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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

INSPECTION & REGULATIONS CONCERNING SHELLFISH

By David Carey, Director, Bureau of Aquaculture

Shellfish under this guideline includes only raw fresh or frozen molluscan shellfish (clams, mussels, oysters and whole or roe-on scallops).

Approved Shellfish Source: All shellfish must be from an approved source. An approved source is defined as a shellfish harvester or dealer licensed by the state control authority and is listed in the US FDA Certified Shellfish Shippers List which is accessible online at www.cfsan.fda.gov/seafood1.html then look under FEDERAL STATE PROGRAMS and click on "shellfish shipper's list".

The CT Department of Agriculture is the Connecticut shellfish control authority and licenses all commercial shellfish harvesters and dealers in accordance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model Ordinance. Only retail food stores that sell shellfish directly to the consumer are not required to be licensed by the Department of Agriculture. All retail food stores are regulated by the Dept. of Consumer Protection, State Dept of Public Health and Local Health Departments.

Food service establishments are not allowed to purchase shellfish if the vendor is not licensed by the Department of Agriculture and is not listed in the US FDA Certified Shellfish Shipper's list. A certified shellfish shipper licensed by the Department of Agriculture that is a vendor at a farmers market that sells to a food service establishment must provide the restaurant with the shellfish shipping tag and an invoice that indicates the source and date of purchase.

Tags/labeling AND Temperature Control: All shellfish must be identified with a shellfish shipping tag that contains the name, address and shellfish shipper's Certificate number. It must also contain the original shipper's certificate number if shellfish were harvested by a dealer other than the one noted above. The date of harvest, shipping date, harvest location, type of shellfish and quantity of shellfish must also be indicated on the tag. Shellfish shipping tags must be attached to every shellfish container you purchase and remain on that container (bag) until the bag is emptied and then retained for 90 days. If sold to a restaurant the tag must not be removed.

A sign must be prominently displayed informing the consumer the country of origin of the shellfish and if product is farm raised or wild. It must also provide a health disclosure that is noted on the shellfish tag.

All molluscan shellfish must be received, transported and stored in equipment that maintains an ambient air temperature of 45 0 F or

less. Shellfish must be displayed under temperature controls of 45 0 F or less. Accurate thermometers must be provided to periodically check temperatures of the holding equipment.

Water Source: adequate, safe: An adequate supply of potable water must be available for cleaning, sanitizing and sanitizing equipment or utensils and food contact surfaces. If a permanent potable water supply can not be provided, the local director of health may approve an alternate temporary potable water supply or require that approved commercially bottled drinking water be used.

Shellfish Storage and Display: Shellfish shall be properly stored and displayed to be protected from contamination and adulteration. Shellfish must not be stored in stagnant water, in close proximity to raw fish or raw meat or on the ground/floor. When stored on ice, ice shall be well drained.

Ice shall be made from water that comes from an approved source; and shall be used only if it has been manufactured, stored, transported and handled in a sanitary manner. Handled scoops and containers shall be used and sanitized prior to use.

Please reference the Compliance Guide for Temporary Foodservice Events issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health dated 8/1/2008 for additional information and requirements. This is available at the Connecticut Department of Public Health or your local health department.

ATTENTION: CONNECTICUT SPECIALTY FOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, CT CRAFTERS, ARTISTS, FOOD & BEVERAGE CONCESSIONS, FARMERS, AND ARTISANS

Announcing the Second Annual "Made In Connecticut" Fair
Sunday October 5th, 2008 10:00-4:00

On the beautiful grounds of the Colonial Tavern, Oxford CT
right off exit 16 on I 84, or not far from Rte 8.

Hosted by the Oxford DTC

For an application, questions, or more information, contact event chairperson Jane Maher at snootyfood2@att.net or 203-231-5109

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your CT made products! Last year's fair was a huge success and some vendors even sold out! With the "buy local" and "sta-cation" movements gaining popularity every day, the Made in CT Fair has become an annual event that folks are already talking about!

