



# Agricultural Report

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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### FIFTH ANNUAL TOMATO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

by Jane Slupecki, Agricultural Marketing Representative

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture and tomato-growing employ-  
 ees of the State Office Building gathered for the 5th Annual Tomato Contest  
 in Hartford, on August 27th. This year's rain created a lot of pre-contest



jitters, but gave all of our gardeners a taste of the life of the state's commercial farmers. We said, "Submit them green if you have to!" The recordbreaking rainy summer promulgated horror stories and anxious moments for all our contestants! In the end, participation was up, with 10 sets of tomatoes, including acid-

free yellow tomatoes, heirlooms, cluster tomatoes, grape tomatoes and cherry tomatoes. As it was last year, each contestant had to submit a sample of their homegrown tomatoes for judging by the Department's Agricultural Marketing & Inspection Representatives in the Marketing Division. Judged on uniformity of size, color, variety, taste and originality/shape, the tomatoes were graded in each category on a 10-point scale. Each year, as always, scoring was very close with only points separating winners from each other—and it was decided this year to award two third prizes because it was just too tough to decide between the two third place submissions. After the judging was completed, Commissioner F. Philip Prelli, members of the Marketing staff, and the contestants congregated in the agency's conference room. As the room filled for the awards ceremony, contestants participated in swapping stories of the difficult year for growing tomatoes. Commissioner Prelli thanked the participants for coming, for the support they show to our

farming community and to our agency's mission. With great fanfare and humor, the three winners were announced, and awarded a certificate and prize. Consolation prizes were awarded to all our other good-natured gang of growers. Our contest winners for the 2009 Tomato Contest were: Third Prize: our two third place winners are Susanne Hawkins, Dept of Administrative Services; and, Peggy Zabawar, Dept of Administrative Services; Second Prize: Gail Westergren, Dept of Public Works; and our First Prize Winner: John Farrell, Jr., Dept of Public Works. From Commissioner Prelli and the Marketing staff at The Connecticut Department of Agriculture, a heartfelt congratulations to our winners!

### FARM BUREAU HONORS TEACHERS FOR AG EDUCATION

Five teachers have been recognized by the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture for their outstanding efforts to promote agricultural education. The teachers each received \$1,200 scholarships to attend the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in St. Louis. The Foundation, through the White-Reinhardt Fund for Education, sponsors the scholarships in cooperation with the American Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee.

This year's recipients represented North Carolina, Tennessee; Nebraska, Maine and Connecticut. Dollie Harvey, a fourth year educator from Glastonbury High School was recognized for her outstanding efforts to promote agricultural education at her school, the elementary schools in her community and the greater community serviced by Glastonbury High School.

"It's an honor to again provide the opportunity for several outstanding teachers from around the country to attend this valuable conference," said Terry Gilbert, a Kentucky farmer, chair of the American Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee and a Foundation board member.

At the conference, the teachers joined nearly 600 others to gain useful information on expanding student outreach through teaching about food, fiber and renewable fuels. Scholarship recipients were judged on past use of innovative programs to educate students about agriculture as well as future plans to implement information gained at the AITC conference in their own classrooms and their school community.

The national Ag in the Classroom conference brings together a diverse group of organizations and speakers to address how to improve agricultural education, showcase successful programs and offer educational materials. The Agriculture Department coordinates the Ag in the Classroom program with the goal of helping students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society.

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

August 31, 2009

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

EXTRA LARGE	86-91
LARGE	85-89
MEDIUM	62-64

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, August 31, 2009

Live animals brought the following average  
prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	10.00	14.00
61-75 lbs.	15.00	18.00
76-90 lbs.	20.00	24.00
91-105 lbs.	25.00	27.00
106 lbs. & up	30.00	38.00
Veal Calves	67.50	102.50
Open Heifers	70.00	80.00
Beef Heifers	45.00	48.00
Feeder Steers	90.00	100.00
Beef Steers	45.50	53.00
Stock Bulls	70.00	102.50
Beef Bulls	52.00	67.00
Feeder Pigs each	17.50	51.00
Sheep each	45.00	67.50
Lambs each	55.00	155.00
Goats each	50.00	150.00
Kid Goats each	20.00	75.00
Canners	Up to	41.50
Cutters	42.00	45.00
Utility Grade Cows	46.00	50.00
Rabbits each	5.00	25.00
Chickens each	4.00	30.00
Ducks each	5.00	20.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

The Auction will be held on Labor Day,  
September 7 as usual.

