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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### DOAG ANNOUNCES PILOT PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY FARMLAND PRESERVATION

*By Joseph Dippel, Director, Farmland Preservation Program*

Connecticut Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky recently announced \$2,000,000 in funding for farmland preservation through the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's new Community Farms Preservation Program. This pilot program, authorized by [Connecticut General Statutes 22-26nn](#), allocates Community Investment Act funds for cooperative state-local farmland preservation projects with qualifying municipalities.

Commissioner Reviczky explained that the purpose of the Community Farms Preservation Program is to encourage locally supported farmland preservation. "One of the most exciting aspects of this program is its especially good fit for smaller farms that have excellent agricultural soils and contribute to local economic activity, but which may not be eligible for other protection programs. Now we are able to provide an opportunity for those farms to ensure their land is not converted to uses other than agriculture and for Connecticut to ensure its best agricultural soils remain available for production."

The Community Farms Preservation Program will be implemented in two phases: prequalification and application/evaluation.

During prequalification, interested municipalities must complete the following steps by May 31, 2012:

1. Recognize farmland preservation in the plan of conservation and development or interim town plan for local farmland preservation.
2. Establish an agricultural commission and/or program for farmland preservation.
3. Inventory its local farmland resources.
4. Prioritize farms for preservation using a criteria scoring or ranking system.
5. Designate a fund for farmland preservation and have a method of funding.



*Above: Agriculture Commissioner Reviczky speaks on 12/1/11 at the closing for Quarry Brook Farm in Suffield, a state-municipal farmland preservation project.*

6. Request identification of locally important farmland soils through U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

Municipalities meeting the above eligibility criteria may enter into a cooperative agreement with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture no later than May 31, 2012.

Prequalified municipalities that have entered into such agreements must then complete the agency's application package and submit it to the commissioner on or before July 31, 2012.

The Department of Agriculture will review and evaluate applications using scoring criteria established with input from its Farmland Preservation Advisory Board. Preference will be given to food-producing farms that may not have been funded through the Department's existing Farmland Preservation Program, established in 1978.

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**WHOLESALE FRUITS  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE,Cort,88 ct xfcy	23.00	24.00
APPLE,Cort,80ct,xfcy	25.00	25.00
APPLE,Cort,72ct,xfcy	25.00	25.00
APPLE,Gala,125ct,fcy	18.00	18.00
APPLE,Gld Del,2-1/2in,bu	16.00	16.00
APPLE,Hnycsp,72ct,xfcy	53.00	53.00
APPLE,Hnycsp,64ct,xfcy	53.00	53.00
APPLE,Mac,140ct,US 1	16.00	16.00
APPLE,Mac,96ct,fcy	18.00	18.00
APPLE,Mac,fcy,80ct	19.00	19.00
APPLE,Rd Del,2-1/2in,bu	16.00	16.00
CIDER,9 1/2gal	18.00	18.00
CIDER,4-1gal	16.00	16.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION  
December 12, 2011**

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

49-54	220-270 lbs	65.50-68.50
	270-300	68.00-70.50
	300-400lbs	70.00-72.50
45-49	220-270lbs	63.00-64.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	58.00-60.00
	500-700 lbs	55.00-59.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	31.50-32.50

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION  
Middlefield, December 12, 2011**

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	22.00	28.00
61-75 lbs.	47.50	50.00
76-90 lbs.	55.00	57.50
91-105 lbs.	60.00	65.00
106 lbs. & up	67.50	70.00
Farm Calves	75.00	80.00
Veal Calves	90.00	147.50
Open Heifers	60.00	100.00
Feeder Steers	65.00	85.00
Starter Calves	25.00	32.00
Stock Bulls	72.50	95.00
Lambs each	140.00	150.00
Goats each	100.00	235.00
Kid Goats each	70.00	105.00
Canners	up to	64.50
Cutters	65.00	68.50
Utility Grade Cows	69.50	73.00
Rabbits each	5.00	19.00
Chickens each	4.00	13.00
Ducks each	4.00	14.00
Sheep	110.00	115.00
Feeder Pigs	30.00	90.00
Butcher Hogs	70.00	80.00

