



Connecticut Department of Agriculture  
F. Philip Prelli, Commissioner  
Robert R. Pellegrino, Bureau Director



Marketing & Technology Bureau, (860) 713-2503  
Jessey Ina-Lee, Editor  
Wednesday, November 19, 2008

## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### AQUACULTURE UPDATE

submitted by David Carey, Director, Bureau of Aquaculture

**Seed Oyster Harvests:** The Bureau of Aquaculture staff has observed significant seed oyster harvests from the Bridgeport and Norwalk natural beds. The activity has increased as a result of another good oyster set following the heavy set last year.

The Bureau had planted 1000 bushels of mature oysters as spawners on a market spawn bed on the Bridgeport natural bed in June. The work was the result of community service required of several seed oystermen who had infractions last spring. The combination of the concentrated spawners, the seed oyster harvest in the spring and a small amount of shell enhancement has reaped significant results. Additional work will need to be performed on all natural beds in order to continue the increase in seed oyster production.

**A Don't Miss Event for Aquaculture:** The Northeast Aquaculture Conference and Expo (NACE) 2008 will be held December 3-5, at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland, Maine. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the NACE event, and it promises once again to be productive for all attendees.

The program covers all forms of aquaculture in the region, and will draw producers, scientists, regulators, educators and commercial vendors from the northeast United States and eastern Canadian provinces. The event will feature a variety of technical presentations and posters, a trade show, field trips, a banquet and auction. The principal goal of the event is to increase the profitability and diversity of aquaculture businesses in the northeast region. At the same time NACE is an opportunity to network, improve communications between industry, scientists, finance and business services, managers and educators, and help businesses connect with customers.

For full details, including presentation abstracts, conference registration, vendor/sponsor opportunities, and further contact information please visit the event website at [www.northeastaquaculture.org](http://www.northeastaquaculture.org). Inquiries are always welcome. We hope to see you at NACE 2008, the premier event for the entire aquaculture industry in the northeast!

For direct information, contact: Dana Morse, Extension Associate, NACE 2008 Co-Chair Maine Sea Grant College Program and UMaine Cooperative Extension. [dana.morse@maine.edu](mailto:dana.morse@maine.edu) Darling Marine Center, Walpole, ME 04573 USA. (207) 563.3146 x205, Fax (207) 563.3119

### 2009 HARVEST NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

Hartford, CT – Harvest New England has announced that its 2009 Agricultural Marketing and Trade Show will be held February 24 -26 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA.

"This conference is an excellent opportunity for agricultural producers to learn from some of the finest experts in the field about a diverse range of marketing topics," said Robert Pellegrino, President of Harvest New England and Director of Marketing for the CT Department of Agriculture. "Our last conference attracted over 700 producers from all over New England, who provided extremely positive feedback about the event. We have taken their comments and incorporated them into our planning to make this conference even better."

Two pre-conference workshops – to cover farmers' markets and agritourism - will be held on Tuesday, February 24. The main event kicks off Wednesday morning, February 25, with "The Best of New England" session, featuring a panel of the industry's stars from each of the six states. Mel Allen, Editor of Yankee Magazine, will charm attendees on Thursday morning with stories amassed over the years through his work at the popular publication.

Twenty breakout sessions, an optional half day of farm tours, and a trade show that is expected to draw over 100 vendors, will round out the event. Topics to be covered include working with local officials, website development, community-supported agriculture, virtual marketing, cooperatives, energy conservation, and much, much more.

Harvest New England was created in 1992 by the Departments of Agriculture in the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine. The organization's original objective was to encourage the sale of New England produce to and through large supermarkets.

Over the past 16 years, Harvest New England has grown and diversified to meet the changing needs of New England producers and consumers. Although fresh local produce remains a primary focus, Harvest New England also promotes products such as meat; poultry; seafood; dairy; eggs; honey and maple syrup; specialty foods; greenhouse and nursery plants; Christmas trees and greens; and farm-produced fiber and fiber products.

For more information about Harvest New England and the 2009 Agricultural Marketing Conference and Trade Show, please visit the Harvest New England at [www.harvestnewengland.org](http://www.harvestnewengland.org).

