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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

AG MARKETING DIVISION A BIG HIT AT WOODSTOCK FAIR

by Jane Slupecki, Marketing Representative

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture Marketing Division, as in the past, displayed the agencies' brochures and materials at the 148th Woodstock fair, always held Labor Day Weekend, August 28 through September 1, 2008. Over 170,000 attended this major fair, and the agency's booth is always a very popular stop in the Agriculture Building. Along with many other ag-related organizations, the Department's staff supplies much desired lists like the Farmers Market brochures, Wineries, Honey listing, Summer Recipes, and the Connecticut Farm Map. Along with others, such as Taylor Brooke Winery, the Farmers' Cow, The CT Maple Syrup Association, The CT Apple Marketing Board, The



Last Green Valley, the University of Connecticut College of Agriculture and Natural Resources –Cooperative Extension and USDA Farm Services Agency and USDA Animal Plant and Health Inspection all inform and educate the public in an entertaining way. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture also supplied costumes that wandered the fair ground, entertaining young

and old. The Woodstock Fair Board and Directors have done it again-reaching out to the community to showcase farming to the next generation. Hope to see you at the fair next year!

GOVERNOR RELL ANNOUNCES LOW-INTEREST LOANS FOR AGRICULTURE BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY STORMS

Governor M. Jodi Rell announced that small farm-related businesses in Fairfield and Litchfield counties that suffered losses from hail, high winds and heavy rains in June are eligible for low-interest emergency federal loans.

The loans are available through the U.S. Small Business Administration. The Governor said the SBA disaster loans are also available for non-profits organizations and small businesses in the two counties that were damaged by severe weather on June 16.

"Agriculture and small businesses are a vital part of the state economy. However, even in the best of times they can operate on a thin margin," Governor Rell said. "A natural disaster such as the severe storms that hit these counties can represent a costly setback. These much-needed loans will help them recover some of those losses."

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.

Contact SBA for more information: by phone - 800-659-2955; by e-mail - disastercustomerservice@sba.gov; on the Web - www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance

The deadline for applications is April 13, 2009.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

Sept 8, 2008

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

EXTRA LARGE	125-128
LARGE	122-126
MEDIUM	88-90

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, September 8, 2008

Live animals brought the following average prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High		
45-60 lbs.			24.00	32.00
61-75 lbs.			38.00	54.00
76-90 lbs.			45.00	55.00
91-105 lbs.			56.00	62.50
106 lbs. & up			60.00	72.50
Farm Calves			74.00	82.50
Started Calves			42.00	46.00
Veal Calves			70.00	145.00
Open Heifers			77.00	110.00
Beef Heifers			60.00	61.50
Feeder Steers			80.00	97.50
Beef Steers			52.00	72.00
Stock Bulls			80.00	107.50
Replacement Heifers	1 @		580.00	
Boars	No		8.00	
Sows	2 @		35.00	
Feeder Pigs each			37.50	47.50
Sheep each			70.00	87.50
Lambs each			90.00	170.00
Goats each			50.00	145.00
Kid Goats each			22.50	85.00
Canners	Up to		55.50	
Cutters			56.00	59.50
Utility Grade Cows			60.00	66.25
Rabbits each			3.50	18.00
Chickens each			4.00	17.00
Ducks each			3.00	10.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, September 8, 2008

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers	75-80% lean		
	63.00-66.00	66.00-68.00	60.00-63.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	60.00-63.00	63.00-64.00	57.00-60.00
Lean	85-90% lean		
	57.00-60.00	60.00-61.50	53.00-57.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2

1020-1865 lbs 71.00-76.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Choice and Prime 2-3:

