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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### 2008 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

by Melanie Attwater-Young, Legislative Liaison

The 2008 legislative session adjourned, as scheduled, on May 7th. In addition a special session was held on June 11th. In this session, legislators approved legislation on ethics reform and an extension of the real estate conveyance tax. For the first time since 1993, when the State of Connecticut changed from an annual budget to a biennial budget, no changes were made to the current budget. For the purposes of review, the following is a summary of the current budget and bond public acts that are in force:

**Public Act 07-1 – An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30th, 2009** – The biennial budget for the Department of Agriculture for the period beginning July 1st, 2007 and ending June 30th, 2009 remained essentially the same as the budget the Governor proposed in February with the exception of the following changes: increase in the form of additional dollars in '07-'08 and '08-'09 of \$400,000 each fiscal year for the Senior Farmers' Market coupon program, these monies are in addition to the existing \$110,000 for each fiscal year; in '07-'08 and '08-'09, an increase of \$47,500 for the Connecticut Seafood Council; in '07-'08 and '08-'09, an increase of \$25,000 for the Food Council; in '07-'08 and '08-'09, an increase of \$47,500 for the Connecticut Wine Council; and in Section 21, for fiscal year ending June 30th, 2007, \$4 million for assistance to dairy farmers. There is additional money for invasive species control for the Department of Environmental Protection totaling \$1 million and, in the Department of Education's budget, an increase of \$650 in the state's contribution per high school student attending vocational agriculture school (from existing \$700 per student to \$1,350). (Effective upon passage).

**Public Act 07-7 - An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements and for Transportation Infrastructure Improvements and Concerning the Connecticut State University Infrastructure Act** – Sections 13 and 32 authorize for the Department of Agriculture for fiscal years '08 and '09 as follows, for farmland preservation \$5 million for '08 and \$5 million for '09; for the Farm Reinvestment Program \$500,000 for '08 and \$500,000 for '09; grants-in-aid to farmers for environmental compliance \$2 million for '08 and \$2.5 million for '09; and for Biofuel Crops Program grants-in-aid to farmers, agricultural nonprofit organizations and agricultural cooperatives for the cultivation and production of crops used to generate bio-fuels '08 \$2 million and for '09 \$2.5 million. Totals for the fiscal year of '08-'09 are \$8.5 million and fiscal year '09-'10, \$10 million. (Section 13, effective upon passage; Section 32, July 1, 2008)

The following Public and Special Acts, passed in the 2008 legislative session, are pertinent to the agricultural community or to subject matter under the purview of the Department of Agriculture (DOAG). For

the specific language for each Act you may use the Connecticut General Assembly website as a resource at <http://www.cga.ct.gov> or call Melanie Attwater-Young, Legislative Liaison, Department of Agriculture at (860) 713-2509 for assistance.

**Public Act 08-13 – An Act Concerning Minor Revisions to Department of Agriculture Statutes** – The Act makes changes to the dollar amount on farmers' market WIC coupons to reflect currently issued denominations, modifies requirements for the position of the State Veterinarian, modifies language that describes potential applicants for the Agricultural Viability Grants, clarifies farm products for the purposes of advertising as Connecticut-Grown and makes a technical correction by repealing a statute concerning commercial and customer formula feeds. (Effective upon passage)

**Public Act 08-27 - An Act Concerning Livestock Dealers** - Current law requires only persons engaged in business of the sale of cattle or swine to hold a license. The Act expands the license requirement to include persons who are involved in the keeping, feeding, growing, raising or breeding of livestock for the purposes of domestic or commercial use. Livestock, under the Act, now includes all hoofed animals (horses, goats, sheep, pigs and cattle) and "camelids", such as llamas and alpacas.

The Act exempts the following activities from the livestock dealer license requirement: 1) livestock producers who are permanently dispersing their livestock and going out of business; 2) sale of animals raised on and sold from premises; 3) the purchase of breeding stock for the improvement of a livestock producers own herd or flock; 4) any farmer who buys or receives livestock held for grazing and feeding which are sold or disposed of within a 60 day or less period (feeder-type animals); 5) businesses specifically in the business of trucking animals; 6) butchers, packers or processors who are receiving animal for slaughter; and 7) any person who does not buy, receive, sell, exchange, solicit or negotiate the sale, resale, exchange or shipment of livestock in the aggregate of more than ten head in any one license year. The Act will improve the Department's ability to prevent, control and contain outbreaks

