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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

SPECIALTY FOODS PRODUCT AWARDS COMPETITION

By Linda Piotrowicz, Marketing Representative

The CT Specialty Food Association (CSFA) held its eighth Product Awards Competition recently at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville. One hundred seventy-eight specialty food items from Connecticut-based manufacturers were entered into 19 categories, with hopes of receiving the prestigious honor of CSFA Product Award Winner 2008.

A panel of 27 judges consisting of local media personalities, food writers, and chefs from the CT Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Chef Program scored products on overall taste, originality, variety, and flavor. Each judge was assigned to specific categories, responsible for evaluating an average of approximately 40 different products.

CSFA defines specialty food products as "foods, beverage, or confections meant for human use that are of high grade, style and/or quality in their category. The specialty nature derives from a combination of some or all of the following qualities: their uniqueness, exotic origin, particular processing, design, limited supply, unusual application or packing or channel of distribution/sale, the common denominator of which is their unusually high quality."

The Association is comprised of Connecticut-based producers. CSFA emphasizes that its members, "wherever possible, use and promote products that are indigenous to the state."

The wide array of products entered in this year's event featured fine chocolates, ice cream sauces, pestos, pickles, hot and iced teas, flavored nuts and seeds, seasoned croutons, and much, much more. Categories of competition included beverages, dairy, gluten-free, organic, pasta sauces, savory condiments, snack foods, and a dozen others.

"It is truly amazing to see the diversity and quality of fine foods made by producers right here in Connecticut," said Tricia Levesque, CSFA Director. "This competition showcases the best of the best in the state. Not only are these products perfect for holiday meals and parties, they also make ideal gifts. Who wouldn't be delighted to receive such goodies and gourmet ingredients?"

"Purchasing products from Connecticut companies also fuels our local economy and helps create jobs here in our state, which is more important now than ever before," Ms. Levesque continued. "It really is a win-win for everyone – consumers get the best quality foods available and Connecticut companies stay strong."

Consumers looking for CT specialty food products can visit www.CTFoodTrail.com and ask for them at local markets and grocers. The

Connecticut Creative – A General Store in Hartford and Well Baskets in Newtown offer gift baskets featuring numerous CT specialty food items and can ship baskets anywhere in the country.

CSFA is a subdivision of the CT Food Association and is a non-profit organization that represents small food businesses based in the state. The CT Department of Agriculture attends CSFA meetings and provides information to the organization as appropriate. This year, the Department's Farm-to-Chef Program collaborated with CSFA on the competition by providing 16 chefs to serve on the panel of judges.

To learn more about CSFA, please visit www.ctfood.org. For more on the CT Department of Agriculture, go to www.CTGrown.gov. For a complete list, including contact information, of the Competition Winners, visit the Department of Agriculture's website at: www.ctgrown.gov

THE CT SPECIALTY FOOD ASSOCIATION'S

2008 PRODUCT AWARDS COMPETITION 1st PLACE WINNERS:

2008 Product of the Year

Harney & Sons Tea Company, Salisbury, CT

Outstanding Barbecue Sauce

1st Place - Norm's Best, Putnam, CT

Outstanding Beverage

1st Place - Harney & Sons Tea Company, Salisbury, CT

Outstanding Confection, Baked Food, Cookie or Cracker

1st Place - Matthew's 1812 House, Cornwall Bridge

Outstanding Dairy

1st Place - Norpaco Gourmet Foods, New Britain, CT

Outstanding Frozen Food

1st Place - The Daphne Baking Company, Kent, CT,

Outstanding Gluten Free

1st Place - Gilbert's Gourmet Goodies, Sandy Hook, CT

Outstanding Gift Pack

1st Place - Sweet Mavens, LLC, East Hartford, CT

Outstanding Herb, Seasoning or Spice Blend

1st Place - Passage Foods, Collinsville, CT

Outstanding Hors d'Oeuvre

1st Place - Norpaco Gourmet Foods, New Britain, CT

Outstanding Jam, Honey or Sweet Topping

1st Place - The Purple Pear By Tina, Willington, CT

Outstanding Meat, Pate or Fish

1st Place - The Whole Hog, West Hartford, CT

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NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