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

Sept 2, 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 1, 2008

Live animals brought the following average
prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High	
45-60 lbs.		30.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.		50.00	65.00
76-90 lbs.		72.00	80.00
91-105 lbs.		82.50	100.00
106 lbs. & up		105.00	107.50
Farm Calves		110.00	140.00
Started Calves		45.00	55.00
Veal Calves		110.00	145.00
Open Heifers		80.00	100.00
Beef Heifers		58.00	79.00
Feeder Steers		80.00	102.50
Beef Steers		69.50	73.00
Stock Bulls		92.50	125.00
Beef Bulls		52.00	56.00
Hogs,Barrows and Gilts	1 @		45.00
Feeder Pigs each		22.50	45.00
Sheep each		50.00	75.00
Lambs each		55.00	150.00
Goats each		35.00	95.00
Kid Goats each		35.00	47.00
Canners	Up to		49.50
Cutters		50.00	54.00
Utility Grade Cows		55.00	60.00
Rabbits each		6.00	22.50
Chickens each		5.00	18.00
Ducks each		3.00	32.50

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION,

MONDAY, September 1, 2008

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Bulk/High/Low Dress

Breakers	75-80% lean		
	62.00-65.00	65.00-67.00	60.00-62.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	59.00-62.00	62.00-62.50	-----

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2

1115-2065 lbs	71.00-76.00
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SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Choice and Prime 2-3	
50-60 lbs	134.00-142.00
60-70 lbs	132.00-138.00
70-80 lbs	130.00-142.00
80-90 lbs	130.00-140.00
90-110 lbs	124.00-138.00
110-130 lbs	128.00-130.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 1-2

60-70 lbs	62.00
120-160 lbs	52.00-68.00
160-200 lbs	50.00-70.00

SLAUGHTER BUCKS:

135-265 lbs	50.00-68.00
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FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5lb	10.00	11.00
APPLES, Ginger Gold Fancy bu 2-1/2 min	24.00	24.00
APPLES, Paula Red 12 – 3lb bags	24.00	24.00
APPLES, Paula Red 80ct exfcy	30.00	32.00
APPLES, Paula Red Totes 8-5lb bags	25.00	25.00
BEANS, Green bu hand-picked	16.00	16.00
BEANS, Yellow Waxed 1-1/9	30.00	30.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1-pts with lids	27.00	27.00
BROCOLLI, 14ct	12.00	13.00
BROCOLLI, Cut Crown 20lb	13.00	15.00
CARROTS, 24 bunched	17.00	17.00
CORN, 5 dz CT	10.00	12.00
CUCUMBERS, med 1-1/9bu	14.00	15.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu med	10.00	12.00
MINT, 12's	8.00	8.00
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	12.00
PEPPERS, Green med 1-1/9 bu	7.00	8.00
PEPPERS, Green lge 1-1/9 bu	9.00	10.00
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 Red 50lb	15.00	15.00
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu lge	12.00	12.00
SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9 bu med-lge	17.00	18.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu med-lge	16.00	17.00
SQUASH, Spaghetti 1-1/9 bu med	18.00	20.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu sm-med	16.00	18.00
SQUASH, Zucchini 1/2 bu med	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES, 25lb box lge	12.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Grape 12-1pt	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Heirloom 10lb med-lge	28.00	28.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

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

Kids:	60-70 lbs	98.00-122.00
	70-80 lbs	132.00
Nannies/Does:	50-80 lbs	70.00
	80-130 lbs	70.00-86.00
Bucks/Billies: Pygmies:		
	60-70 lbs	54.00
	80-100 lbs	30.00-40.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

FOR Mon September 1, 2008

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

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	57.00-60.00
	270-300 lbs	54.00-56.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	54.00-57.00
	270-300 lbs	51.00-54.00
	300-370 lbs	49.00-50.00
40-45	220-270 lbs	51.00-54.00
	300-370 lbs	45.00-46.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	44.00-49.00
	500-700 lbs	49.00-54.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	14.00-15.00

