Marketing Bureau will do everything possible to continue to provide service with a smile, regardless of how tightly its belt is squeezed.

### 2009 CT NOFA GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, June 13, 2009 ~ 10 am to 3 pm, Rain or shine ~ \$20

Visit a number of gardens, from completely established organic gardens and landscapes, to transitioning gardens and gardens in progress. They will include flowers, shrubs, herbs and vegetables in the landscape.

A print-friendly registration form and Online registration are now available at the CT NOFA website at: [www.ctnofa.org](http://www.ctnofa.org).

Directions and garden locations will be mailed to pre-registrants two weeks prior to the tour.

Tickets also available on the day of the tour; details will be available later at the NOFA website.

NOFA wants YOUR garden! It doesn't have to be picture-perfect! They're looking for all sizes and types of gardens to feature on this tour. Call the office at 203-888-5146.

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

**May 4, 2009**

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

EXTRA LARGE	70-75
LARGE	69-73
MEDIUM	58-60

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, May 4, 2009

Live animals brought the following average prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	16.00	18.00
61-75 lbs.	20.00	26.00
76-90 lbs.	28.00	32.00
91-105 lbs.	34.00	38.00
106 lbs. & up	40.00	43.00
Farm Calves	44.00	53.00
Started Calves	24.00	26.00
Veal Calves	85.00	100.00
Open Heifers	50.00	70.00
Beef Heifers	55.00	67.00
Feeder Steers	45.00	65.00
Beef Steers	64.00	70.00
Stock Bulls	50.00	77.50
Beef Bulls	55.00	59.00
Hogs,Barrows and Gilts	30.00	45.00
Sheep each	60.00	72.50
Lambs each	50.00	172.50
Goats each	57.50	165.50
Kid Goats each	30.00	72.50
Canners	Up to	48.00
Cutters	49.00	51.50
Utility Grade Cows	52.00	54.00
Rabbits each	6.00	27.00
Chickens each	5.00	21.00
Ducks each	6.00	19.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

MONDAY, May 4, 2009

Bulk/High/Low Dressing  
SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean	
50.00-53.00	53.75-54.75	48.50-49.00
Boners	80-85% lean	
48.00-51.50	51.50-53.50	-----
Lean	85-90% lean	
40.00-48.00	48.00-50.50	34.00-38.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1

910-1815 lbs	64.50-69.50
2040-2300 lbs	58.00-60.00

Bullocks: 730-1210 lbs 66.50-70.50  
Slaughter Lambs: Woolled & Shorn  
Choice and Prime 2-3

40-60 lbs	176.00-190.00
60-80 lbs	164.00-178.00
80-110 lbs	160.00-176.00
130-150 lbs	146.00-162.00

Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3

100-200 lbs	66.00-78.00
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Slaughter Goats: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.  
Kids: 20-40 lbs 40.00-86.00

**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
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb bag	5.00	5.00
CHIVES, 1/lb 12/bunch	8.00	8.00
FIDDLEHEADS, 5lb New England	5.00	5.00
POTATOES, Round white 10/5lb	10.00	10.50
SQUASH, Acorn organic 35lb	32.00	32.00
SQUASH, Delicata organic 35lb	37.50	37.50

**SHIPPED IN**

ARRUGULA, 4/5bu 24's NJ	12.00	12.00
ASPARAGUS, 28lb lge WASH	44.00	46.00
BEANS, green bu FL	16.00	18.00
BLUEBERRIES, 4.4oz/12ct lge FL	20.00	22.00
CABBAGE, 50lb Green NY	11.00	11.50
CARROTS, 48/1lb med/lge CA	15.00	18.00
CILANTRO, 1/2 crate 24's NJ	12.00	13.00
CIPOLINOS (Onion), 10lb bag NY	20.00	20.00
COLLARD GREENS, 12-16's NJ	10.00	10.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9bu med FL	16.00	16.00
EGGPLANT, Italian Greenhouse 5kg CAN	18.00	18.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24's CA	18.00	19.00
LETTUCE, Boston 24's NJ	13.00	15.00
LETTUCE, Romaine 24's	16.00	17.00
MESCULIN, Mix 3lb CA	7.00	8.00
ONION, Vidalia 40lbs jbo GA	20.00	21.00
PEA, Snow 10lb GU	9.00	12.00
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	26.00	26.00
RADISHES, 2dz bunched NJ	10.00	11.00
RHUBARB, 20lb OREGON	28.00	30.00
SPINACH, Flat 24's NJ	13.00	13.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/ 1lb med-lge CA	18.00	21.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 11 lbs ME	14.00	14.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

