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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### CONNECTICUT FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (FPP) UPDATE

by Lance Shannon, Farmland Preservation

In the months of August and September, the State of Connecticut closed on the acquisition of development rights to five farms. The five are located in the northern and eastern parts of the State in established farming communities, including the following farms: Fish and Miller/Billings farms in Suffield, which is part of Hartford County; two of the Bass Family Farms in Scotland, part of Windham County; and the Mary Miner farm in Franklin, part of New London County. Approximately 376 acres were protected in these five farms.

With these acquisitions, the Farmland Preservation Program has protected 239 farms in 32,676 acres in Connecticut. Some farms have been protected through cost-share partnerships with the federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program, local municipalities and/or Connecticut Farmland Trust. State public funds including lump sum bonding and/or the Community Investment Act funds are used to acquire the development rights.

Currently, an additional 15 farms are under contract (i.e. the landowners have signed agreements to sell the development rights to the State). An additional 25 farms are on the short list and are either being configured, appraised or are currently under negotiation.

Farms protected through the FPP are restricted to agricultural use only, thus preserving the land for food and fiber production. Future division and subdivision is precluded to maintain the integrity of working farms. Farm configurations are negotiated and on average, approximately 65% of the farm acreage protected contains prime and statewide important farmland soils, which are best suited to agricultural productivity. Agriculture and protected farms help Connecticut retain its rural character and scenic vistas, promote local food security and support the economy by employing thousands of workers.

For an application or more information on the CT Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program, please call 806.713.2511.

### FSA ANNOUNCES INCREASED LOAN LIMITS

Bonnie Burr, State Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Connecticut has announced that effective October 1, 2008, the maximum loan limit for FSA's guaranteed loan program will be \$1,094,000. The previous loan limit was \$949,000. The increased guaranteed loan limits reflect the rising input costs affecting farmers.

"The higher lending limit will allow Connecticut lenders, using the guaranteed loan program, to better meet the increasing credit needs of the state's farmers and ranchers," said SED Burr.

FSA's guarantee loan programs allow lenders to make agricultural credit available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. FSA provides loans to beginning farmers and limited resource producers, and ensures lenders (e.g., banks, Farm Credit System institutions, credit unions) with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan.

There are two types of guaranteed loans: Guaranteed Farm Ownership (FO) and Guaranteed Operating (OL). FO Loans may be made to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings and other fixtures, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation, or to refinance debt.

Guaranteed OL Loans may be used to purchase livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance, and other operating expenses. Operating Loans can also be used to pay for minor improvements to buildings, costs associated with land and water development, family living expenses, and to refinance debts under certain conditions. In addition to guaranteed loans, FSA can also provide direct loans to qualified farmers and ranchers.

Farmers interested in FSA guaranteed loan programs may contact their lender or their local FSA County office at 1185 New Litchfield Street, Torrington, CT 06790, (860)626-8250 for Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties and speak with Ellen Losee or 238 West Town Street, Norwich, CT 06360 for Tolland, Windham and New London Counties and speak with Ronald Clark.

### FARM-TO-CHEF PROGRAM MEMBER FEEDBACK

submitted by Claire Criscuolo, Claire's Corner Copia & Basta Trattoria:

This has been the year we've been waiting for – CT Grown produce was on our plates every single day! Yesterday, it was Cecarelli Farms creamy cauliflower, most beautiful and delicious delicate green chard, corn (I feel like my day, every day, includes shucking corn, something I'll miss soon), Rose's Berry Farm blueberries, giant sweet cantaloupe, bell peppers, and most aromatic arugula, what a day! Cauliflower sauce, curried chard, corn soup, blueberry-lemonade, cantaloupe by the spoonful, Greek salad of local organic bell peppers, and arugula bruschetta over melted Liuzzi Scarmozza, local tomatoes, and homemade Italian bread crostini. Overall, it was a terrific, delicious day.

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

**October 6, 2008**

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

EXTRA LARGE	106-110
LARGE	104-108
MEDIUM	92-94

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT. October 6, 2008

Live animals brought the following average  
prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	26.00	34.00
61-75 lbs.	38.00	42.00
76-90 lbs.	40.00	45.00
91-105 lbs.	45.00	54.00
106 lbs. & up	55.00	65.00
Farm Calves	70.00	107.50
Started Calves	30.00	36.00
Veal Calves	68.00	90.00
Open Heifers	60.00	81.00
Beef Heifers	51.00	62.00
Feeder Steers	55.00	80.00
Beef Steers	50.00	55.00
Stock Bulls	60.00	77.00
Beef Bulls	50.00	60.00
Feeder Pigs each	30.00	50.00
Sheep each	40.00	60.00
Lambs each	75.00	120.00
Goats each	50.00	92.50
Kid Goats each	27.50	52.50
Canners	Up to	50.25
Cutters	51.00	53.00
Utility Grade Cows	54.00	60.00
Rabbits each	4.00	24.00
Chickens each	5.00	40.00
Ducks each	4.00	10.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.  
There will be a sale held on Columbus Day,  
Monday, October 13 as usual.