40-50 lbs	142.00-148.00
50-60 lbs	160.00-162.00
60-70 lbs	145.00-163.00
70-80 lbs	120.00-140.00
80-90 lbs	118.00-128.00
90-110 lbs	110.00-126.00
110-130 lbs	106.00-128.00
130-150 lbs	105.00-116.00
150-200 lbs	102.00-114.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5lb	10.00	11.00
APPLES, Gala Fancy 2-3/4 min	28.00	28.00
APPLES, McIntosh Fancy bu 2-1/2 min	20.00	24.00
APPLES, McIntosh 12 - 3lb bags	24.00	24.00
APPLES, McIntosh 80ct exfcy	32.00	33.00
APPLES, McIntosh Totes 8-5lb bags	25.00	26.00
BEANS, Cranberry bu	38.00	38.00
BEANS, Green bu hand-picked	14.00	16.00
BEANS, Yellow Waxd 1-1/9	20.00	26.00
BROCOLLI, 14ct	11.00	12.00
BROCOLLI, Cut Crown 20lb	14.00	18.00
CARROTS, 24 bunched	17.00	19.00
CORN, 5 dz CT	8.00	10.00
CUCUMBERS, med 1-1/9bu	10.00	14.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu med	10.00	13.00
NECTARINES, 1/2bu, 2-1/2up	26.00	28.00
PEACHES, 1/2 bu 2-1/2 min	22.00	24.00
PEACHES, White 1/2bu 2-1/2up	26.00	28.00
PEARS, Bartlett 2-1/2" min 4/5bu	24.00	26.00
PEPPERS, Cubanelles lge	10.00	10.00
PEPPERS, Green med 1-1/9 bu	7.00	7.00
PEPPERS, Green xlge 1-1/9 bu	10.00	12.00
PEPPER, Jalepeno 1/2 bu	12.00	12.00
PLUMS, Prune 1/2bu	26.00	28.00
POTATOES, Round White Chef 50lb	16.00	17.00
PUMPKINS, Howden 36in bin med-lge	150.00	180.00
PUMPKINS, Sugar 36in bin	200.00	225.00
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu lge	12.00	14.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu med-lge	12.00	14.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu sm-med	14.00	16.00
SQUASH, Zucchini 1/2 bu med	10.00	10.00
TOMATOES, 25lb box lge	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Grape 12-1pt	10.00	10.00
TOMATOES, Heirloom 10lb med-lge	28.00	30.00
WATERMELON, Seedless bin	130.00	150.00
WATERMELON, Sugar Baby 6ct	12.00	12.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1 sold by the head, estimated weights.

Kids:	40-50 lbs	78.00
	50-60 lbs	84.00-88.00
	60-70 lbs	84.00-98.00
	70-80 lbs	96.00-108.00
Nannies/Does:	50-80 lbs	70.00
	80-130 lbs	72.00-78.00
Bucks/Billies:	80-100 lbs	86.00
	100-150 lbs	152.00-172.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

FOR Mon September 8, 2008

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	55.00-58.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	52.00-55.00
	270-300 lbs	49.00-52.00
40-45	220-270 lbs	49.00-52.00
	270-300 lbs	46.00-49.00
	300-370 lbs	43.00-45.00
Sows:US 1-3	300-500 lbs	46.00-51.00
	500-700 lbs	51.00-55.75
Boars:	300-700 lbs	12.00-15.00

GILLNET MKT COD 1/	0.0	264	264
SCRD	0.0	252	252
WOLF	0.0	102	102
POLLOCK	0.1	123	123
MEDIUM	0.2	117	117
SCRD	0.0	104	104
CUSK	0.0	22	22
HAKE LGE	0.0	144	148
MED	0.0	95	117
SML	0.0	37	37
OCN PRCH	0.2	103	103
DABS LGE	0.0	224	224
MED	0.1	170	248
SML	0.5	162	264
GREYSOLE LGE	0.0	742	742
MED	0.2	697	363
SML	0.8	363	3963
LEMONSOLE	0.7	332	362
LGE GEO BLACKBACKS	3.8	392	422
MIXED GEORGES BB	2.6	288	288
BLACKBCKS CHAN LGE	0.8	262	368
SML	4.3	258	292
PEEWEE	0.1	172	239
YELLOWTAIL LGE	3.7	243	264
SML	3.9	243	261

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:
Sept 8, 2008

EXTRA LARGE	129-133
LARGE	127-131
MEDIUM	95-99

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.

NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION

SEA SCALLOPS LANDINGS & PRICES IN 1,000 LBS
DATE 9/8/08
SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS

	LBS/MIN/HIGH
10/20 CHANNEL	0.7 750 775
20/30	6.0 740 745
30/40	0.4 745 745
10/20 MID ATL	1.9 735 750
20/30	2.6 715 730

NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION

FISH LANDINGS AND PRICES IN 1,000 LBS & \$/CWT
DATE 9/8/08

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
HADDOCK	3.0	231	239
HADD SCR D	5.4	158	208
COD LGE	0.2	248	248
MKT	3.5	241	279
SCRD	0.4	243	272

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.

