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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### THIRD HARVEST NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE IN MARCH 2011

Agricultural producers from across New England will convene in scenic Sturbridge, Massachusetts, March 1-3, 2011, for Harvest New England Association's third biennial marketing conference and trade

show. The theme of the 2011 event is The Expanding New England Farm Enterprise: Reaping More from What We Sow.



This unique conference targets New England farmers interested in learning new marketing techniques and fine-tuning existing business strategies. Over 25 educational sessions will cover a wide range of topics including social media use, funding opportunities, customer relations, value-added products, agritourism, and much more.

Pre-conference workshops on March 1 will include a USDA Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training and a workshop for farmers' market managers to exchange ideas for effective market management. Keynote speaker, John Stanley, noted as one of the leading perishable retail marketing experts in the world, will offer personalized business assistance through one-on-one meetings on March 1st as well.

Mr. Stanley will deliver the keynote address on March 2. He will explain concepts of profitable merchandising and display for perishable products and will provide practical tips for increasing sales. He will also be conducting two breakout sessions for those who just can't get enough of his knowledge and resources.

On March 3, Vermont farmer Ben Hewitt, author of the *The Town that Food Saved*, will discuss the incredible potential that farms and producers have to revitalize their communities and keep money circulating locally. As a farmer Ben will share his experiences and give you suggestions on how to go about making an impact in your local community.

A trade show of nearly 100 vendors will run March 2-3 and will provide information on the latest products and services for the agricultural community. Attendees will have ample opportunity to visit the trade show between conference sessions.

The event will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center. Over 800 people attended the second conference in February 2009, and even more are expected to turn out in 2011. For a complete schedule or to register, visit [www.harvestnewengland.org](http://www.harvestnewengland.org). Conference registration is \$85 per person and \$70 for each additional family member or employee. One day registrations, \$50 per person, are also available.

The conference and trade show are sponsored by Harvest New England and all six New England State Departments of Agriculture in collaboration with the Cooperative Development Institute, the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System, the Federation of Massachusetts Farmers' Markets, the Rhode Island Center for Agricultural Promotion and Education, and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension System.

Questions regarding the conference can be directed to Jaime Smith at the CT Dept of Ag, [jaime.smith@ct.gov](mailto:jaime.smith@ct.gov) or 860-713-2559.

### NOTICE! NO AG REPORT NEXT WEEK

The Agricultural Report is not published during Thanksgiving, therefore, you will not receive an issue of the Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report next week. Have a happy holiday!

### UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IS OFFERING GAP SCHOOL!

GAP School is a series of comprehensive classroom meetings, providing fruit and vegetable farmers with the tools they need to develop a Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) food safety program for their farm.

The School will consist of a series of four sessions beginning on December 6, 2010. A series of weekday sessions will be held at the Tolland County Extension Center in Vernon. A series of night/weekend sessions will be held at the New Haven County Extension Center in North Haven to accommodate varying schedules and the part-time producer. Depending on your availability and preference, you may attend sessions in either location. Pre-registration is required.

Each session will include lectures, handouts, a review of the pertinent audit items, and steps for farmers to take to achieve success in each audit section that pertains to their operation. Registration is \$35 for all four sessions, \$10 for any single session. Registration must be received by December 1, 2010. You will not have to attend all four sessions, only those you wish to attend.

For more information or to register, please contact Diane Wright Hirsch at 203-407-3163 or [diane.hirsch@uconn.edu](mailto:diane.hirsch@uconn.edu) or Candace Bartholomew at 860-570-9067 or [candace.bartholomew@uconn.edu](mailto:candace.bartholomew@uconn.edu).

