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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

CONNECTICUT TO HOST MEETING OF NORTHEAST STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE

Hartford, CT – Last weekend commissioners and officials from departments of agriculture throughout the Northeast convened in Connecticut to discuss agricultural issues specific to the region. The conference ran Sunday, June 8 through Tuesday, June 10 and was conducted at the Spa at Norwich Inn in Norwich. It is the first time in a decade that Connecticut has hosted the annual event.

“We were honored to welcome our peers from around the region,” said F. Philip Prelli, Connecticut Commissioner of Agriculture. “This is a terrific opportunity for agricultural leaders to exchange ideas about challenges and concerns that we share here in the Northeast, such as skyrocketing energy and production costs.”

Participants were scheduled to arrive on Sunday. The conference kicked off Monday morning with a welcome by Commissioner Prelli and USDA Deputy Under Secretary J. Burton Eller, Jr., followed by several breakout sessions. A special session focused on the new federal Farm Bill and its impact on the region. Roger Johnson, North Dakota Commissioner of Agriculture and President of NASDA (National Association of State Departments of Agriculture) led that discussion.

Monday afternoon and Tuesday, attendees toured three of Connecticut’s agricultural icons: Westford Hill Distillers in Ashford, the state’s only distillers of CT fruit spirits; Monsanto, Inc. a worldwide agri-biotechnology firm with a facility in Mystic; and the Stonington commercial fishing docks, home of the state’s last remaining commercial fishing and lobstering fleet.

Throughout the conference, participants enjoyed The Local Flavor with scrumptious meals comprised of CT Grown ingredients. The Norwich Spa’s Executive Chef Daniel Chong-Jimenez—an avid member of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture’s Farm-to-Chef Program—used Ekonk Hill Turkey from Sterling, pork from Footsteps Farm in Stonington, sea scallops from Stonington Seafood Harvesters, The Farmers’ Cow Fresh Connecticut Milk, Connecticut eggs, and cider from Holmberg Orchards in Gales Ferry in his gourmet culinary creations. A selection of fine Connecticut wines were served with dinner.

Additional conference information and a complete agenda are available online at <http://www.nasda.org/neasda2008/>.

2008 ORGANIC FARM TOUR, SPONSORED BY CT NOFA

Fairfield County, CT, Sunday, June 22, 2008, 10am to 4pm

This year the farm tour visits three very different member farms along a 6 mile drive in western Fairfield County. The farms visits will include:

Holbrook Farm in Bethel is an intensive vegetable and egg farm run by John and Lynn Holbrook. The farm primarily supplies their farm store and bakery. John and his family have deep roots in farming and long connections to organic farming. John tries to get 5 different crops from each of his raised beds.

New Pond Farm is a broad based, non-profit, environmental education center on 102 acres in Redding. It provides opportunities to learn about and appreciate natural science, Native American heritage, farming traditions, astronomy and the arts. The farm includes a dairy, Romney sheep and a Community Supported Agriculture program. It was named the Connecticut Dairy Farm of Distinction in 2007. Its eight milking cows produce 250 gallons of milk a week that is sold as milk, cheese and yogurt in the farm store. New Pond Farm’s educational programs reach 8,000 children each year in school programs, farm visits and summer camps for children from Bridgeport, Danbury and Norwalk.

The Hickories in Ridgefield is run by Dina Brewster. She spent part of her youth on this farm that her grandparents bought. It was operated by a conventional farmer until he died suddenly two years ago. At the time, Dina was teaching high school English in the Bronx and had been featured in The Times for her horticultural work with students. For several years, she had been trying to convert the farm and the farmer to organic practices. With the farmer’s sudden death, Dina decided to leave teaching to run the farm. Dina became accredited as a NOFA Accredited Organic Land Care Professional this year and will apply those principles to her farm. Besides vegetables for a stand, a CSA and wholesale, the farm produces eggs, maple syrup, pick your own fruits and pork.

Rob Kelly and Dina Brewster of The Hickories in Ridgefield, CT

A delicious local, organic lunch will be served. Participants will drive themselves between farms. Carpooling is encouraged. Bring a cooler to take advantage of this opportunity to buy delicious local products.