197-R. 1963 Diesel Nuffield tractor 60 hp, antique horse-drawn JD corn planter, antique horse-drawn weeder, antique corn decobber, antique hand thrasher, platform scales, eveners, whippetrees. Hiram Carrington, Bethany (203) 393-3715.

201-R. 8 bushel wooden orchard bins in good condition \$10 each. Call Belltown Hill Orchards @ (860) 657-6550.

202-R. Hay wagon, 14ft flotation tires, new pressure treated deck, excellent condition - \$1,100. Little Giant portable paddle-type elevator with hopper - \$450. Corn crib, 8' x 14' - \$400. Horizontal metal cutting band saw, 6 new blades - \$450. Lathe, old flat belt style - \$200. Michigan Loader 125A Cummings diesel, older straight style ideal for farm - \$4,500. Mack B66 8-yard dump gas 10 speed \$2,500. Call (860) 585-1772.

203-R. Hardi Comby sprayer (160 gal) 3 point hitch. Excellent condition. (860) 653-3837.

204-R. Wagoneer loader, fits Ford or any small machine - \$425 or best offer. Must sell. (203) 758-2002.

205-R. Hay, 3x3x8, 1st, 2nd and alfalfa delivered by the 50-bale trailer load. Hereford heifer, 4 months, nice 4H project - \$600. Boer goats and Scottish blackface sheep, females. Breeding standard donkey. (860) 537-1974.

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.

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.

192-R. Antique windmill wanted, working or in good condition. (203) 298-8589.

199-R. Clamp on fork lift forks, for tractor bucket wanted. (860) 642-6851.

200-R. Apple cider press wanted - Looking to buy old, hand turn or small motorized apple press that works or could work if repaired. Please call (203) 834-0065.

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.

195-R. Bushiness opportunities Village of Wapping@ Buckland Hills: 20 acre calander scene farm, 27.000 cars per day, yet rural.

NNN land leases, %gross. Must have Financial H.P. Strong work ethic. (1) Pony Hay Rides, (2) Home grown Restaurants, (3) Ice Cream Barn, (4) B&B (8bdm) Farm HomeStays, (5) Mini Golf, (6) Farm Market General Store Deli. Hilltop site, 100 mile view for Hotel Convention center. God Bless, I am Bill Krawski, owner, dirt farmer - 130 Buckland Rd. South Windsor, Ct 06074, 860-644-8486 or 860-707-5727.

USING BIOLOGICAL CONTROL IN GREENHOUSES: ON YOUR WAY TO GROWING GREENER

Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, Sturbridge, MA,
Thursday, September 18, 2008, 9:15 AM - 3:45 PM

Sponsored by: University of Massachusetts,
University of Connecticut and Northeast SARE

More growers and retailers are using natural enemies to manage common greenhouse pests. Come learn from two leading experts and a panel of wholesale growers and grower retailers about the "nuts and bolts" of implementing a biological control program to manage thrips, aphids, fungus gnats and spider mites in greenhouse crops.

Featuring Stanton Gill, (University of Maryland) and Suzanne Wainwright-Evans, (Buglady Consulting). Topics will include:

- Why Should Growers and Retailers Consider Biological Control in Their Greenhouses
- Practical Steps in Starting a Biological Control Program: Is it for you? What crops should you start with?
- Sources and Quality Control of Natural Enemies
- Which Natural Enemies are Best for Fungus gnats, Spider mites, Thrips and Aphids: How to use them, Compatibility, Where and how to release them, What rates to use
- Examples of Live Specimens!
- Using Banker Plants
- "Future" New Products
- Case Studies: Real Experiences of Greenhouse Growers
- Panel of Wholesale Growers and Grower Retailers Share Their Experiences Using Natural Enemies

Cost: \$35 (includes Handouts, Refreshments, Lunch)

Four pesticide recertification credits for attendees from CT, MA, RI, ME, NH and VT. Financial support for this program is being provided with a grant from Northeast SARE.