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

November 17, 2008

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

EXTRA LARGE	117-120
LARGE	115-119
MEDIUM	100-102

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, November 17, 2008

Live animals brought the following average  
prices per cwt.:

Bob Calves:	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	20.00	26.00
61-75 lbs.	32.00	38.00
76-90 lbs.	45.00	52.00
91-105 lbs.	55.00	60.00
106 lbs. & up	62.50	140.00
Farm Calves	65.00	200.00
Started Calves	24.00	28.00
Veal Calves	70.00	190.00
Open Heifers	50.00	77.50
Beef Heifers	45.50	55.00
Feeder Steers	67.50	90.00
Beef Steers	60.00	70.00
Stock Bulls	60.00	72.50
Beef Bulls	52.00	80.00
Replacement Heifers	2 @	700.00
Feeder Pigs each	22.50	45.00
Sheep each	55.00	130.00
Lambs each	57.00	140.00
Goats each	52.50	185.00
Kid Goats each	37.50	95.00
Canners	Up to	36.50
Cutters	37.50	39.00
Utility Grade Cows	40.00	46.00
Rabbits each	5.00	15.00
Chickens each	6.00	60.00
Ducks each	7.00	19.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

November 17, 2008

SLAUGHTER COWS: High/Low Dressing

Breakers	75-80% lean	
48.00-51.00	51.00-52.00	46.00-48.00
Boners	80-85% lean	
45.00-48.00	48.00-48.75	43.00-45.00
Lean	85-90% lean	
42.00-45.00	45.00-46.50	39.00-42.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2

1050-1500 lbs	62.00-66.00
---------------	-------------

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn

Choice and Prime 2-3	
50- 60 lbs	144.00-158.00
60-70 lbs	140.00-148.00
70-80 lbs	130.00-134.00
80-90 lbs	116.00-132.00
90-110 lbs	102.00-118.00
110-130 lbs	100.00-104.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 1-3

120-160 lbs	48.00-68.00
160-200 lbs	54.00-60.00

SLAUGHTER BUCKS:

150-255 lbs	48.00-65.00
-------------	-------------

**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5lb	9.00	11.00
APPLE CIDER, 9-1/2 gallons	16.00	16.00
APPLE CIDER 4/1 GALLONS	8.00	8.00
APPLES, Cortland 100ct exfcy	22.00	24.00
APPLE, Empire 80ct exfcy	24.00	26.00
APPLES Golden del. 2-1/2 min fancy	16.00	20.00
APPLES, Honey Crisp Totes 8-5lb bags	32.00	32.00
APPLES, Macoun, Fancy bu 2-1/2 min	20.00	20.00
APPLES, Mcintosh 12 - 3lb bags	18.00	18.00
APPLES, Mcintosh 80 ct exfcy	24.00	26.00
BEETS, 25lb organic	26.00	28.00
CABBAGE, Green 50lb	8.00	10.00
CABBAGE, Red Organic 40LB	30.00	30.00
CHIVES, 1lb	8.00	8.00
COLLARD GREENS, bu	10.00	11.00
CORN, Ornamental, 20/3's	28.00	28.00
CRANBERRIES, 24/12oz	32.00	34.00
MUSTARD GREENS, 12-16	12.00	12.00
PARSNIPS, 18/1lb	18.00	19.00
PARSNIPS, 25 lbs	20.00	21.00
PEARS, Bosc 2-1/2" min 4/5bu	24.00	26.00
PEARS, Red D'Anjou 4/5bu	25.00	27.00
POTATOES, Round White 10/5's	13.00	13.50
POTATOES, 10lb	2.45	2.50
POTATOES, Round White, Chef	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu med/	11.00	12.00
SQUASH, Acorn Organic 35lb	29.00	29.00
SQUASH, ButterNUT Organic 35LBS	29.00	29.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu med-	10.00	11.00
SQUASH, Butternut Peeled 12/20oz	14.50	15.50
SQUASH, Delicate Organic 35lb	38.00	38.00
SQUASH, Spaghetti 30LB Organic	31.00	31.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse on vine med 11lb	16.00	16.00
TURNIPS, 25lb	15.00	15.00