40-60 lbs	92.00-120.00
60-80 lbs	116.00-138.00
80-100 lbs	124.00-146.00
100-120 lbs	150.00-170.00
Yearlings: 50-75 lbs	70.00-82.00
90-110 lbs	102.00-108.00
110-120 lbs	130.00-148.00
Nannies:	
68 lbs	70.00
85-125 lbs	86.00-98.00
130-160 lbs	92.00-108.00
Billies: 100-150 lbs	120.00-134.00
150-250 lbs	138.00-182.00

**NEW HOLLAND,PA HOG AUCTION**

Mon May 4, 2009 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	36.25-40.00
	270-300 lbs	38.50-39.50
45-49	220-270 lbs	35.25-37.00
	270-300 lbs	32.50-35.00
	300-350 lbs	pkg 37.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	28.00-32.00
	500-700 lbs	47.50-49.00

**METROPOLITAN AREA**

**U.S.D.A.**

**NEW YORK PRICES**

**WHITE EGGS**

**TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,  
Grade A eggs on:

**May 4, 2009**

EXTRA LARGE	78-82
LARGE	76-80
MEDIUM	65-69

Above quotations based on  
CARTON sales to retailers.



**NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION**

Sea Scallops Landings & Prices  
In 1,000 Lbs - Date 5/4/09

Prices Include Dealers Fees  
SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS

	LBS	MIN	HIGH
U/10 CHANNEL	0.2	795	795
U/10 ELEPHANT TRUNK		12.2	840 855
10/20	51.1	595	635
20/30	1.8	595	615
U/10 MID ATL	1.1	835	855
U/12	2.5	755	765
10/20	7.8	590	630
20/30	11.1	600	615

**NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION**

Fish Landings & Prices In 1,000  
Lbs & \$/Cwt Date 5/4/09

Prices Include Dealers Fees

	LBS	MIN	HIGH
SPECIES			
HADDOCK	3.8	152	154
HADD SCR D	50.8	84	104
COD LGE	0.5	222	248
MKT	16.5	117	147
SCR D	5.1	116	122
POLLOCK	0.4	65	71
POLL MED	2.1	54	62
SCR D 1/	0.0	47	47
WOLF	0.0	37	37
CUSK	0.0	37	37
HAKE SML	0.0	41	41
YELLOWTAIL LGE	12.7	92	146
SML	1.8	92	124
DABS LGE	0.4	112	119
MED	0.9	102	118
SML	3.1	62	72
GREYSOLE LGE	0.0	562	562
MED	0.0	712	712
SML	0.3	164	177
LEMONSOLE	0.1	282	282
LGE GEO BLACKBACKS	1.1	51	364
MIXED GEORGES BB	3.8	169	178
FLUKE JUMBOI	0.1	122	122
SELECT	0.1	181	181

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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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40-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 possible free demonstration on your site. (860) 875-0280 or visit [Burkeridge.com](http://Burkeridge.com) Commercial Mowing Division.

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

64-R. Somers 3.3 acre business zoned with 960 SF building and 9000 SF of greenhouse space. Established greenhouse operation, wholesale-retail. Zoned for many business uses. \$239,900 Clint Charter, Wallace-Tustin Realty 860-558-3908.

65-R. 3-year-old registered Hereford bull, halter broke, great temperament, nationally recognized bloodlines, proven sire \$2,200. Free delivery anywhere in CT. Ask for Katie 860-485-0568 or [bluemoonherfords@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bluemoonherfords@sbcglobal.net).

66-R. Freeman 3000 front end loader with controls. Came off John Deere 630. Best offer. 860-354-6310.

69-R. Four bar John Deere side delivery rake, excellent condition. 860-767-1257.

70-R. Bred Angus & Shorthorn cows, due May and October, A.I. breeding, reasonably priced. 860-889-2294.

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

73-R. 1466 I.H. tractor - \$14,500. Parting out 3588, 2+2 tractor. Bull dozer's Fiat Allis, 16-B. 860-274-8162.

74-R. Hay, apples, honey. 860-274-8214. 860-274-5002.

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77-R. International (56) seed planter with many seed discs. VGC \$3,000. 860-668-2939.

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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. 860-633-660.

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

### 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.

63-R. John Deere 858 hay rake wanted for parts. 860-301-4647.