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

MONDAY, August 31, 2009

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Lean	85-90% lean		
	40.00-45.00	46.75-48.50	35.00-40.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1			
	1020-2295 lbs	54.50-58.50	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn			
Choice and Prime 2-3			
	40-50 lbs	138.00-142.00	
	50-60 lbs	136.00-148.00	
	60-70 lbs	128.00-139.00	
	70-80 lbs	125.00-134.00	
	80-90 lbs	122.00-132.00	
	90-110 lbs	116.00-130.00	
	110-130 lbs	110.00-127.00	
	130-150 lbs	105.00-120.00	
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 1-2			
	120-160 lbs	42.00-62.00	
	160-200 lbs	36.00-54.00	
	200-300 lbs	32.00-38.00	
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.			
Kids:	30-40 lbs	38.00-46.00	
	40-50 lbs	44.00-54.00	
	50-60 lbs	48.00-62.00	
	60-70 lbs	54.00-78.00	

**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

APPLES, Ginger Gold Fcy 2-1/2 up bu	16.00	20.00
APPLES, Paula Red ex fcy 96ct	20.00	24.00
BEANS, green bu CT	15.00	16.00
BLUEBERRIES, clamshell-12/1pt	23.00	25.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct	9.00	10.00
BROCCOLI, Cut Crown 20lbs	9.00	10.00
CABBAGE, green 50lb med CT	8.00	8.00
CANTALOUPS, bin 24" - price each	1.00	1.40
CANTALOUPS, Athena 6ct	10.00	10.00
CORN, 5dz	10.00	12.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9bu super sel CT	12.00	14.00
CUCUMBERS, Pickles 1/2bu	10.00	12.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu med CT	9.00	12.00
LEEKs, 12's	16.00	16.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24ct organic	28.00	28.00
MCINTOSH, US#1 80ct	19.00	19.00
NECTARINES, 1/2 bu 2-1/2 up	18.00	26.00
PEARS, Bartlett 4/5 bu	20.00	20.00
PEACHES, White 1/2bu 2-1/2 up	16.00	18.00
PEACHES, Yellow 2-1/2" 1/2 bu	12.00	16.00
PEARS, Clapp 4/5 bu	16.00	16.00
PEPPERS, Cubanelles 1-1/9bu lge CT	12.00	14.00
PEPPERS, Green Bell exlge 1-1/9bu	8.00	10.00
PEPPERS, Long Hot bu	12.00	12.00
PLUM, Red 1/2bu	26.00	26.00
POTATOES, Chef 50lb	11.00	11.00
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu lge	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu	12.00	14.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2 bu sm-med CT	14.00	16.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu sm-med	16.00	18.00
SQUASH, Spaghetti 1-1/9 lge	13.00	14.00
TOMATOES, med	10.00	12.00
TOMATOES, Field 20lb lge two layer	12.00	14.00
TOMATOES, Plum 20lb field med	12.00	14.00
TOMATOES, Cherry 12-1pt CT 10lb med	12.00	12.00
WATERMELON, Sugarbaby lge price each	2.25	2.50
WATERMELON, Seedless 20lb price each	3.50	4.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

70-80 lbs	68.00-86.00
80-90 lbs	76.00-94.00
90-100 lbs	84.00-102.00
100-110 lbs	98.00-116.00
110-120 lbs	104.00-118.00
130-140 lbs	110.00-126.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	56.00-70.00
130-180 lbs	65.00-76.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs	130.00-144.00
150-250 lbs	144.00-166.00
NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION FOR	
Mon August 31, 2009 - Hogs sold by actual	
weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.	
Percent Lean	Weight Price
49-54	220-270 lbs 37.50-40.50
	270-350 lbs 37.50-40.50
45-49	220-270 lbs 32.00-35.00
	270-300 lbs 32.50-36.50
	300-350 lbs 31.00-34.00
40-45	220-270 lbs 27.00-30.00
	270-300 lbs 30.00-32.50
	300-350 lbs 28.00-30.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs 23.50-25.00
	500-700 lbs 30.00-31.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs 5.00-10.00

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

**NEW YORK PRICES WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,  
Grade A eggs on:  
August 31, 2009

EXTRA LARGE	94-98
LARGE	92-96
MEDIUM	69-73

Above quotations based on  
CARTON sales to retailers.

**NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION**

Sea Scallops Landings & Prices In  
1,000 Lbs - Date 8/31/09 - Prices  
Include Dealers Fees

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
U/12CHANNEL	1.0	835	835
1020	13.1	645	660
U/12 GEORGES	0.3	845	845
20/30	6.4	660	665
10/20 ELEPHANT TRUNK	18.9	615	625

**NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION**

Fish Landings & Prices In 1,000  
Lbs & \$/Cwt Date 8/31/09

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
COD LGE	0.2	147	147
MKT	7.4	129	161
SCRD	0.5	120	138
GILLNET MKT COD			

SCRD	0.1	163	163
	0.1	137	137
	2.3	126	132
HADDOCK			
HADDOCK SCR D	28.9	73	87
POLLOCK	0.1	66	66
MEDIUM	0.2	73	73
SML	0.2	52	75
HAKE LGE 1/	0.0	62	99
MED	0.0	52	52
MED DRESSED BLUEFISH	0.5	31	31
OCN PRCH	0.0	83	83
YELLOWTAIL LGE	2.4	197	201
SM	0.8	163	163
DABS LGE	0.1	185	185
MED	0.7	151	173
SML	3.2	151	159
LEMONSOLE GEO	1.0	234	241
LGE GEO BB MIXED	5.9	289	299
MIXED GEO BB	5.5	289	298
PEEWEE	0.3	249	249
LGE SHOAL FLDR	0.1	184	184
SML	0.0	245	245
PEEWEE	0.0	112	112
GREYSOLE MED	0.1	367	367
SML	1.7	188	201
MONKTAIL LGE	0.8	464	469
SML	1.0	338	357
SKATE WINGS	10.0	87	105

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### FOR SALE

1-R. CT. Christmas Tree Growers, CT. Sheep Breeders and CT. Bee-keepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency--Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com.. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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3-R. CT Grown Mesh Bags - Department of Agriculture has CT Grown Mesh Bags for sale. They are being sold by the case (40 per case) for \$156.16. For more information or to order, please call (860)713-2503.

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.

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

99-R. Battery powered price computing scales with state compliance, battery powered cash registers, livestock truck scales. 1-800-403-5919.

116-R. Hay for sale – off meadow in Lebanon. Round bales \$45. For more information call 860-886-0716.

136-R. Hay: 1st cutting hay for sale, \$4.50 per bale. Mulch hay \$2.50 per bale. Phone: 860-642-6856.

138-R. Hay 4x4 round bales and small square bales. Call for more information at 203-484-0664.

140-R. Lambs, 4 mos - \$125. Hay round bales 4x5, \$50. p.u. Guinea hen keets \$4. 1,500 gal. insulated stainless tank \$1,500. or B.O. Call for more information at 860-537-1974.

148-R. 1941 Farmall H, refurbished, runs good, new rubber - \$2,500. Call 203-206-1344 or after 6:00 pm call 860-274-8159.

149-R. Round bales 40"x54" approximately 600 lbs. Real nice mix of Timothy and Orchard grass. Call Steve 860-729-6408 in East Windsor.

152-R. Corn silage for sale – 100-200 tons. North Branford. Call Bob Page 203-484-0664.

155-R. Registered polled Hereford bred cow-calf combinations, feeder steers and heifers, 3 year old registered Hereford bull with low birth weight and high intramuscular fat. Grand View Farm 860-485-5720. lucasleslie40@hotmail.com.

159-R. Registered Hereford Bull and Cow/Calf Pairs for sale. Excellent blood lines www.doublehacres.net or call Herb at 860-250-3311.

160-R. New Holland Super 717 Corn Chopper 1-row. New Holland Super 717 with grass head. Alis Chamlers table ensilage blower PTO driven. New Holland #56 hay rake. 1989 Ford 8000 diesel engine has less than 30K miles with 18ft Dion self-unloading box. Papec 14' unloading wagon. Crop sprayer. 18" thickness planer. 12" Jointer. Power hacksaw. Richardton 1200 dump wagon with 6" riser dumps 10'-3". 5ft dia x 7ft long rotary manure spreader. 10ft Culti packer. Bale collector 7x10. 20ft feeder with rubber roof. 40ft hay elevator on wheels. 24ft hay elevator. 30ft hay elevator. 2-row JD corn planter. Call evening before 9:00 – 860-635-1379.

161. Farmall Cub 1950 with cultivators. Rebuilt generator and carb. New wiring harness, battery cables and tune-up \$2,100. H/M rims \$40 each. Call 860-828-6460.

### WANTED

162-R. Farm Land - Looking for 1-2 acres of tillable land to rent/lease in the Windsor area where I can grow chemical free vegetables and develop my small CSA business. Contact: Kim 860-688-6020.

154-R. Ford Tractor Wanted – 1953 NAA and up or 600 or 700 Series. Please call Bill at 860-653-0491.

### 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.

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### WE'VE GOT IT MADE IN CONNECTICUT! THE 3RD ANNUAL MADE IN CONNECTICUT FAIR

Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

At The Colonial Tavern grounds  
24 Hawley Road, Oxford, CT 06478

Hosted by the Oxford Democratic Town Committee

Dear New and Returning Vendors:

We would like to invite you to participate in the third annual "Made in Connecticut" Fair on Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Fair is rain or shine. We think that Connecticut has a lot to be proud of, especially our own CT made specialty foods, artisan crafts, local artwork, and CT Farms! Come be a part of our continued success!