**SHIPPED IN**

CARROTS, 50LBS Mi Jbo	9.00	10.00
-----------------------	------	-------

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	88.00-104
50-60 lbs	105.00-118.00
Nannies/Does:50-80 lbs	64.00-78.00
80-130 lbs	78.00-88.00
Bucks/Billies: 50-80 lbs	136.00-140.00
80-100 lbs	158.00-176.00
100-150 lbs	168.00-170.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION**

FOR Mon November 17, 2008

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

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	220-270 lbs	43.00-44.50
	270-300 lbs	41.00-43.00
	300-400 lbs	40.00-43.50
45-49	220-270 lbs	40.00-43.00
	270-300 lbs	39.00-40.00
	300-400 lbs	36.00-38.00
40-45	220-270 lbs	36.00-40.00
	270-300 lbs	35.00-37.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	36.00-40.00
	500-700 lbs	40.00-44.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	10.00

WHITING

0.0 38 38

**NEW BEDFORD - WHALING CITY SEA-**

**FOOD DISPLAY AUCTION**

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN 1,000 LBS &

\$/CWT DATE 11/18/08

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
HADDOCK	0.5	204	204
HADD SCR D	11.8	182	191
COD LGE	0.5	201	210
MKT	3.8	157	202
SCR D	0.9	154	168
POLLOCK	0.1	48	48
POLL MED	6.1	44	48
SCR D	0.3	42	44
WOLF	0.0	37	37
CUSK	0.1	62	92
HAK E LGE	0.8	92	94
MED	1.7	94	100
SML	0.2	82	82
SOW	0.0	229	229
OCN PRCH	1.5	47	83
DABS MED	0.1	171	171
SML	0.2	162	162
GREYSOLE MED	0.1	532	532

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

**NEW YORK PRICES**

**WHITE EGGS**

**TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,

Grade A eggs on:

November 17, 2008

EXTRA LARGE	124-128
LARGE	122-126
MEDIUM	107-111

Above quotations based on  
CARTON sales to retailers.

**BOSTON**

**WHALING CITY SEAFOOD**

**DISPLAY AUCTION**

**FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN**

1,000 LBS & \$/CWT

DATE 11/18/08

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
HADDOCK	0.5	223	223
HADD SCR D	5.8	190	201
GILLNET LGE COD			
	0.1	296	296
MKT	0.5	210	210
COD LGE	0.2	216	216
MKT	0.9	178	193
SCR D	0.2	170	170
MIXED COD	0.1	173	173
POLLOCK	3.3	56	56
POLL MED	2.1	62	64
MIXED	0.4	48	48
BB MIXED CHANNEL 1/			
	0.0	208	208
GREYSOLE MED			
	0.0	621	621
MONKTAIL SML	0.0	292	292
WHOLE LGE MNK			
	0.1	126	126

## 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](mailto:ddonahue01@comcast.net). Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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](mailto:ddonahue01@comcast.net), Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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.

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

213-R. Christmas greens, wreaths, kissing balls, roping, many sizes and varieties. Samples gladly shown. We deliver. (203) 457-1344.

227-R. Connecticut Grown Christmas trees. Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir, Blue Spruce available. Buy fresh cut locally grown trees and save on freight. Dzen Brothers Farm (860) 648-1355.

238-R. 489 Haybine, needs gearbox work - \$500 firm. 4' tow type bush hog - \$500. (860) 496-8595.

241-R. Angus Cattle For Sale, 2 Young Angus Cows; Monroe, CT. Westview Farm. Call Bernie @ 203-261-3668 ext.320

242-R. 1974 International tractor, Series 2050 with a bucket and brush hog for sale. Asking 4,000 or make an offer. Call Joan at 860-243-2671 to set up appt to see.

243. I.H. tractors, 1466 excellent condition - \$1,500. Parting out I.H. 3855 - 2+2. J.D. backhoe, loader 300D 4x4 - \$22,500. Plus other tractors. J.D. walk behind horse drawn plow - \$150. (860) 274-8162.

### USDA TO SURVEY TROUT PRODUCERS IN NEW ENGLAND

Concord, New Hampshire – What was the value of trout raised and sold in New England's major producing states in 2008? How many fish were distributed for conservation and restoration this past year? These are just some of the critical questions the New England Field Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be asking trout producers region wide as part of the annual Trout Production Survey.

"The Trout Survey is conducted by NASS each year at the request of the aquaculture industry," explained Gary Keough, director of the NASS New England Field Office. "This survey is the basis for official USDA estimates of trout sales in the United States in 2008."