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION,  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008**

Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
<b>Slaughter Cows:</b>		
Breakers	75-80% lean	
54.00-57.00	57.00-57.50	51.00-54.00
Boners	80-85% lean	
51.00-54.00	54.00-56.50	48.50-51.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
48.00-51.00	51.00-52.00	45.00-48.00
<b>Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2</b>		
1000-1750 lbs	64.00-69.00	
1825-1940 lbs	58.00-60.00	
Bullocks:	880-1145 lbs	68.00-72.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice &amp; Prime 2-3</b>		
40-50 lbs	134.00	
50-60 lbs	132.00-142.00	
60-70 lbs	114.00-122.00	
70-80 lbs	109.00-116.00	
80-90 lbs	96.00-116.00	
90-110 lbs	90.00-116.00	
110-130 lbs	98.00-116.00	
130-150 lbs	122.00	

**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

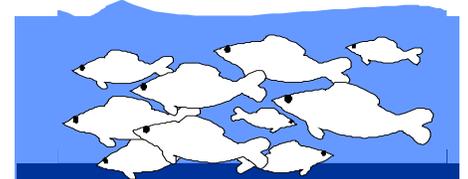
**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

APLLES, Cortland 80ct exfcy	28.00	30.00
APPLES, Empire 80ct exfcy	30.00	30.00
APPLES, Gala fancy 2-3/4 min	26.00	26.00
APPLES, Macoun exfcy bu 80ct	38.00	39.00
APPLES, Mcintosh 80ct exfcy	30.00	30.00
BEANS, Cranberry Type bu	30.00	30.00
BEANS, Green bu hand-picked	16.00	16.00
BEANS, Pole type bu	20.00	20.00
BEANS, Wax bu	24.00	26.00
BEETS, 25lb Organic	26.00	26.00
BROCOLLI, Cut Crown 20lb	20.00	23.00
CABBAGE, Green 50lb	8.000	8.00
CABBAGE, Green Organic 45lb	28.00	28.00
CORN STALKS, 36" bin	35.00	40.00
CORN STALKS, bundle	4.25	6.00
CORN, Ornamental 20/3's mini	14.00	15.00
CORN, Ornamental 20/3's	26.00	28.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu med	12.00	14.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24ct Organic	30.00	30.00
PEARS, Bosc 2-1/2" min 4/5bu	24.00	26.00
PEARS, Red D'Anjou 4/5bu	25.00	27.00
PEPPERS, Cubanelles turning red lge 1-1/9	12.00	12.00
PEPPERS, Turning Red 1-1/9 bu	7.00	8.00
PEPPERS, Green lge 1-1/9 bu	8.00	8.00
PEPPERS, Green xlge 1-1/9 bu	12.00	13.00
PEPPER, Ajies 1/2 bu	16.00	16.00
POTATOES, 10lb bag	2.50	2.50
POTATOES, Round White Chef 50lb	15.00	16.00
PUMPKINS, Howden 36in bin med-lge	150.00	200.00
PUMPKINS, Pie Type 36bin	200.00	240.00
PUMPKINS, Sugar 1-1/9 bu	12.00	14.00
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu med/lge	12.00	16.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu med-lge	12.00	16.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu sm-med	14.00	16.00
SQUASH, Zucchini 1/2 bu med	10.00	14.00
TOMATOES, 20lb box	12.00	12.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

<b>SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 1-2</b>		
60-70 lbs	40.00-48.00	
120-160 lbs	36.00-50.00	
<b>SLAUGHTER BUCKS:</b>		
120-215 lbs	40.00-54.00	
<b>SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1 sold by the head, on estimated weights.</b>		
Kids:	60-70 lbs	78.00-86.00
Nannies/Does:	80-130 lbs	70.00-90.00
Bucks/Billies:	100-150 lbs	132.00-164.00
<b>NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION</b>		
for Mon October 8, 2008		
Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.		
Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	58.00-60.50,
270-300 lbs	55.00-58.00	
45-49	220-270 lbs	55.00-58.00
	270-300 lbs	54.00-55.00
40-45	220-270 lbs	52.00-55.00
	300-370 lbs	47.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	47.00-51.00
	500-700 lbs	51.00-55.50
Boars:	300-700 lbs	13.00-14.25