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.**  
November 22, 2010

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

EXTRA LARGE	134-136
LARGE	132-136
MEDIUM	95-97

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, November 22, 2010

Live animals brought the following average  
prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	18.00	23.00
61-75 lbs.	24.00	28.00
76-90 lbs.	30.00	32.00
91-105 lbs.	34.00	36.00
106 lbs. & up	37.50	44.00
Farm Calves	45.00	48.00
Started Calves	20.00	25.00
Veal Calves	55.00	110.00
Open Heifers	75.00	105.00
Beef Heifers	52.75	70.00
Feeder Steers	65.00	95.00
Beef Steers	60.00	65.00
Stock Bulls	70.00	120.00
Beef Bulls	60.50	65.00
Boars	1 @	22.50
Feeder Pigs each	20.00	27.50
Sheep each	55.00	65.00
Lambs each	90.00	165.00
Goats each	37.00	200.00
Kid Goats each	30.00	45.00
Canners	Up to	49.50
Cutters	50.00	52.50
Utility Grade Cows	53.00	57.00
Rabbits each	5.00	19.00
Chickens each	5.00	37.50
Ducks each	15.00	25.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

MONDAY, November 22, 2010

Bulk/High/Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Premium White	65-75% lean	
57.50-60.00	-----	-----
Breakers	75-80% lean	
55.00-57.50	58.00-59.50	52.00-54.00
Boners	80-85% lean	
51.50-55.00	-----	49.00-51.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
47.00-51.00	52.00-54.00	42.00-46.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1

high dress	1255-1875 lbs	65.00-68.00
Yield Grade 2	1240-1880 lbs	72.00-75.50
Bullocks:	815-1360 lbs	70.00-74.00
high dress	960-1270 lbs	77.00-81.00
low dress	660-1275 lbs	63.00-67.00

Calves: All prices per cwt.

Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1

95-120 lbs	115.00-128.00
80-90 lbs	50.00-70.00
Number 2	95-115 lbs 95.00-112.00
80-90 lbs	40.00-55.00
Number 3	90-110 lbs 60.00-75.00
80-95 lbs	30.00-45.00

**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

APPLE CIDER, 4- one gallon	13.00	13.00
APPLE CIDER, 9 half-gallons	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Cortland 100ct xfcy	22.00	24.00
APPLES, Cortland 12/3lb fcy	14.00	14.00
APPLES, Delicious Red 12-3lb 2-1/2" xfcy	18.00	18.00
APPLES, Empire , 80ct xfcy	23.00	25.00
APPLES, Empire, bu no grade	17.00	18.00
APPLES, Macintosh 120ct US#1	12.00	13.00
APPLES, Macintosh 96ct ,exfcy	23.00	24.00
APPLES, Macintosh 12-3lb 2-1/2" fcy	14.00	14.00
APPLES, Pink Lady, 100ct xfcy	30.00	30.00
BEETS, 25lb bag,loose	6.00	6.00
COLLARD GREENS, Crate	10.00	11.00
CRANBERRIES, 24/12oz	34.00	34.00
CURRANT, Black, frozen fruit per lb	1.60	2.20
CURRANT, Black, juice 6/64oz	13.00	14.25
KALE, crates	10.00	11.00
PARSNIPS, 25lb bag	21.00	21.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1lb	21.00	21.00
PEAR, Bosc 4/5 bu US 1, 2-3/4"	25.00	25.00
POTATOES, 10lb bag	1.80	2.10
POTATOES, 50lb,sz a	10.00	11.00
POTATOES, White Chef 50lb	11.00	13.00
PUMPKIN, 1 1/9 bu,mini	7.00	8.00
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu med	9.00	11.00
SQUASH, Blue Hubbard 50lb	13.00	14.00
SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9 bu	9.00	11.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu	8.00	11.00
SQUASH, Butternut, bin ,per pound	.20	.20
TOMATOES, Cherry 5lb flat ,on vine	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 25lb loose	14.00	14.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 15lb flat	28.00	28.00
TURNIP, White Cape 1-1/9bu	23.00	23.00

**SHIPPED IN**

CARDOON, 38lbs CA	28.00	28.00
BEAN, Green handpicked bu FLA	18.00	20.00
GRAPES, Red Seedless 19lb,bagged CA	22.00	24.00
LETTUCE, Boston 24ct NJ	22.00	25.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

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

**NEW YORK PRICES WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,  
Grade A eggs on:  
November 22, 2010

EXTRA LARGE	141-145
LARGE	139-143
MEDIUM	102-106

Above quotations based on  
CARTON sales to retailers.



**PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT**

Monday November 22, 2010

Hay and Straw Market for Eastern  
Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid  
by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	140.00-170.00
Mixed Hay	140.00-150.00
Timothy	120.00-140.00
	Good
Alfalfa	110.00-140.00
Mixed Hay	100.00-140.00
Timothy	120.00-130.00
Straw	110.00-120.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	100.00-110.00
Mixed Hay	90.00-100.00
Timothy	100.00-110.00
Straw	65.00-100.00

**ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

APPLES, Fuji 80 ct WA	40.00	40.00
APPLES, Red Delic 80ct xfcy WA	38.00	38.00
ASPARAGUS, 11 lbs lge Peru	70.00	70.00
BANANAS, 40lb CR	22.00	24.00
BASIL, 1lb bag COLUMBIA	10.00	10.00
BEETS, 25lb bag CA	37.00	37.00
BOK CHOY, 35lbs,CA	44.00	44.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct ,CA	39.00	39.00
CARROTS, 25lbs,CA	28.00	28.00
CELERY, 24ct,CA	44.00	44.00
LEMONS, 7/10bu 140ct GA	68.00	68.00
MESCULIN MIX, 3lb CA	7.00	7.50
MUSHROOMS, White 10lb lge	21.00	23.00
PEAR, Bosc 4/5bu 90ct WA	48.00	48.00
PERSIMMONS, 16ct CA	15.00	15.00
SPINACH, Baby 4lb Flat CA	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 15lb CAN	53.00	53.00

**NEW HOLLAND,PA HOG AUCTION**

Mon November 22, 2010 - Hogs sold by actual  
weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	54.00-57.00
	270-300 lbs	53.00-56.00
	300-400 lbs	53.00-57.00
45-49	200-300 lbs	50.00-53.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	42.00-45.00

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:**

Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	
40-60 lbs	204.00-225.00
60-80 lbs	184.00-200.00
80-90 lbs	178.00-187.00
90-110 lbs	168.00-180.00
110-130 lbs	162.00-176.00
Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
40-60 lbs	170.00-190.00
60-80 lbs	162.00-177.00
90-110 lbs	154.00-160.00
Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh	
120-160 lbs	92.00-110.00
160-200 lbs	88.00-106.00
Ewes Utility 1-2: Thin Fleshed	
120-160 lbs	70.00-82.00
Slaughter Goats: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.	
Kids:	
40-60 lbs	84.00-118.00
60-80 lbs	115.00-130.00
80-100 lbs	124.00-148.00
100-120 lbs	135.00-156.00
Nannies/Does:	
80-130 lbs	108.00-120.00
130-180 lbs	126.00-140.00
Bucks/Billies:	
100-150 lbs	172.00-190.00
150-250 lbs	197.00-214.00

## 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, 1-888-526-8815, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.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.

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.

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

170. Christmas greens, balsam and mixed wreaths, roping, kissing balls, samples gladly shown. 203-457-1344.

188. Rye straw, seedless strawberry grade - \$6.00 per bale, \$5.50 per bale for 100 or more. Call 860-289-5188.

195-R. Christmas trees - CT Grown Fraser fir, Balsam, Blue Spruce, White Spruce, Douglas Fir. Superior quality, various grades and prices. Dzen Brothers Farm (860) 648-1355.

199-R. Hay - excellent 1st cut, plastic wrapped round bales \$40. 860-886-0716.

200-R. Feeder calves - weaned 6 m/o 600lb, performance bred Herfords, Galloways, blacks. Join our annual mailing list. 860-886-0716.