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
HADDOCK	0.2	237	237
HADD SCR D	4.1	152	176
COD LGE	0.3	249	249
MKT	2.0	212	332
SCR D	0.5	264	283
WOLF 1/	0.0	84	84
HAKE LGE	0.0	149	149
MED	0.0	142	142
SML	0.0	61	61
DABS LGE	0.0	218	218
SML	0.2	183	183
GREYSOLE LGE	0.1	637	647
MED	0.1	112	542
SML	0.5	162	318
LEMONSOLE	0.8	239	239
LGE GEO BLACKBACKS	5.7	243	249
MIXED GEORGES BB	3.3	269	276
PEWEE	0.0	137	137
BLACKBACKS CHAN LGE	0.7	249	249
SML	2.3	240	251
PEEWEE	0.1	112	184
YELLOWTAIL LGE	3.6	137	196
SML	3.8	164	168
MONKTAIL LGE	6.1	300	412

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,
Grade A eggs on:

Sept 2, 2008

EXTRA LARGE	131-135
LARGE	129-133
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 9/2/08

SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS	LBS/MIN/HIGH
U/10 CHANNEL	13.7 790 800
10/20	13.3 700 745
20/30	21.4 690 735
U/10 GEORGES	5.2 770 785
10/20	6.4 690 730
20/30	8.3 685 685
10/20 ELEPHANT TRUNK	37.3 700 735
10/20 MID ATL	1.9 695 745
20/30	7.4 700 715

NEW BEDFORD - WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION

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

DATE 9/2/08

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 or ddonahue01@comcast.net.

2-R. Farm Insurance for all types of farming at very competitive rates. 1-800-554-8049 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.

10-R. CT Grown Mesh Bags - The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has CT Grown Mesh Bags for sale. These bags are super strong and exceptionally attractive. The dimensions are 16" l x 5" w x 12" h. They are being sold by the case (40 per case) for \$156.16. For more information or to order, please call (860)713-2503.

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

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

154-R. Hay for sale – 4 x 4 round bales. Call (203) 484-0664.

167-R. Irrigation Equipment: Chevy propane Berkley 6"-5" pump, pto Marlow 6"-5" pump, 2040ft Tico 5" pipe, 9000+ft 2" w/Wade fittings, Fitomate self-flushing filter. Call for pricing. Maple Lane Farms (860) 889-3766.

193-R. Massey Harris tractor T35, HP, 3 point hitch and snow plow. Good condition. \$3,200. (203) 269-9070.

194-R. John Deere 5300 tractor-loader w/quick-tach 10A backhoe. 2400 hours. Very good condition - \$18,500. Art Clauson (860) 984-3196 Niantic.

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, whippletrees. Hiram Carrington, Bethany (203) 393-3715.

198. Registered 2-year old Romney ram, good disposition, great fleece, proven breeder - \$350. Also, registered Romney ram lamb born March 2008 - \$225. Market lambs also available. (860) 668-5029.

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.

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.

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

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THE CT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION ASKS RESIDENTS TO WATCH FOR ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLES

The Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) is an invasive insect from China that attacks and kills many healthy hardwood trees, including maple, boxelder, birches, elms, horsechestnut, poplars, and willow. This beetle is a threat to our nursery, maple syrup, and forest product industries. If established, ALB would cause severe environmental and aesthetic damage to our urban trees, forests, and parks. ALB has been present in Brooklyn, New York, parts of Long Island, and in northern New Jersey for a number of years. The recent discovery of the beetle in Worcester, Massachusetts, increases the risk to Connecticut's trees. Early detection of infestations and rapid response are crucial to successful eradication of the beetle. "Over several years, we have been conducting surveys for ALB in southeastern Connecticut because of its presence in nearby Queens, New York", said Dr. Kirby Stafford, State Entomologist at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), "additional help in looking for this beetle is important, particularly since its discovery is so near our northern border". CT DEP foresters, Cooperative Extension, Tree Wardens, and others are already assisting CAES in keeping an eye out for the beetle.

The adult ALB is $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, glossy black with white spots on the back. There are distinctive black and white bands on each segment of the long antennae. This beetle is often confused with our native Whitespotted Sawyer, which is bronzy-black with smaller or no white spots and no distinctive white bands on the antennae. Good quality photographs of suspect beetles or tree damage can be sent to CAES.StateEntomologist@po.state.ct.us or call Dr. Stafford at (203) 974-8485. According to Dr. Stafford, "we get a number of submissions of Whitespotted Sawyer beetles, but that is fine as it means people are looking for ALB. We appreciate that. However, live insects or wood samples should not be mailed or brought to us as ALB can readily escape many containers and spread the infestation. Our inspectors can come out to a suspect site to make identifications." Beetles can be killed by freezing them for two days and shown to inspectors.