"Data from the Trout Production Survey benefits trout producers by providing timely and accurate information to help them make critical business decisions and evaluate the success of the past year," added Keough. During January, 2009, NASS will contact producers in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire by mail or telephone and ask them to provide information on trout raised on their operation in 2008. The information will be compiled and then published in the annual Trout Production summary scheduled for release on February 26, 2009.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Keough.

All reports are available on the NASS web site: [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS New England Field Office at 1-800-642-9571.

244. Same mini-taurus 4wd 60hp needs clutch work. One rear tire. Asking \$2,700. Call (860) 349-1513.

245-R. Purebred Berkshire pigs for sale. Feeder pigs born in August \$85 each, 240 lb delivered to the slaughter house \$230, approximately 85 lb dressed and ready for pig roast \$2.30 per pound. Contact us at [hedy@penfieldfarm.com](mailto:hedy@penfieldfarm.com). Or call (860) 342-5200.

246. Two Jersey crosses, bred back to Jerseys...first calves, due in March. (203) 530-5951.

247. Farm truck for sale: 2004 F-150 pick-up extended cab, 40k miles, excellent condition \$6,990 obo. Call Jonathan in East Granby @ (860) 413-3725.

### WANTED

240-R. 2 row corn planter; 2 rear rims size 11 x 38 with or without tires for Ford; 2 rear tire rims size 10 x 28 for Ford. 860-643-5301.

248-R. Disc mower wanted: six to nine foot cut. Working or needs work. Call (860) 274-8473. Evenings,

### 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](http://www.winwithWINN.com).

219-R. 60,000 SF of wholesale greenhouse growing space for lease. Easy access to major interstate highways. Temperature alarm system and back up generator available. Call Clint Charter, Wallace-Tustin Realty 860-558-3908.

233-R. We have buyers for land/farms suitable for horses. Can we sell yours? Check our track record at [www.HorseCountryRealEstate.net](http://www.HorseCountryRealEstate.net). Patti Brooks 860-442-4237

237-R. Dairy Farmers: Fish Family Farm will pasturize and glass bottle your milk.

Call Don Fish (860)646-9745

249. Up to 60,000sf of wholesale greenhouse space in Meriden. Multi truck loading dock. Easy highway access. Only \$1.25/SF. Call Clint Charter, Wallace-Tustin Realty 860-558-3908

**NO AG REPORT NEXT WEEK! - The Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report is not published next week because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Happy Holiday!**

### ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 16

To help roll out the new publication, Planning for Agriculture: A Guide for Connecticut Municipalities, Connecticut Conference Of Municipalities is hosting workshops in ten locations across the state in early December. The workshops will be open to local officials, local employees, members of the agriculture community, and members of the public.

This joint publication by CCM and the American Farmland Trust (AFT), funded in part by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, is a tool to assist local governments in preserving and protecting agriculture in Connecticut - as a part of our landscape, our economy, and our natural resources.

The additional workshop is at the Last Green Valley, 111 Main Street, Danielson. The workshop will be from 10:00 - 12:00. For complete info Contact: Kachina Walsh-Weaver of CCM via email [kweaver@ccm-ct.org](mailto:kweaver@ccm-ct.org) - or- (203) 498-3000

**DON'T FORGET!**

University of Massachusetts Extension, University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System, and Northeast SARE are sponsoring a "Alternative Greenhouse and High Tunnel Crops" conference to be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA on Friday, December 12, 2008.

This all day conference will address topics of interest to those with greenhouses and unheated high tunnels. Among the speakers at the conference are: Vern Grubinger from the University of Vermont, who will be speaking on Growing in Greenhouses and High Tunnels. Becky Grube from the University of New Hampshire will be speaking on Growing Winter Sprouting Broccoli in Unheated High Tunnels for the Fresh Market. Sandie Shores from Herb's Herb & Such, will be speaking on Growing Fresh Cut Herbs and Edible Flowers. Sandie is the author of "Growing and Selling Fresh Cut Herbs" and will have autographed books available for sale. Pete Johnson of Pete's Greens, in Craftbury, Vermont will discuss Growing Greens. David Zemelsky from Starlight Gardens in Durham, CT will discuss Salad Greens for High Tunnel Production and Missy Bahret and Casey Steinberg from Old Friends Farm in Amherst, MA will talk about Growing and Marketing Ginger Root.