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

July 7, 2008

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

EXTRA LARGE	115-119
LARGE	113-117
MEDIUM	88-90

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, July 7, 2008

Live animals brought the following average  
prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High	
45-60 lbs.		23.00	28.00
61-75 lbs.		32.00	50.00
76-90 lbs.		53.00	55.00
91-105 lbs.		56.00	60.00
106 lbs. & up		63.00	65.00
Farm Calves		50.00	75.00
Started Calves		34.00	42.00
Veal Calves		70.00	135.00
Open Heifers		50.00	85.00
Beef Heifers		55.25	78.00
Feeder Steers		87.00	95.00
Beef Steers		66.00	92.00
Stock Bulls		50.00	170.00
Beef Bulls		69.50	72.50
Replacement Cows	1 @	1300.00	
Sheep each		45.00	55.00
Lambs each		47.50	107.50
Goats each		50.00	92.50
Kid Goats each		5.00	35.00
Canners	Up to	49.50	
Cutters		50.00	55.00
Utility Grade Cows		56.00	64.00
Rabbits each		5.00	17.00
Chickens each		4.00	15.00
Ducks each		6.00	10.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

MONDAY, July 7, 2008

Bulk/High/Low Dressing

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breakers	75-80% lean		
		62.00-66.00	66.00-67.00 60.00-62.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
		59.00-62.00	62.00-63.50 55.00-59.00
Lean	85-90% lean		
		55.00-59.00	59.00-61.50 51.00-55.00

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2

1050-1740 lbs	71.00-73.50
high dressing	78.00-81.00
low dressing	65.00-69.50

Bullocks: 850-1350 lbs 73.00-78.00

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS WOOLED & SHORN:**

Choice and Prime 2-3

50-60 lbs	136.00-142.00
60-70 lbs	138.00-152.00
70-80 lbs	128.00-148.00
fancy 70-80 lbs	140.00-156.00
80-90 lbs	132.00-150.00
90-110 lbs	132.00-148.00
110-130 lbs	130.00-148.00
130-150 lbs	126.00-130.00

**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 xfcy 125ct	29.00	29.00
BEAN SPROUTS, cartons 12 12oz pkgs	8.00	9.00
BEANS, Green bu machine CT	40.00	45.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12/1pt pulp CT	24.00	26.00
CHERRIES, Bing 20lb loose	45.00	45.00
CHERRIES, Tart 20lb CT	48.00	48.00
CHIVES, 1-lb bags, 12ct	7.00	8.00
CORN, 5 dz CT 16.00	18.00	
CUCUMBERS, 1-1/9 bu CT	18.00	18.00
CUCUMBERS, Pickles 1/2 bu	12.00	12.00
PEACHES, 1/2 bu 2-1/2 min	26.00	26.00
PEAS, English bu CT	35.00	35.00
PEAS, Snow 10lb CT	20.00	20.00
PEAS, Snap 10lb CT	24.00	24.00
POTATOES, Rnd White 10-5lb bags	10.00	10.00
SQUASH, Gray 1/2 bu med CT	16.00	20.00
SQUASH, Yellow 1/2 bu med CT	10.00	10.00
SQUASH, Zucchini 1/2 bu sm-med CT	8.00	10.00
TOMATOES, 15lb greenhouse 18's	25.00	26.00

**SHIPPED IN**

APRICOTS, 24lb cartons loose CA	23.00	28.00
BASIL 2lb NJ 6.00	8.00	
BEETS, Crate/bunched NJ	10.00	12.00
BOK CHOY, 50lb NJ	12.00	12.00
CABBAGE, Chinese 50lb Nappa NJ	22.00	22.00
CABBAGE, Green med DEL	13.00	16.00
EGGPLANT, 1-1/9bu med GA	16.00	16.00
LEEKs, 12's NJ 20.00	20.00	
LETTUCE, Boston 24ct NJ	10.00	12.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf 24ct NY	10.00	10.00
LETTUCE, Romaine, 24ct CAN	10.00	13.00
NECTARINES, 56ct CA	20.00	23.00
PEPPERS, Green Bell 1-1/9 bu xlge NJ	34.00	34.00
SPINACH, crate 24's NJ	14.00	15.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

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

Slaughter Kids: 50-60 lbs 42.00-70.00

60-70 lbs	84.00-96.00
70-80 lbs	78.00-96.00
80-90 lbs	80.00-96.00
90-100 lbs	88.00

Yearlings:

70-80 lbs	80.00
80-90 lbs	88.00
90-100 lbs	72.00-102.00

Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 68.00-84.00

Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs 120.00-150.00  
150-250 lbs 150.00-170.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION**

FOR Mon July 7, 2008 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	52.00-54.75
45-49	220-270 lbs	49.00-52.50
40-45	220-270 lbs	47.00-49.00
	270-300 lbs	45.00-46.50
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	13.00-16.00
	500-700 lbs	16.00-18.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	10.00