Fee (includes lunch): \$45 for 1 or \$80 for 2 CT NOFA members, \$55 for 1 or \$100 for 2 for non-members. Join NOFA and take the member discount!

For more information, call the CT NOFA office at 203-888-5146.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.

June 9, 2008

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

EXTRA LARGE	110-114
LARGE	109-113
MEDIUM	94-96

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, June 9, 2008

Live animals brought the following average
prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	30.00	36.00
61-75 lbs.	52.00	56.00
76-90 lbs.	68.00	75.00
91-105 lbs.	70.00	80.00
106 lbs. & up	83.00	90.00
Farm Calves	96.00	110.00
Started Calves	35.00	38.00
Veal Calves	50.00	75.00
Open Heifers	59.00	86.00
Beef Heifers	65.00	70.50
Feeder Steers	73.00	90.00
Stock Bulls	85.00	100.00
Beef Bulls	58.00	71.00
Replacement Heifers	1150.00	1200.00
Feeder Pigs each	12@	52.50
Sheep each	92.00	125.00
Lambs each	95.00	150.00
Goats each	80.00	200.00
Kid Goats each	32.50	60.00
Canners	51.25	49.50
Cutters	54.00	59.50
Utility Grade Cows	61.50	64.00
Rabbits each	6.00	27.00
Chickens each	2.00	24.00
Ducks each	4.00	21.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MONDAY, June 9, 2008

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Boners	80-85% lean	58.25-61.00	55.00-57.00
Lean	85-90% lean	53.00-58.00	49.50-53.25

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2

1050-2195 lbs	65.50-72.00
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SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN:

Choice and Prime 1-2

40-50 lbs	114.00-125.00
50-60 lbs	120.00-136.00
60-70 lbs	112.00-130.00
70-80 lbs	108.00-130.00
80-90 lbs	92.00-136.00
90-110 lbs	110.00-134.00
110-130 lbs	110.00-134.00
130-150 lbs	112.00-130.00

SLAUGHTER EWES Good and Choice 1-3

120-160 lbs	60.00
160-200 lbs	22.00
160-200 lbs	20.00
200-300 lbs	30.00

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5lb	9.00	10.00
APPLE CIDER, 4/1 Gallon	13.00	13.00
APPLES, Red Delicious US fcy 12-3lb	19.00	20.00
BEAN SPROUTS, cartons 12 12oz pkgs	8.00	9.00
CHIVES, 1-lb bags, 12ct NE	7.00	8.00
POTATOES, Rnd White 10lb bag	1.50	1.50
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb CT Grown	22.00	24.00
TOMATOES, Cherry 2.5 kg cartons	18.00	18.00

SHIPPED IN

APRICOTS, 24lb cartons loose CA	28.00	30.00
ASPARAGUS, Green 28lb bunched	48.00	48.00
BABY BOK CHOY, 30lb CA	30.00	30.00
BEANS, Green bu machine GA	16.00	16.00
BEETS, Crate/bunched NJ	11.00	15.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1 pt med-lg NC	24.00	28.00
CABBAGE, Green med NJ	10.00	13.00
CANTALOUPEs, 1/2 cartons, 9s CA	16.00	18.00
CARROTS, 48lb bag CA	14.00	16.00
CHERRY, Bing, 16lb bagged CA	56.00	58.00
CORN, 4 dz GA	12.00	14.00
CUCUMBERS, 1 1/9bu NJ	23.00	25.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu med GA	12.00	14.00
GARLIC, Elephant 10lb lge CA	30.00	33.00
GREENS, KALE 24s CA	22.00	24.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24ct CA	14.00	18.00
LETTUCE, Boston 24ct NJ	10.00	14.00
LETTUCE, Romaine, 24ct NJ	10.00	12.00
MUSHROOMS, 10lb med PA	12.75	14.50
NECTARINES, 56ct CA	24.00	28.00
ONION, Yellow jbo, 50lb sacks CA	16.00	18.00
PEACHES, 1/2 bu, 2-3/4 min SC	29.00	30.00
PEAS, English bu NJ	22.00	22.00
PEPPERS, Green Bell 1-1/9 bu xlge GA	15.00	18.00
SPINACH, crate 24's NJ	13.00	13.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu med GA	10.00	10.00
SQUASH, Zucchini 1/2 bu med GA	10.00	12.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