November 10, 2008

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

EXTRA LARGE	117-120
LARGE	115-119
MEDIUM	100-102

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, November 10, 2008

Live animals brought the following average
prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	18.00	22.00
61-75 lbs.	24.00	30.00
76-90 lbs.	34.00	37.00
91-105 lbs.	38.00	43.00
106 lbs. & up	45.00	48.00
Farm Calves	49.00	50.00
Started Calves	20.00	22.00
Veal Calves	60.00	99.00
Open Heifers	55.00	72.00
Beef Heifers	45.00	51.50
Feeder Steers	60.00	74.00
Stock Bulls	55.00	73.00
Beef Bulls	45.00	56.50
Hogs,Barrows and Gilts	70.00	74.00
Feeder Pigs each	25.00	42.50
Sheep each	27.50	55.00
Lambs each	67.50	205.00
Goats each	50.00	122.50
Kid Goats each	65.00	75.00
Canners	Up to	43.50
Cutters	44.00	47.00
Utility Grade Cows	48.00	51.50
Rabbits each	5.00	16.00
Chickens each	3.00	19.00
Ducks each	5.00	25.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

November 10, 2008

SLAUGHTER COWS: High/Low Dressing

Breakers	75-80% lean		
49.00-52.00	52.00-53.00	46.00-48.00	
Boners	80-85% lean		
46.00-49.00	49.00-50.00	44.00-46.00	
Lean	85-90% lean		
43.00-46.00	46.00-48.00	40.00-43.00	

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2

1020-1815 lbs 62.00-66.00

Bullocks: 890-1170 lbs 66.00-71.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Choice and Prime 2-3		
80-90 lbs	110.00-128.00	
90-110 lbs	102.00-118.00	
110-130 lbs	102.00-118.00	

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3

120-160 lbs 42.00-60.00

160-200 lbs 54.00-58.00

200-300 lbs 46.00-50.00

Bucks: 150-255 lbs 44.00-62.00

Goats: All goats are selection 1, sold by the
head, estimated weights.

Kids: 30-40 lbs 66.00-86.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5lb	9.00	11.00
APPLE CIDER, 9-1/2 gallons	16.00	16.00
APPLES, Cortland 100ct exfcy	22.00	26.00
APPLE, Empire 88ct exfcy	26.00	28.00
APPLES Golden del. 2-1/2 min fancy	15.00	16.00
APPLES, Honey Crisp Totes 8-5lb bags	32.00	32.00
APPLES, Macoun, Fancy bu 2-1/2 min	24.00	24.00
APPLES, Mcintosh 12 - 3lb bags	24.00	24.00
APPLES, Mcintosh 80 ct exfcy	26.00	30.00
APPLE, Pear Skinseiki 12ct	8.00	8.00
BEETS, 25lb organic	26.00	26.00
BROCOLLI, Cut Crown 20lb	16.00	18.00
CABBAGE, Green 50lb	8.00	10.00
CABBAGE, Red Organic 45lb	28.00	28.00
CHIVES, 1lb	8.00	8.00
COLLARD GREENS, bu	11.00	11.00
CORN Ornamental, 20/3's	28.00	28.00
CRANBERRIES, 24/12oz	30.00	34.00
GOURDS, Shellacked 1/2 bu	12.00	12.00
MUSTARD GREENS, 12-16	12.00	12.00
PARSNIPS, 18/1lb	18.00	19.00
PARSNIPS, 25 lbs	19.00	19.00
PEARS, Bosc 2-1/2" min 4/5bu	26.00	30.00
PEARS, Red D'Anjou 4/5bu	25.00	27.00
POTATOES, Round White 10/5's	13.00	13.50
POTATOES, 10lb	2.35	2.50
POTATOES, Round White Chef 50lb	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu med/	11.00	12.00
SQUASH, Acorn Organic 35lb	29.00	29.00
SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9 Med	13.00	14.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu med-	12.00	14.00
SQUASH, Butternut Peeled 12/20oz	14.50	15.50
SQUASH, Delicate Organic 35lb	38.00	38.00
SQUASH, Spaghetti 30LB Organic	31.00	31.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse on vine med 11lb	16.00	16.00
TURNIPS, 25lb	15.00	15.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