We were really "put to the test" last year, when the day began with rain, but people came out, and bought! All the vendors we spoke to had a great day! Hey, we're New Englanders. When is a little rain going to stop us? Some of our vendors set up on the covered porch area, and many used their tents. And then the sun came out! The live music and great food made the day very special indeed.

The town of Oxford is centrally located and very near Routes 8 and I-84. We plan on heavily publicizing the event with local newspaper coverage that reaches over 13 towns and two counties.. We will also have listings in the Waterbury, New Haven, Bridgeport, and Danbury newspapers. Sign postings around Oxford and adjoining towns will begin in early September featuring our "We've got it Made in Connecticut" slogan. We will also include a sign in your "packet" that you may hang in your town. Feel free to make copies to distribute or email!

For more information contact: Jane Maher, Event Chairperson via cell phone at 203-231-5109 or at snootyfood2@att.net.

Sincerely,

The Fundraising Committee, ODTIC, Oxford, CT 06478

### 2ND ANNUAL WHITE SILO FARM & WINERY RASPBERRY FESTIVAL

On September 19th and 20th the White Silo Farm & Winery is hosting its 2nd annual Raspberry Festival from 12-5 PM. Desserts and small food plates will be prepared with fresh raspberries grown on the farm. Free farm museum, winery and field tours will be held throughout the day. This is a family oriented event. Admission to the event is free.

For more information, contact Eric Gorman, White Silo Farm & Winery, 32 Rt 37 East, Sherman, CT 06784, Tel: 860-355-0271, Cell: 917-699-7355, eric@whitesilowinery.com, http://www.whitesilowinery.com

### TEACHERS HONORED FROM PAGE 1

The 2010 AITC National Conference will be hosted by the Eastern Region. It will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, June 24-26, 2010 at the Marriott Renaissance, Harborplace Hotel. Information can be found at www.agclassroom.org/conference.

The Foundation received 58 applications from 18 states for mini-grants of up to \$500 to fund local agriculture education projects that will increase agricultural literacy. The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture awarded 23 grants to cover a wide range of initiatives in 2009. Jennifer Elman, a first year educator at Glastonbury High School (Hartford County) was a recipient of a mini-grant to expand the agri-science high school curriculum on bees as well as incorporate K-6th graders by developing a unit on bee keeping. The unit would include a Master Bee Pollinator Kit and relevant books on apiculture. Each county may apply for grants of up to \$500 for classroom education programs for grades K-12 to initiate new programs or expand existing programs to additional grade levels or new subject areas. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.

**ROGERS ORCHARDS HONORED ON ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY**

Rogers Orchards of Southington celebrated its bicentennial last Friday with a special on-farm ceremony that featured a gubernatorial proclamation declaring August 28 "Rogers Orchards Day" in the State of Connecticut. The on-farm ceremony was held at 336 Long Bottom Road, Southington.

"Agriculture is an essential part of our heritage and has provided not only nutritious food, but beauty, open space, and economic benefit for all residents since Connecticut achieved statehood," said Connecticut Agriculture Commissioner F. Philip Prelli. "We are pleased to recognize the Rogers family for its hard work, resourcefulness, commitment and contribution to Southington and the surrounding area for the past two centuries."

Rogers Orchards began when Chauncy Merriman, the great, great, great, great grandfather of current operator John Rogers, purchased a small piece of land on the south end of Shuttle Meadow Lake in 1809, the year Abraham Lincoln was born. Chauncy planted some apple trees that same year, starting a tradition that has continued in Southington for seven generations and is expected to continue for many more to come.

Over the years, the diversity of trees grown on the farm has expanded and now includes 20 varieties of apples and 15 varieties of peaches, along with pears, plums, nectarines and apricots. John Rogers manages the orchard with his son Peter, daughter Martha, and son-in law Greg Parzych, the eight generation to work this land.

Rogers Orchards offers pick-your-own fruit on weekends during the fall, pre-picked fruit at its two retail salesrooms, and wholesale fruit to supermarkets and distributors throughout the region. The Shuttle Meadow Home

Farm location is at 336 Long Bottom Road in Southington, while the satellite Sunnymount Farm is located a few miles away at 2876 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike in Plantsville.

To help ring in its bicentennial, the farm also held a special event at both locations on Sunday, August 30, featuring an orchard walk benefiting Bread for Life, and free apple cider, cider donuts, and live music by bluegrass band Last Fair Deal.

For more information about Rogers Orchards, visit [www.rogersorchards.com](http://www.rogersorchards.com) or call 203-879-1206.



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