67-R. Wanted: Farm land to lease. 1-5 acres. Litchfield, Washington, Roxbury, New Milford, Bridgewater or Brookfield. Experienced farmer will keep tidy organic farm/garden with 4 bee hives. Call 860-946-7079.

68-R. 6 - 10 young Chinese Geese wanted. Call Bob Brooks - 860-442-4237

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.

83. Wanted to Purchase: Raccoon Trap. Please call: 860-673-4200.

### 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.

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT H1N1 FLU VIRUS FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Do any swine have the virus that has infected humans? There is no evidence at this time that swine in the United States are infected with this virus strain and therefore, this is not an animal health or food safety issue.

Can I get this new strain of virus from eating pork or pork products? There is no evidence at this time that swine in the United States are infected with this virus strain and therefore, this is not an animal health or food safety issue.

Can I get this flu by touching pork that is not yet cooked? There is no evidence at this time that the virus is in the U.S. swine herd.

What is this flu that people are talking about in the news? It is a new strain of flu that consists of a mixture of genetic material from swine, avian and human influenza viruses.

Is USDA testing and monitoring to make sure swine are not infected with the virus and if so, how? A network of Federal veterinarians, state animal health officials and private practitioners are regularly involved with monitoring U.S. swine for signs of significant disease.

To date, there have been no reports that the influenza virus currently causing illness in humans is circulating anywhere in the U.S. swine herd. As a proactive measure, USDA has reached out to all state animal health officials to affirm they have no signs of this virus type in their state. They have also reached out to pork producers to remind them of the need to watch for any warning signs.

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**FLUE VIRUS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3**

**How will the public be notified if the government finds a swine flu in a U.S. herd?** Delivering factual, timely information is a priority for USDA. Should there be a detection of influenza in the U.S. swine herd, those results would be shared with the public in a timely fashion.

**Can you get this flu from being around or touching swine?** The CDC says that the spread of swine flu can occur in two ways: 1) Through contact with infected pigs or environments contaminated with swine flu viruses. 2) Through contact with a person with swine flu. Human-to-human spread of swine flu has been documented also and is thought to occur in the same way as seasonal flu. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.

**How do we ensure that we take the appropriate measures to protect our swine?** We encourage commercial pork producers to intensify the bio-security practices they've long had in place. They should not loan equipment or vehicles to or borrow them from other farms. Swine from outside sources, such as transitional herds should not be brought back to the farm. Transitional herd is the term used to define those herds that have some likelihood of contact with feral swine.

They should permit only essential workers and vehicles to enter the farm. Swine workers should disinfect their shoes, clothes and hands. They should thoroughly clean and disinfect equipment and vehicles entering and leaving the farm and avoid visiting other livestock farms without proper cleaning and disinfection. Also, they should report sick animals immediately. The industry understands the importance of preventing spread of the virus as quickly as possible to protect the industry.

**Is my potbelly pig in danger? Can I get it from my pet?** There is no evidence at this time that the virus is in U.S. swine. Swine owners should learn the warning signs of swine influenza. Signs of swine flu in pigs can include sudden onset of fever, depression, coughing (barking),

discharge from the nose or eyes, sneezing, breathing difficulties, eye redness or inflammation, and going off feed. If your pig is showing any of these signs, call your veterinarian.

Buy your animals from reputable sources and ensure that you have documentation of your new pet's origin. Be sure that you get your new animals checked by a veterinarian.

Keep your pigs and areas around them clean. If you have been around other animals, make sure that you clean your shoes, clothing, and other items. And don't forget to wash your hands with warm water and soap for 20 seconds before and after handling your pet.

*Above Q&A article is from the USDA website. Please visit [www.usda.gov/](http://www.usda.gov/) for additional information.*

**WHIP INCENTIVES PROGRAM SIGN-UP EXTENDED**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Connecticut has announced the sign-up period for the agency's Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) has been extended until May 29, 2009.

The program offered is through the new 2008 Farm Bill and is administered by NRCS. In Connecticut, the WHIP Program is concentrated on grasslands, riparian areas, state-identified imperiled habitat types, old fields, streams and rivers, early successional habitats, wetlands (tidal and non-tidal), and shallow and deep water habitats.

Persons interested in applying should contact one of the following USDA Service Centers, or visit the website at [www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov/](http://www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov/) programs.

Brooklyn Service Center (860) 774-0224, Ext. 102; Torrington Service Center (860) 626-8258, Ext. 200; Windsor Service Center: (860) 688-7725, Ext. 139; Norwich Service Center (860) 887-3604, Ext. 300; Wallingford Service Center(203) 269-7509, Ext. 205

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