A pre- registration fee of \$35.00 is due by December 5th. Please make checks payable to the University of Massachusetts and mail to: Greenhouse Crops Program, Room 203 French Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. Cost of admission includes: handouts, lunch, snacks and beverages during break.

For more information see: <http://www.umass.edu/umext/floriculture/> or Contact: Tina Smith, University of Massachusetts, 413-545-5306, [tsmith@umext.umass.edu](mailto:tsmith@umext.umass.edu); Paul Lopes, University of Massachusetts 508-295-2212 ext 12 or [lopes@umext.umass.edu](mailto:lopes@umext.umass.edu) or Leanne Pundt, University of Connecticut, 860-626-6240, [leanne.pundt@uconn.edu](mailto:leanne.pundt@uconn.edu)

**EASTERN REGION MILK REVIEW**

MADISON, WI. Week of November 12 - Seasonal milk production levels are still transitioning, with increases well underway in southern areas and not yet beginning in points furthest north. NORTHEAST milk production has not yet begun to build from the seasonal low point although, production has been at higher levels than prior year production. Increasing milk production is expected to be noticed in the next few weeks. Milk supplies remain ample, even considering the production cycle, with this being the final week of a previously scheduled cheese plant closing for maintenance that has left milk available that would normally go to cheese manufacturing. Even with that plant back in operation next week, beginning about mid-week, another plant will be closing for slightly over a week. MIDDLE ATLANTIC production continues to gradually show signs of increasing from seasonal low levels. However, even with retail orders being described as "dead", some balancing plants are receiving little milk to process. In the SOUTHEAST, production is moving up yet retail demand is slow. A term used is "depressed", which has contributed to a decline in shipments into the area from 89 last week, to 27 this week. FLORIDA milk production continues to increase. Temperatures in the last few days have risen over prior week levels and are expected to peak in the 80's beginning mid week. With nights remaining cooler and peak temperatures not lasting for many hours each day, the return to slightly warmer weather is only expected to slow the milk production increase, but not lead to a decline. Retail sales in Florida are still considered weaker than would have been expected at this time of year. With Thanksgiving being just over 2 weeks away, a noticeable increase in seasonal residency is expected to accelerate and further strengthen fluid milk sales. Current low NDM prices are referenced as negating interest in acquiring condensed skim on spot markets, leaving most movement as being pursuant to contract.



**Advertising Rates:** Fifteen words or less \$3.75 per insertion. For ads of more than 15 words, 25 cents per word per insertion. Initial letters, hyphenated words, phone numbers and addresses, etc., are counted separately. **Print or type copy.** Publication on a specific date cannot be guaranteed. Advertisements will be published on a first-come-first serve basis. Ads must be received by noon the Friday before a publication date to be considered for insertion. **Only ads of an agricultural nature with a Connecticut phone number will be accepted.** Remittance with copy required. Make checks or money order payable to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture and mail to: Marketing - Ag Report Classifieds, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report (ISSN: 1059- 8723, USPS 129-340) is published weekly (48 issues), except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, when the Governor closes State offices, and two additional weeks, for \$20.00 per year (hard copy - email copies are free) by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

<b>Commissioner</b>	F. Philip Prelli	(860) 713-2500
<b>Marketing&amp;Technology</b>	Robert Pellegrino	(860) 713-2503
<b>Regional Market</b>	Robert Pellegrino	(860) 566-3699
<b>State Veterinarian</b>	Dr. Mary J. Lis	(860) 713-2505
<b>Regulation&amp;Inspection</b>	Dr. Bruce Sherman	(860) 713-2504
<b>Farmland Preservation</b>	Joseph Dippel	(860) 713-2511
<b>Aquaculture</b>	David Carey	(203) 874-2855
<b>FAX NUMBERS</b>	(860) 713-2516	(860) 713--2514

E-Mail: [jessey.ina-lee@ct.gov](mailto:jessey.ina-lee@ct.gov)  
 Internet: <http://www.ct.gov/doag>

**VOL. LXXXVIII  
 NO. 45  
 November 19, 2008**