For more information contact: Tina Smith, University of Massachusetts 413-545-5306, tsmith@umext.umass.edu. Leanne Pundt, University of Connecticut, 860-626-6240, leanne.pundt@uconn.edu. Paul Lopes, University of Massachusetts, 508-295-2212 ext. 24, lopes@umext.umass.edu,

For registration and detailed agenda see: www.umass.edu/umext/floriculture

2008 TASTE! ORGANIC CONNECTICUT

Sunday, September 14, 2008, 10am - 4pm - Rain or Shine
Topmost Herb Farm, Coventry, CT

Fall Festival - Organic Farmer's Market - Children's Activities
Educational Workshops - Music - Craft Vendors - Food! Food! Food!
Admission: \$5 for ages 12 - 80 - Free Parking - No Pets Please!
Vendors, Exhibitors and Farmers' Market: Main Street
Food! Food! Food!: Food Tent in front of Historic House -
brought to you by the Willimantic Food Coop.

ENTERTAINMENT & MUSIC throughout the day.

10:30 - Weedwalk - Meet by the greenhouse: Take a weedwalk with herbalist Pam Brundage. As you stroll the grounds at Topmost, hear the stories and learn of the gifts provided by those amazing weeds.

11:00 - Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) What Is It? Why Is It? - Tent 1: Elaine Frost of Frostfire Farm shares her experience at managing a local CSA and speaks to the feasibility of starting small and growing at one's own pace.

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EASTERN REGION MILK REVIEW

MADISON, WI. September 3, 2008 - In the NORTHEAST, schools opened in upstate New York this Tuesday and in much of the rest of the state on Wednesday. Contacts report plant milk intakes mixed, with some plant intakes up slightly but others stable. This has led to some tightness in milk needed to meet Class I demand although, the demand has been met. A reported helpful factor is less milk being called south than this time last year and other recent years. Class I demand for rbst free milk is reported to be particularly strong and growing in the region. MIDDLE ATLANTIC Class I demand is also strong and increased over last week, as schools resume classes. Milk supplies are reported as generally stronger than seasonally normal, which is helping to meet demand. SOUTHEAST contacts report that regional production has remained stable since last week at higher levels than in previous years. Sales of fluid milk are reported as somewhat flat this week, apparently partially related to a full school milk pipeline and some effects of tropical storms. As a result, shipments of milk into the region at 211 loads, remained about even with last week but far under 350 one year ago this week. FLORIDA experienced a significant decrease from 59 loads of milk into the state last week, to 0 loads this week, even as production is reported to have dropped compared with last week. This occurred in the absence of school or significant business closings last week due to weather conditions. A factor cited was flat sales, partially attributed to consumers having purchased higher than normal amounts of milk at recent retail promotions and now continuing to consume the milk previously purchased to a greater degree than would be normal absent the promotions. Sales were so flat that an industry source reported a number of fluid milk order cancellations late last week, as retailers determined that in-store milk inventories were not moving as fast as anticipated.

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Maple Sugaring in Connecticut - Tent 2: Bob Dubos of Bats of Bedlam Maple Farm claims that anyone can produce maple syrup! The family tradition was established some 40 years ago and is now carried on by Bob and his wife Pat.

11:30 - Weedwalk - Meet by the greenhouse: A weedwalk with herbalist Pamela Quayle offers surprises and interesting history of the diverse wild plants regarded as weeds, growing in the lawn and edges of the woods at Topmost. Meet by the greenhouse.

1:00 - Making Your Own Herbal Soap - Tent 1: Join Winter Caplan-son of Sleepy Moon Soaps and learn how!

Weeds and Bugs – How Does An Organic Farmer Cope? - Tent 2: Bryan O'Hara, manager of Tobacco Road Farm, shares his strategies for crop production which enable the farm to supply 2 weekly farmers' markets, a local co-op, and a farmstand.

2:00 - What's That Tree? - Tent 1: Meet in the tent for a quick overview then walk with Bryan Connolly, botanical consultant for The Nature Conservancy, as he leads a stroll to the edge of the woods.

Our Friendly Earthworms - Tent 2: Vermicomposting uses earthworms to turn organic wastes into very high quality compost. Master Gardener Ann Harrington-DiBella, shares her methods and discusses the process as she showcases a healthy box of worms.

3:00 - The Basic Brine - Tent 1: Learn about fermented foods and the ease of creating them, as well as their healthy benefits from herbalist Rosemary Roast, who discusses the amazing results obtained when fresh organic vegetables are combined with a little sea salt.

Home Cheesemaking - Tent 2: Susan Parks, of Rich Valley Farm explains the process of making beautiful fresh chevre from goat's milk.



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