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

Kids:	60-70 lbs	94.00-100.00
	70-80 lbs	94.00-104.00
	80-90 lbs	108.00-116.00
	90-100 lbs	108.00
	100-110 lbs	124.00
Nannies/Does:	50-80 lbs	86.00
	80-130 lbs	78.00-84.00
Bucks/Billies:	100-150 lbs	150.00
	150-250 lbs	170.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

FOR Mon June 9, 2008 Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	51.00-54.00
	270-300 lbs	50.00-54.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	48.00-52.75
	270-300 lbs	47.00-48.50
40-45	220-270 lbs	44.50-48.00
	270-300 lbs	44.00-46.50
	300-395 lbs	36.00-40.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	24.00-26.00
	500-700 lbs	29.00-32.50

METROPOLITAN AREA U.S.D.A.

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS

TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen,

Grade A eggs on:

June 9, 2008

EXTRA LARGE	118-122
LARGE	116-120
MEDIUM	101-105

Above quotations based on
CARTON sales to retailers.

NEW BEDFORD

WHALING CITY SEAFOOD

DISPLAY AUCTION

SEA SCALLOPS LANDINGS &
PRICES IN 1,000 LBS

DATE 6/9/08

SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS

LBS	MIN	HIGH
U/10 CHANNEL	0.1	755 755
20/30	0.4	690 740
U/12 GEORGES	0.1	705 705
10/20	0.5	665 665
U/12 MID ATL	1.2	775 775
10/20	8.7	665 730
20/30	12.6	680 715

NEW BEDFORD

WHALING CITY SEAFOOD

DISPLAY AUCTION

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

DATE 6/9/08

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
HADDOCK	0.7	276 276	
HADD SCRD	30.8	87 132	
JIG MKTCOD	0.8	141 141	
GILLNET WHALE COD	0.1	256 256	

GILLNET LGE COD	5.6	206 210
MKT	8.1	128 132
SCRD	0.4	125 125
COD LGE	0.3	208 211
MKT	18.7	130 154
SCRD	3.6	124 127
MIXED COD	0.4	100 100
POLLOCK 1/	0.0	90 90
POLL MED	0.1	90 90
WOLF	0.2	43 43
HAKE LGE	0.0	146 146
FLUKE JUMBO	0.1	112 112
SELECT	0.1	237 237
MEDIM	0.0	62 62
DABS LGE	0.2	112 127
MED	0.6	78 81
SML	1.9	37 73
SAND DABS	0.4	20 20
GREYSOLE LGE	0.0	312 402
MED	0.3	187 217
SML	1.4	120 132
LEMONSOLE	0.7	108 117
LGE GEO BLACKBACKS	9.1	105 116
MIXED GEORGES BB	2.1	123 139

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129. Seppi M 6-foot cut rotary mower. Has hydraulic side shift that allows you to off-set the mower from the driver's seat. Fair to good condition. Have spare blades. \$600 OBO. (203) 878-7815 or (203) 516-1693.

130. Sickle bar mower attachment for Farmall Cub; 4-foot cut, excellent condition \$400 OBO. IH Model 5100 Grain Drill, 24-row, 6 inches apart., excellent condition. \$3,650. Serious inquiries only. (203) 878-7815 or (203) 516-1693.

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AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTED ON POSITIVELY CONNECTICUT™ WITH DIANE SMITH

Monday, June 16 at 9 p.m. Only on CPTV
(Repeats on Sunday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m.
and Saturday, June 28 at 10:30 p.m.)

It's a sizzling summer episode of Positively Connecticut™, as Emmy Award-winning host Diane Smith helps transform summertime menus with farm fresh foods; showcases hiking trails that are among the state's best kept secrets; and highlights a milestone for the man behind the many musicals at Goodspeed. These stories and more are featured in the new episode of Positively Connecticut™ airing on Monday, June 16 at 9 p.m. on CPTV.