203. Christmas Trees - CT Grown--Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir, Canaan Fir, Blue Spruce--High Quality--Wholesale Prices. Hartikka Tree Farms (860)508-5099

205-R. Clay barncleaner equipment - 260 feet of barncleaner chain, like new. Complete motor and transmission unit. One corner wheel complete. Various small parts. 7 starline dividers, never used. 860-537-5842. Call 7 p.m.

207-R. Hay for sale, 1,500 bales @ \$3.50 per bale. Call for more information at 203-206-1344.

208-R. Goats, boar cross, various sizes & prices. Call 860-537-1974.

209-R. Holiday greens in bulk, cemetery pieces (many styles), Christmas items, mixed wreaths, roping, kissing balls, indoor decor, centerpieces. All made in CT. Call for list 203-393-1383.

210-R. Forklift - Yale 2,000# capacity, propane, pneumatic tires, \$1,400. (7) Wellmaster greenhouse carts, pneumatic tires \$3,000 all. Dzen Brothers Farm 860-648-1355.

211-R. Ferguson 2-row corn planter, excellent condition. Old style, rare find. \$1,200. Troybuilt rototiller - \$250. 860-275-8162.

212. New Holland 213 manure spreader, 100 bushel P.T.O., new chain, extra parts, needs axle \$500.

213. Meat goats, one doe, one wether, Alpine pigmy mix, doe \$50, wether \$55, range grass and grain fed, plump and ready to go, or good pets. 860-642-7331.

214-R. Reg. Hereford Heifers for sale. www.doublehacres.net or 860-250-3311.

215-R. Clean out 6-bay garage, old saw mill and blackshop business: Log loader fork lift White-Haortson 6-cylinder Cummings engine 4" wheel drive Model 4/78 LL reverse Otoro diesel - \$8,500. (4) steel I-Beams 9" x 24" x 1/2-5/8± 45' long - \$2,000. Grinding wheel and frame only - \$150. Metal commercial door frame, (2) doors 1-3/4" x 48" x 6'-7" knock down with 3" x 17-1/2" lite "new" - \$400. (5) square Owen Corning "black" shingles "no cutouts" - \$10/square. Old wood boxes and bins with bolt nuts and various parts, various prices. Home 860-228-3607. Cell 860-573-0851 (Lou)

218-R. Pair of black Percherons, geldings, well broke, parade safe and quiet. Hitchwagon for cart for farm use. Harnesses. We will sell individually. Will send pictures. Send self-addressed envelope 6x8 and stamp. Send to: Nutmeg Farms, 70 Lower Butcher Road, Ellington, CT 06029

### WANTED

35-R. All standing timber wanted. Highest prices paid. Free appraisals. Call New England Timber, LLC at 860-662-2412.

215. Wanted: Someone to raise poultry for 12,000 sq ft environmental control poultry house. Central heat, nipple waterers, pan feeders, stand-by generator. Double 10-ton feed bins, experienced 35 years - AAF. Brookside Farm, Brooklyn, CT. Call 860-774-4470.

510-R. Producers Wanted: Connecticut Farm-to-Chef is a free program that helps connect local culinary professionals with producers and distributors of CT Grown products. Informational newsletters, workshops, networking, promotions and other opportunities are provided to members as part of the program. Additional Connecticut producers and distributors are needed for this popular and expanding program. Please help us get your product into the hands of local chefs! Contact Linda at the CT Department of Agriculture, Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov or 860-713-2558, for more information.

### 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.

216-R. Overgrown hedge rows, drainage ditches, fence lines or any other hard to reach areas? We have a solution. An Excavator mounted tree/brush mower capable of mowing 8"-12" diameters flush to the ground. Call for Brochure 860-875-0280.

611-R. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has established the Farm Link Program. It is a matchmaking service to help new farmers find farm land owners (for rent or for sale) and to aid in the process of land rental and/or farm transfer to the next generation of farmers. A website will be developed to aid linking farm seekers and farm owners. Persons interested in the process can receive applications now available at www.farmlink.uconn.edu or calling the CT Dept. of Agriculture at (860) 713-2503. The Department is encouraging all next generation farmers and transitioning family farms in Connecticut to participate. For further information, please contact Jane Slupecki at (860) 713-2588.