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

**NEW YORK PRICES**

**WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,  
Grade A eggs on:

July 7, 2008

EXTRA LARGE	122-126
LARGE	120-124
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 7/7/08

SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS

LBS MIN HIGH

20/30 CHANNEL	16.0	725	730
U/10 NLCA	22.8	705	725
20/30 MID ATL	3.6	705	715

**NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION**

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

DATE 7/7/08

SPECIES LBS MIN HIGH

HADDOCK	1.8	188	229
HADD SCR D	42.6	32	212
GILLNET LGE COD 1/			

	0.0	207	207
MKT	0.2	195	195
COD LGE	1.0	187	187
MKT	21.0	137	227
SCR D	3.1	130	187

POLLOCK	0.0	83	83
POLL MED	0.2	76	77
WOLF	0.3	37	115
HAKE LGE	0.0	122	122
MED	0.0	142	142
BLUEFISH DRESSED	0.0	93	93
DABS LGE	0.2	212	212
MED	0.2	181	181
SML	1.6	87	146
GREYSOLE LGE	0.0	312	312
MED	0.2	312	362
SML	2.5	32	238
LEMONSOLE	0.2	180	180
LGE GEO BLACKBACKS	4.6	192	242
MIXED GEORGES BB	4.7	187	199
BLACKBACKS CHAN LGE	1.8	266	297
SML	13.0	224	233
PEEWEE	1.4	173	197
YELLOWTAIL LGE	3.5	190	207
SML	1.0	175	218
MONKTAIL LGE	1.1	162	312
SML	1.2	212	293
SKATE WINGS	20.7	46	57
SML	0.0	17	17
FLUKE JUMBO	0.3	162	267

## 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. Also hay for sale - \$5.00 per bale. Call Polinsky Farm at (860) 376-2227.

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

115-R. Spare parts for Grimm hay tedders for sale. Call for information at (860) 684-3458 Sylvan Tetrault.

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

144-R. Property for sale/Business opportunity: Retail garden center on CT shoreline. Includes greenhouses, 3 story barn, restored 19th century farmhouse w/inlaw suite. 1.62 acre corner lot at busy intersection 1 mile from I-95 with >300ft of waterfront on state-owned lake. Turn key operation. Owners seeking retirement. Priced to move @ \$850,000 firm. No agents. (860) 984-3196.

145-R. Tomato, pepper, eggplant, hardwood stakes, horse fence boards, rough lumber. Staehly Products (860) 873-9774.

147-R. Registered Hereford cow-calf pairs, bred heifers for sale. \$1500 to \$2000 per lot. National Champion bull on farm. Must see! Call (860) 693-2052 for information.

149-R. Pigmy goats for sale, two months old. Neutered males. Call for price. (860) 537-6487.

152-R. Round 4x4 hay bales, dry and silage grass or alfalfa. All plastic wrapped. (860) 884-2889.

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

155-R. Hyster fork lift - 3 wheeler - easy to maneuver - pneumatic tires - used on daily basis until we got a bigger one (for orchard) - \$1,200. (203) 929-9008.

157-R. Hardi-Comby sprayer for sale - 160 gallon, three point hitch. Call (860) 653-3837.

159-R. Boer goats and Scottish blade-face sheep, miscellaneous sizes. Case Vac tractor - \$1,000. Sitrex ST520 tedder, 17' - \$1,500. JD 360, 6 bottom plow, 14' - \$1,200. JD 315 transport harrow with buster bar - \$2,000. INT 350 transport harrow, 12', \$1,500. Heil steel dump trailer, 22' with hyd. canvas - \$4,000. 1987 CAT D4H dozer with cab 2,000 hours - \$30,000. (860) 537-1974.

160. Small meat goat herd for sale. 80% Boer buck, two does and one doe kid. Buck and does proven. \$400 all. (860) 742-5717.

161-R. Feed hay that has been rained on. Mulch hay. \$3.00 per bale. Lebanon (860) 642-6856.

162. 30 acres standing hay. Yields approximately 1,650 bales. Asking \$650. Call (203) 237-8085.

163-R. JD 5420 1900 hrs, 2 wheel drive - \$15,500. JD 6200 2 wheel drive - \$15,500. Massey 375 new motor - \$6,500. JD 4520 - \$8,000. NH 311 baler with thrower - \$6,500. NH 565 311 with chute and hitch. PTO generators. New and used kicker wagons. JD & IH front and rear weights. New 4 star tedder. Pequea 11ft rotary rake. 2 JD 730 diesels. 2 Fiberdome, 3-ton grain bins. IH 7ft dynabanced 3pt mower. Cub 184 with mower - \$3,000. NH 100 bushel pto manure spreader. NH tandem axel manure spreader. Case IH 5420 round baler - \$4,500. Farmall 300. Hillsboro 28' gooseneck trailer. For more information call (203) 530-4953.