40-50 lbs	76.00-96.00
50-60 lbs	82.00-102.00
60-70 lbs	90.00-98.00
70-80 lbs	76.00-90.00
Nannies/Does: 50-80 lbs	50.00-66.00
80-130 lbs	76.00-86.00
Bucks/Billies: 50-80 lbs	132.00-170.00
80-100 lbs	105.00-178.00
NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION FOR	
Mon November 10, 2008	
Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.	
Percent Lean	Weight Price
49-54	220-270 lbs 45.00-46.50
	270-300 lbs 43.00-45.00
	300-400 lbs 42.00-44.50
45-49	220-270 lbs 42.00-45.00
	270-300 lbs 39.00-41.50
40-45	220-270 lbs 39.00-42.00
	270-300 lbs 38.00-39.00
	300-400 lbs 35.00-38.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs 36.00-40.00
	500-700 lbs 40.00-44.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs 14.00

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

**NEW YORK PRICES
WHITE EGGS
TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:

November 10, 2008

EXTRA LARGE	124-128
LARGE	122-126
MEDIUM	107-111

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.

**NEW BEDFORD
WHALING CITY SEAFOOD
DISPLAY AUCTION**

SEA SCALLOPS LANDINGS &
PRICES IN 1,000 LBS

DATE 11/10/08

SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS

LBS MIN HIGH

10/20 CHANNEL 8.3 725 725

20/30 12.6 700 710

10/20 ELEPHANT TRUNK
35.9 725 735

**NEW BEDFORD
WHALING CITY SEAFOOD
DISPLAY AUCTION**

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

DATE 11/10/08

SPECIES LBS MIN HIGH

HADDOCK 0.5 126 132

HADD SCR 8.4 97 116

GILLNET LGE COD

0.4 182 182

MKT 1.1 124 124

SCRD 1/ 0.0 113 113

COD LGE 2.4 182 219

MKT 14.5 120 143

SCRD 2.5 118 123

POLLOCK 2.6 50 52

POLL MED 3.3 48 52

SCRD 0.0 46 46

WOLF 0.0 87 87

CUSK 0.1 47 47

HAKE LGE 0.7 132 134

MED 1.9 82 91

SML 0.4 37 37

OCN PRCH 0.3 117 117

DABS LGE 0.0 119 119

MED 0.1 113 113

SML 0.5 89 112

SAND DABS 0.8 44 54

GREYSOLE MED 0.1 412 512

SML 1.4 187 257

LEMONSOLE 4.4 97 142

MIXED GEORGES BB 6.8 109 136

BLACKBACKS CHAN LGE 0.6 117 117

SML 8.8 82 112

PEEWEE 0.8 52 52

YELLOWTAIL LGE 6.3 99 117

SML 2.5 89 92

MONKTAIL LGE 6.3 340 378

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227-R. Connecticut Grown Christmas trees. Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir, Blue Spruce available. Buy fresh cut locally grown trees and save on freight. Dzen Brothers Farm. Call for more information at (860) 648-1355.

238-R. 489 Haybine, needs gearbox work - \$500 firm. 4□ tow type bush hog - \$500. Call (860) 496-8595.

241-R. Angus Cattle For Sale, 2 Young Angus Cows; Monroe, CT. Westview Farm. For more information call Bernie @ 203-261-3668 ext.320

242-R. 1974 International tractor, Series 2050 with a bucket and brush hog for sale. Asking 4,000 or make an offer. Call Joan at 860-243-2671 to set up appt to see.

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WANTED

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MISCELLANEOUS

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12-R. Increase your direct sales - it's free and an excellent way to expand your marketing efforts and increase direct sales! The Department of Agriculture, Marketing Bureau is updating their brochures for 2009! If you are a wholesale grower, offer dairy products, meat products (poultry included), or are a registered beekeeper with honey you are strongly encouraged to participate! Applications will be accepted for all four publications until April 1, 2009. For an application please visit our website www.ctgrown.gov and click on 'Publications' to download the application(s) or contact Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 or jaime.smith@ct.gov.