OCN PRCH	0.4	147	147
DABS LGE	0.1	177	177
MED	0.4	172	172
SML	0.9	134	134
GREYSOLE LGE	0.0	512	512
MED	0.1	487	487
SML	0.3	246	246
LGE GEO BLACKBACKS	0.0	132	132
BLACKBACKS CHAN LGE	0.0	116	116
SML	0.3	194	194
PEEWEE	0.2	158	158
YELLOWTAIL LGE	0.3	172	172
SML	0.3	128	132
MONKTAIL LGE	1.3	408	453
SML	0.3	347	428
MONK LIVERS	0.1	405	420



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

**NEW YORK PRICES**

**WHITE EGGS  
TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,  
Grade A eggs on:

**October 6, 2008**

EXTRA LARGE	113-117
LARGE	111-115
MEDIUM	99-103

Above quotations based on  
CARTON sales to retailers.

**NEW BEDFORD  
WHALING CITY SEAFOOD  
DISPLAY AUCTION**

SEA SCALLOPS LANDINGS &  
PRICES IN 1,000 LBS

DATE 10/03/08

**SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS**

LBS/MIN/HIGH

10/20 CHANNEL	22.7	755	780
20/30	0.9	740	740
10/20 GEORGES	0.0	690	690
10/20 MID ATL	0.6	765	785
20/30	5.9	755	765

**NEW BEDFORD  
WHALING CITY SEAFOOD  
DISPLAY AUCTION**

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

DATE 10/03/08

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
HADDOCK	1.1	141	141
HADD SCR D	13.4	84	95
COD MKT	0.1	192	192
SCR D 1/	0.0	170	170
POLL MED	0.0	97	97
HAKE SML	0.0	92	92

## 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 or ddonahue01@comcast.net.

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323 or ddonahue01@comcast.net, Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency.

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.

123-R. Battery powered price computing scales with state compliance, battery powered cash registers, repair of all types of scales. (800) 403-5919.

206-R. Mums: 9-inch pots – huge! Ornamental cabbage, Kale 8-inch pots. Other sizes available. For special prices and delivery call Woodland Gardens, Manchester (860) 643-8474.

208-R. Stoneridge Farm, fast growing feeder pigs, Yorkshire, Landrace cross ready to go. (203)457-1017.

209-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, stakes, custom and portable sawing available. (203) 788-2430.

211-R. Hay for sale: \$7 per bale – second cut. Pick up in Guilford. (203) 640-9928.

213-R. Christmas greens, wreaths, kissing balls, roping, many sizes and varieties. Samples gladly shown. We deliver. (203) 457-1344.

215-R. Premium honey, cut comb and bees' wax candles. If you want the best, I have it. Willie's Honey. (860) 824-0638.

216-R JD 5420 2-wheel drive with rops - \$15,500. 6200 2-wheel drive with rops - \$15,500. Farmall 300 rowcrop - \$2,500. IH 784 with cab - \$10,500. JD 4020 power shift side consol - \$11,500. MF 375 new motor - \$6,500. JD 336 baler. NH 311 baler with thrower - \$6,500. IH 1-row corn chopper - \$1,500. 2 PTO generators. 1 new 8-ton running gear new tires - \$1,600. 2 firedome 3-ton grain bins - \$1,500 each. JD, IH front rear weights. 2nd and 3rd cut alfalfa hay. (203) 530-4953.

218-R. Apples – Macs, Cortland, Delicious, some Mcowan. Pumpkins, large and small. Gourds, munchkins. Also, Butternut and Acorn squash. Pickup at the farm in South Glastonbury. Call (800) 633-7933.

221-R. Registered Hereford cattle for sale. Cow-calf pairs, bred heifers, breeding bulls, steers. (860) 693-2052.

222-R. Pumpkins. All sizes. Top quality. Delivery available. Gourds. Paul Peters. Hebron. (860) 428-4846.

223-R. Rye straw seedless strawberry grade, large square bales 45-50 lbs. Please call (860) 289-5188 or (860) 289-5055.

224-R. Kuhn FC 250 Discbine mower conditioner - \$7,500. Kuhn GF 440T Gyro hay tedder - \$2,500. Good condition (203) 265-6012.

### WANTED

83-R. Wanted: Land to Lease: Small, outdoor recreational club seeks lease of properties with wetlands, fields and woodland. Looking for long possible term arrangements. References available. Leave message 860-303-5252.

196-R. Wanted: PONYS for hire. Hayrides. Must have insurance and be bomb/child proof. Long term permanent rink, % of gross. Buckland Malls. 860-644-8486 or 860-707-5727.

225-R. Wanted: 1-row corn chopper, 16A JD Flail mower, forage wagon. (860) 303-9780.