On infested trees, females will make rust-colored holes where she lays her eggs. The large half-inch or more well-defined holes (sometimes with sap flowing out of the trunks and branches) mark where one beetle exited the tree. It is very important that any trees detected with signs of ALB (exit holes, egg sites, running sap) or life stages of the beetle be immediately reported to CAES or the USDA-APHIS-Plant Pest Quarantine office in Wallingford, CT. Our two agencies have the state and federal statutory responsibility, respectively, for dealing with plant pests like ALB. Dr. Stafford says "do take pictures; collect notes that may help with identification of an infestation, and report insects or damage to us. We can determine if the insect is the Asian longhorned beetle or some other species and respond accordingly". U.S. Forest Service, USDA-APHIS-PPQ identification fact sheets, and additional information on what to do about suspect invasive insects are available on the CAES website (www.ct.gov/caes).

CONNECTICUT FARMER LEARNER GROUP

Thursday, September 11, 3-5 PM

Pat's Pastured at Historic New England's Casey Farm
2325 Boston Neck Rd., Saunderstown (or North Kingstown), RI
<http://www.farmfresh.org/food/farm.php?farm=595>

Pat's Pastured: owner, Pat McNiff - Company that sells pasture raised broiler chickens, heritage turkeys, and pigs to local farmers' market, CSA's and restaurants. The animals are raised on a rotational grazing model. The broilers are processed on-farm in Pat's newly constructed and RI Health Department inspected Mobile Processing Unit (MPU). RI allows sale of processed birds to consumers (from farm as well as farmers markets).

Casey Farm: manager, Pat McNiff - 300 acres , 300 year old farm raising beef, goats, turkeys, chickens, vegetables, and fruit. Organic Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) June-October. Coastal Growers' Market on Saturday mornings. Summer camp, school tours
RSVP to 860-774-9600 by September 9 (call about van ride to RI)

REGISTER NOW FOR NOTABLE TREES

On Saturday, October 18, 2008, the Hartford Cooperative Extension Council will host a charter bus tour of Notable Trees of Central Connecticut. The chief tour guide will be well known tree expert Ed Richardson. The bus tour will begin and end in the parking lot of the University of Connecticut, West Hartford campus. The bus tour begins at 9 a.m. and will end at approximately 4 p.m. The cost of the Tree Tour, including lunch, is \$65 per person for registrations received prior to September 15, and \$70 thereafter. Registrations will be accepted until October 13, 2008 . A portion of the registration is tax deductible and proceeds will be used to support the work of the Hartford County Extension Council.

For registration information or additional information about the tour, send an e-mail to: debbyrosen@sbcglobal.net. The bus tour will be held rain or shine and is limited to 100 people.

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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APPLES, Gala 90's NZ	77.00	77.00
APPLES, Fuji 80ct xfcy CHILE	65.00	65.00
APPLES, Granny Smith 80ct NZ	90.00	90.00
BANANAS 40lb	23.00	23.00
BLACKBERRIES, lge 12 – 1/2pt CA	47.00	47.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12 1-pint NJ	65.00	65.00
GRAPES, Thompson 19lb CA	35.00	35.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 7/10 bu 36ct CA	35.00	35.00
MUSHROOMS, Portobella 5lb PA	18.00	18.00
MUSHROOMS, Shiitake 3lb PA	21.00	23.00
MUSHROOMS, White 10lb lge PA	20.00	25.00
NECTARINES, 40-42ct CA	47.00	47.00
ORANGES, Valencia 72 ct CA	40.00	40.00
PEACHES, 60 ct CA	37.00	40.00
POTATOES, Sweet Beauregard 40lb CA	30.00	30.00
POTATOES, Russett 10-5lb bags	25.00	25.00
RASPBERRIES 12 – 1/2pt CA	36.00	36.00
SPINACH, Baby 4lb CA	14.00	15.00



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