Segments and towns highlighted in the June episode include:

- To Market to Market (Hartford, Mystic, Westport) – For fresh food, look no further than a local farmers' market. Enjoying a surge in popularity, there are now more than 100 statewide. Diane criss-crosses Connecticut, searching out some of the freshest food for sale, including fruit, veggies, cheese and desserts. Find out how everyone wins with farmers' markets, including farmers, shoppers and even the chefs at local restaurants.

- Udder Genius (Easton, East Canaan, Wethersfield) – Three of the state's oldest agricultural institutions: Hart Seed Co. in Wethersfield, Gilbertie's Herb Gardens in Easton and Freund Family Farm in East Canaan are teaming up to go green! These days, more than 250 head of cattle call the Freund Farm home. And with a lot of cows comes a lot of manure! It is a dirty job, but somebody's got to find an eco-friendly way to get rid of it. So, the agriculturalists created Cowpots. See why they're good for the environment and for garden plants too.

- Other features of the show include segments on hiking, an Airstream trailer rally, a "one in a million" Cadet from the United States Coast Guard Academy, the Goodspeed Opera House, and an international canine competition.

Positively Connecticut™ searches out the inspiring, warm, funny and sometimes downright strange stories that give Connecticut its character. Funding for Positively Connecticut™ comes from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, People's United Bank, Comcast and The Hospital of Central Connecticut.

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FARMERS REMINDED TO REPORT CROP ACREAGE

Dawn Pindell, at the USDA Farm Service Agency in Windham County, would like to remind farmers that acreage reporting at their local county office helps keep or establish base information about their farms for current and future farm programs. "We encourage all farmers to stop in and review programs with our office," says Dawn. "We also can provide farm owners with acreage aerial photos and help them determine field sizes and acres of crops planted. Acreage reports will be accepted through July 15th."

Producers should report crop losses through the growing season, within 15 days of damage due to a natural disaster or 15 days from the date damage is apparent. Federal Crop Insurance (FCIC) and Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) require timely reporting for benefit eligibility.

You can contact the FSA office at 860-774-8397 x 1 for an appointment, to discuss USDA programs, farm and youth loans, or to be added to the "Words of Windham" newsletter mailing list.

EASTERN REGION MILK REVIEW

MADISON, WI. June 4, 2008 - Unseasonably milder weather in much of the East in recent weeks has now yielded to more normal, warmer weather. This has resulted in milk production now beginning to ease off peak levels in much of the Eastern region. Moving South within the region, butterfat content is also beginning to drop. NORTH-EAST milk production remains at or near the high point of production, continuing levels of recent weeks. Processors believe that milk will begin to gradually move off peak as we move further into June. Plants are busy, but able to accommodate production. Plants in the region expect to remain busy for the next two weeks, even with possible

slight seasonal reductions in production, due to scheduled balancing plant down time for maintenance. One plant will be closed for three days next week and another for six days the following week.

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

APPLES, Red Delicious 80s WA exfcy	65.00	65.00
BEETS, 25lb CA	34.00	34.00
BLACKBERRIES, med 12 – 1/2pt MX	43.00	43.00
BROCCOLI, Organic, 14ct CA	32.00	32.00
CANTALOUPS, 12s CA	35.00	35.00
CARROTS, 48-1lb med-lg CA	40.00	40.00
CARROTS, Baby Peeled 24 1-lb bags CA	31.00	31.00
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9bu MX	33.00	33.00
GRAPES, Perlette 18/1-lb bags CA	31.00	32.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 7/10 bu CA	52.00	52.00
GREENS, Kale 12s CA	31.00	31.00
HONEYDEWS, 6s MX	24.50	28.00
LEMONS, 115ct CA	91.00	91.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf, 24ct CA	28.00	28.00
LETTUCE, Romaine hearts 12 18oz pkgs CA	28.00	28.00
MESCULIN MIX, 3lb CA	7.50	7.50
MUSHROOMS, White 10lb lge PA	19.00	24.00
ONIONS, Yellow 50lb jbo CA	32.00	32.00
ORANGES, Valencia 72s CA	30.00	30.00
PARSLEY, Curly 30s CA	45.00	45.00
RASPBERRIES, lge 12 – 1/2pt CA	33.00	33.00
SPINACH, baby, 4lb CA	14.00	17.00
SWEET POTATOES, Beauregard 40lb CA	30.00	30.00



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