### USDA TO CONDUCT ANNUAL HOGS AND PIGS SURVEY

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is gearing up to conduct its largest quarterly survey

of the pork industry. The December Hog and Pig survey is the only chance to officially measure the New England hog industry in 2010. During the first two weeks of December, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact nearly 12,000 pork producers, including contractors, for the Hogs and Pigs Survey. They will be asked to report their market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as their farrowing intentions as of December 1.

Keough noted that, as is the case with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only State and national-level data, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified," he said.

To make it as easy as possible for producers to participate, the option of responding by mail, telephone, Internet, or personal interview is being offered..

Survey results are published in NASS's quarterly Hogs and Pigs report, to be released December 27. NASS also publishes national estimates of the number of hog operations by herd size groups in the Farms, Land in Farms and Livestock Operations report in February. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information, call the NASS New England Field Office at 1-800-642-9571.



**FINDING THE RIGHT TIME FOR ROLLING RYE**

By Dennis O'Brien, USDA

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) scientists are helping growers adopt an environmentally friendly practice that is catching on nationwide: "rolling" their rye when they use it as a cover crop.

Cereal rye is increasingly being used as a cover crop because it prevents erosion, helps the soil retain nutrients, and reduces the need to till the soil, according to Steven Mirsky, an ecologist in the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Sustainable Agricultural Systems Laboratory in Beltsville, Md. ARS is USDA's principal intramural scientific research agency, and this research supports the USDA priorities of responding to climate change and promoting international food security.

When used as cover, rye is planted in the fall, killed in the spring, and left to decompose in the same fields where soybeans and other cash crops are later planted. But instead of mowing their rye, many farmers will flatten it out by attaching a rolling, paddlewheel-like cylinder with metal slats to a tractor and barreling over the rye, tamping and crimping it into a mat.

Rolling rye with a roller-crimper uses less energy than mowing, is faster and only needs to be done once a season. Unlike mowing, it also leaves rye residue intact in the field, forming a thick mat that can provide better weed suppression, according to Mirsky.

Mirsky planted two common types of rye, "Aroostook" and "Wheeler," in test plots in Pennsylvania at six 10-day intervals in two successive falls. He used a 1.5-ton steel roller-crimper, constructed by colleagues at Pennsylvania State University, to flatten the rye at 10-day intervals each spring. He then visually rated the rye's regrowth on a scale of zero to 100, six weeks after each plot was flattened.

The results, published in *Agronomy Journal*, showed that the best time to roll the rye is when it reaches 50 to 75 percent of its flowering state, because that is when rolling consistently kills the rye. The researchers also are working toward a web-based tool that growers around the country will be able to use for guidance, possibly by typing in ZIP Codes or other information that identifies their locations.

**SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM –  
USDA WEBINAR OPPORTUNITY**

The USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is conducting a FREE interactive webinar presentation about this grant program on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 2 pm.

The presentation will be geared toward potential grant applicants. The USDA will explain what the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is and will provide a general overview of how the application process works. (Applicants must apply to their local State departments of agriculture for grant funds.)

Registration is required. To register, complete the registration form on the CT Department of Agriculture's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program page and fax to (913) 438-0690 or email to okehmeier@rbcs.com. You can also find the registration form on the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program homepage, [www.ams.usda.gov/scbgrp](http://www.ams.usda.gov/scbgrp).

For more information about this webinar, please contact Christopher Purdy with the USDAAMS Fruit and Vegetable Program at (202) 720-3209 or [christopher.purdy@ams.usda.gov](mailto:christopher.purdy@ams.usda.gov). Questions regarding CT's Specialty Crop Block Grant program can be directed to Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 or [jaime.smith@ct.gov](mailto:jaime.smith@ct.gov).

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