165-R. Finished beef for sale - purchase by hanging weight at local slaughter house. (203) 530-4953.

166. Two Rubbermaid stock tanks, 100 gallon and 150 gallon with heaters. (860) 742-9911.

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

### 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

158-R. Farmall cub tractor with hydraulic lift. Leave message - ask for Ted. (860) 828-4281.

168-R. Cedar posts for farm fencing. 7 foot minimum. Up to 150 needed. George (860) 918-5442.

### 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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164-R. For Rent: Vegetable stand with cooler on busy Route 22 in North Branford. Lots of produce available within 2 miles. For more info call (203) 530-4953.

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of infectious diseases in all livestock species. More specifically, it will enhance the Department's ability comply with USDA requirements for interstate movement of goats and sheep for the control of scrapie disease. The Department currently requires goats and sheep to have an official i.d. ear tag in order to monitor their movement and any changes in ownership.

The Act also allows for testing for infectious livestock disease to be conducted, at no cost to the livestock dealer, and authorizes the Commissioner to issue quarantine orders. (Effective upon passage)

**Public Act 08-150 - An Act Concerning the Department of Motor Vehicles** - Makes various changes to the motor vehicle statutes. Section 26 of the Act defines a "special mobile agriculture vehicle" as one that has an operator and carries "agriculture support materials". Section 27 enables the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue an annual registration for such vehicles, spells out the restrictions under which such a vehicle may operate, and establishes an annual fee for such registration. Typically these vehicles are those that spread fertilizer and spray pesticides on crops on a contract basis. (Effective upon passage)

**Public Act 08-164 - An Act Concerning Assistance to Dairy Farmers** - Requires the Commissioners of Agriculture and Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, to report by January 1, 2009 to the legislature on actions that may result in lower agricultural fuel, electricity and other costs of production. It also requires the group to report on actions and recommendations that may be taken to increase Connecticut dairy industry revenues. The Act also establishes a "Connecticut Milk Promotion Board" which shall be within the Department of Agriculture. It requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, not later than

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October 1, 2008, to work with the USDA and any other appropriate government agencies to secure certification of the Connecticut Milk Promotion Board. The Board shall develop, coordinate and implement promotional, research and other programs designed to promote Connecticut dairy farms and milk consumption and such Board shall annually report to the legislature. (Effective upon passage)

**Public Act 08-170 - An Act Concerning Various Education Grants and Changes to the Statutes Concerning Magnet Schools, Vocational Agriculture Centers and the Certification of Bilingual Education Teachers** – Makes various changes to education grants and magnet school statutes. Section 7 changes the name of “regional vocational agriculture schools” to “regional agriculture science and technology schools”. The law further requires that school districts offer enrollment in more than one regional agriculture science and technology school. (Effective July 1 2008)

**Public Act 08-172 - An Act Concerning the Allocation of State Forest Timber Sales, Third-Party Certification for Connecticut State Forests and a Sustainable Forests Management Plan** – This Act authorizes, within available resources, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation with others, to study sustainable harvesting of forests in the state and report said study to the Environment Committee by July 1, 2009. The study must be used as a basis for developing a sustainable forest-harvesting plan for the state. The plan must take into account carbon credit opportunities, the potential for maintaining a sustainable supply of biomass fuels, and the region’s agricultural and silvicultural capability for achieving such sustainable supply. There was no new funding allocated for this study. (Effective upon passage)

The 2008 Legislative Summary will be continued next week.

**ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

APPLES, Red Delicious 80ct xfcy WA	64.00	64.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10-lb New England	5.00	6.50
BEETS, 25lb CA	32.00	32.00
BLACKBERRIES, med 12 – 1/2pt CA	42.00	42.00
BLUEBERRIES, 12 1-pint NJ	18.00	21.00
BROCCOLI, Organic, 14ct CA	34.00	34.00
CANTALOUPEs, ½ carton AZ	28.00	28.00
CARROTS, 25lb loose CA	25.00	25.00
CARROTS, Baby Peeled 24 1-lb bags CA	27.00	31.00
GARLIC, 30lb white CHILE	52.00	52.00
GRAPES, Scarlet 18/1-lb bags CA	40.00	40.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 7/10 bu CA	28.00	28.00
HONEYDEW, 2/3 carton 5ct AZ	36.00	36.00
LETTUCE, Red 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 12/3lb bags	32.00	32.00
ORANGES, Valencia 72s CA	41.00	42.00
PEACHES, 25lb loose CA	36.00	36.00
POTATOES, Yellow 10-5lb bags	32.00	32.00
TOMATOES, Grape 12/1pts MX	44.00	44.00



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