### 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 with Century 21 Alaimo & Corrado at (860) 648-6902 or www.winwithWINN.com.

219-R. 60,000 SF of wholesale greenhouse growing space for lease. Easy access to major interstate highways. Temperature alarm system and back up generator available. Call Clint Charter, Wallace-Tustin Realty 860-558-3908.

220-R. Extra income for farm owners in CT. - \$200 per ten acres is donated to farms for the use of the land for outdoor activities. Details at www.ctwhitetailassociation.com (860) 573-5155.

### THE BLUE SLOPE COUNTRY MUSEUM CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMISH BANK BARN

The public is invited to The Blue Slope Country Museum's annual fall festival, which is Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Amish Bank Barn, on Sat., Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sun., Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 138 Blue Hill Rd., Franklin, CT. Visitors are invited to "experience the peaceful farm country" of Franklin.

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Amish Style Bank Barn will offer specific displays, exhibits, demonstrations, and a video, relating to the Amish barn's unique construction. The two-day festival will also feature a "call to arms" and flag-raising; creation of an American flag star by stripe; children's activities, including the ever popular straw house; live music; exhibits of heritage breed animals; demonstrations of blacksmithing, woodworking, and pottery as well as chair-caning, copper enamel jewelry-making, pressed-floral-and-garden jewelry-making; Donkey and Mule Show; hands-on cow-milking; pie-eating contests; historic re-enactors; horse-drawn wagon rides to visit the farm; plus food concessions; Amish and Mennonite handcrafts and furniture will be available in the museum store along with seasonal goods like corn stalks, pumpkins, and ornamental corn. Many antique farm tools, vehicles, and implements will be on display and/or operating.

Concerts will take place at 12 noon on both days, with the 8 Mile River Bluegrass Band performing on Saturday, and The R.J. Old Time Music group performing on Sunday.

The Blue Slope Country Museum is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its Pennsylvania-style Amish Bank Barn, which was built in 2 working days by Amish workers in October 1998. That barn-raising drew nearly 4,000 visitors over the two days. Today, the barn houses the museum's draft-horses, wagons, historical artifacts, agricultural hand tools, and a library of antique agricultural magazines. Square dances, private functions, and other public gatherings, are seasonally enjoyed. The Blue Slope Country Museum was established by the Staebner family in the 1990's, as part of an effort to preserve and share with as many people as possible the traditions, farming methods, artifacts, tools, and history of a typical New England farm.

Tickets may be purchased on-site and are payable by cash or check only: \$5 for adults/\$2 for children 3 to 10. Please note that pets are not allowed on the grounds. To learn more about the Blue Slope Country Museum and its fall festival schedule, call 860-642-6413, or visit the Web site at www.blueslope.com. Group tours and educational programs are also available throughout the year. Call for details.

**GOVERNOR RELL PROCLAIMS CT GROWN WEEK**

Governor M. Jodi Rell has issued an official statement proclaiming the week of October 5 - October 11, 2008 as CONNECTICUT-GROWN FOR CONNECTICUT KIDS WEEK in the State of Connecticut.

The proclamation states that children's education in nutrition and agricultural systems is fundamental to developing their capacities for wise decision-making and healthful eating choices; and that Connecticut farms are a valuable source for locally grown, fresh foods and provide a vital link to agricultural learning and community food systems.

The week's events shall encourage schools to purchase Connecticut-grown farm products, provide outreach concerning the purchase and incorporation of Connecticut-grown farm products in school menus, and arrange for local, regional and statewide events where potential purchasers and farmers can interact.

**NEW ALERT SERVICE FOR FOOD RECALLS**

A free program is being offered by BellTower Technologies LLC to alert consumers by phone of food recalls. BellTower Technologies LLC is an emergency notification service which is based in Dallas, Texas.

More than 10 food recalls have been issued by the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service since May, including the recent recalls for beef, spinach and tomatoes. The new service will send out automated notices when a major food recall is issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or other government agency and some recalls launched by private food companies. To register their phone number, consumers can go to [www.FoodAlert.org](http://www.FoodAlert.org) to receive the automated notices.

The service will send alerts only for national and major regional recalls to avoid overwhelming consumers, and the phone calls will come within hours of a recall launch.

Consumers without Internet access can call 1-888-FOODALERT (1-888-366-3253) from the phone number they wish to register. Telephone registration may not work for some office extensions. The U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service already allows consumers to register for recall notifications via e-mail. You can register to receive these by visiting the website at: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS\\_RECALS/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_RECALS/)



Cousins Kayla Gaudreau of Brooklyn and Evan Molnar of Norwich enjoying the festivities at "Celebrating Agriculture" at the Woodstock Fairgrounds on September 20.



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