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CORRECTION TO SCHEDULE FOR CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING FOR AGRICULTURE WORKSHOP

The Durham workshop originally scheduled for December 18 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon has been rescheduled to take place from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Durham Town Hall. For info contact Kachina Walsh-Weaver of CCM at 203-498-3000 or kweaver@CCM-ct.org

NAP DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 1ST APPROACHING

The application deadline date for the 2009 coverage on fall seeded crops under the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is December 1, 2008.

NAP was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available. Crops with a December 1st deadline include finfish, Christmas trees, flowers, ginseng, turfgrass sod, mushrooms, ornamental nursery, small grains, apples, blueberries, peaches, grapes, pears, honey and maple sap.

For more information on NAP and other USDA programs, contact your local USDA Service Center or FSA County Office.

MORE WINNERS FROM PAGE 1

Outstanding Oil, Vinegar or Salad Dressing

1st Place - Capa di Roma, East Hartford, CT,

Outstanding Organic

1st Place - Nica's Pasta Sauces, New Haven, CT

Outstanding Packaging or Design

1st Place - Sweet Mavens, LLC, East Hartford, CT,

Outstanding Pasta Sauce

1st Place - Capa di Roma, East Hartford, CT

Outstanding Product Line

1st Place - Harney & Sons Tea Company, Salisbury, CT

Outstanding Salsa or Hot Sauce

1st Place - Mama Manju Foods, LLC, Chester, CT

Outstanding Savory Condiment

1st Place - Wittman Specialty Foods, LLC, West Hartford, CT

Outstanding Savory Condiment

1st Place - Snootyfood, LLC, Oxford, CT

Outstanding Snack Food

1st Place - Dr. Lankin's Specialty Foods, LLC, Groton, CT

NEW FARM AND RANCH ON-LINE PLANNING TOOL

USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) has launched an online resource to aid farmers and ranchers in focusing on how to protect against down-side risks, as well as how best to take advantage of upside opportunities in the market.

The new resource, a sub-site of the RMA's Web site called Farm-Risk-Plans.USDA.gov, allows producers to complete a risk management checklist, identify their enterprise's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, and explore a wealth of risk management information.

The new resource features four modules: Risk Management Planning, Better Marketing Planning, New Enterprise Planning, and Farm Planning Library. Each contains the best available information, consolidating resources from leading Land Grant Universities and government agencies.

Producers are able to complete two exercises online which give them a novel look at their risk management situation. First is the Risk Management Checklist, a three-page list of questions to stimulate conversation among the family or leadership team of any farm or ranch operation.

The second is a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis, a commonly used planning exercise in the business world, recognizing that small- to medium-sized farms are serious businesses which must use the same tools as any other modern business.

The team that developed this project together over the past year includes farmers, Extension educators, and risk management education consultants, as well as the head of the National Agricultural Law Center at the University of Arkansas and RMA professionals.

Access the website at <http://Farm-Risk-Plans.USDA.gov> or from the main RMA site at <http://www.rma.usda.gov>

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Bonnie Burr, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Connecticut announced that the 2008 FSA county committee elections start November 3 as ballots are being mailed to eligible voters. Dec. 1, 2008, is the deadline for eligible voters to return ballots to their local FSA offices.

"The FSA county committee system is unique among government agencies, because it allows producers to make important decisions concerning the local administration of federal farm programs," said SED Burr. "I urge all eligible farmers and ranchers, especially minorities and women, to get involved and make a real difference in their communities by voting in this year's elections."

Committee members apply their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on disaster and conservation payments, establishment of allotments and yields, producer appeals, employing FSA county executive directors and other local issues. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in FSA programs. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm, can also vote. Agricultural producers in each county submitted candidate names during the nomination period held last summer.

Eligible voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can obtain ballots at their local USDA Service Center. Dec. 1, 2008, is the last day for voters to submit ballots in person to local USDA Service Centers. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Dec. 1st. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2009.

For more information about FSA county committees and FSA programs, visit: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



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