**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
ALFALFA SPROUTS,5lb	11.00	12.00
ALFALFA SPROUTS,12-4oz	12.00	12.00
BEAN SPROUTS,10lb	4.50	5.00
BEAN SPROUTS,12-12oz	9.00	10.00
CRANBERRIES,24-12oz,film	32.00	33.00
PARSNIP,25lb	24.00	25.00
POTATOES,Rnd,wh,chef,50lb	13.00	14.00
POTATOES,Yel,chef,50lb	19.00	20.00
POTATOES,10lb, sza	2.25	2.25
SQUASH,Bttrnt,1-1/9bu,lg	16.00	16.00
TOMATOES,Cherry, 5lb flat	14.00	15.00
TOMATOES,Grnhs,on vine,12lb	25.00	25.00

**SHIPPED IN**

	Low	High
BEANS, Grn,rnd,bu,FL	20.00	22.00
BEETS,12s,NJ	14.00	14.00
BOK CHOY,30lb,AZ	20.00	20.00
BROCCOLI,20lb,MX	18.00	18.00
CABBAGE,Grn,1-3/4bu,NJ	11.00	12.00
CAULIFLOWER,12,CA	25.00	26.00
CELERY,2-1/2dz,CA	18.00	19.00
CORN,4doz,FL	18.00	20.00
LETTUCE,Bstn,24,CA	18.00	18.00
LETTUCE,Rmn,24,CA	18.00	20.00
ONION,Yel,25lb,NY	6.00	7.00
SQUASH,Btcp,1-1/9 bu,md	16.00	17.00
SQUASH,Acorn,1-1/9 bu,md-lg	15.00	16.00

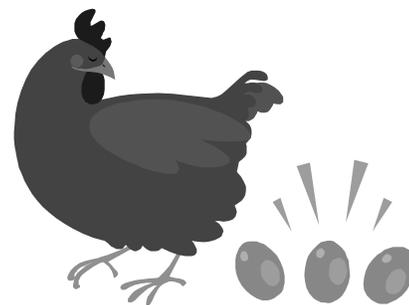
(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

December 8, 2011

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:			
Breakers	75-80%lean		
	72.00-74.00---	75.00-78.00----	65.00--69.00
Boners	80-85% lean		
	68.00-71.00---	71.00-74.00----	62.00-67.00
Lean	88-90% lean		
	61.50-65.00----	66.50-68.50----	55.00-60.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1			
	1275-1760 lbs -	75.00-78.00	
CALVES: All prices per cwt.			
Graded Bull Calves: Number 1			
	114-128lbs -	142.00-150.00	

Holstein Heifers: Number 1	
	90-95 lbs 185.00—210.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:	
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	
	40-60 lbs 245.00-305.00
	60-80 lbs 180.00-250.00
	80-90 lbs 180.00-195.00
	90-110 lbs 180.00-192.00
	110-130 lbs 179.00-194.00
	130-150 lbs 170.00-185.00



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND  
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	190-200
LARGE	187-197
MEDIUM	123-133

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

December 5, 2011

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	126-130
LARGE	125-129
MEDIUM	100-102

**VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT**

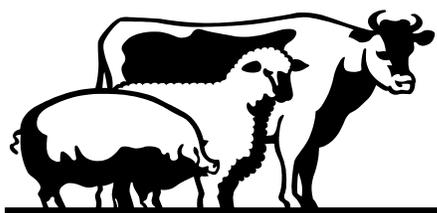
December 7, 2011

Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA.

All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm, per ton.

Mixed Grass	lg. square, 650-750 lbs
Premium	45.00 per bale
Alfalfa	lg. square, 650-750 lbs
Good	70.00 per bale
Alf. Orchard Grass	sm. round <1,000 lbs
Fair	27.00 per bale

Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3	
	40-60 lbs 203.00-224.00
	60-80 lbs 175.00-203.00
	80-90 lbs N/A
	90-110lbs 161.00-176.00
	110-130lbs 160.00-174.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh	
	120-160 lbs 91.00 -104.00
	160-200 lbs 87.00-103.00
	200-300lbs 75.00-90.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
	120-160 lbs 78.00-84.00
	160-200 lbs 72.00-84.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.	
Kids: 30-40 lbs	92.00-100.00
	40-60lbs 90.00-119.00
	60-80lbs 116.00-134.00
	80-90lbs 131.00-146.00
	90-100lbs 141.00-156.00
	100-110lbs 150.00-165.00
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	121.00-136.00
	130-180 lbs 124.00-140.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	196.00-211.00
	150-200 lbs 253.00-266.00



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4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

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211-R. Good horse hay. Round bales, picked up or delivered. \$45 each. 203-530-4953.

212-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

214-R. Hay, 4x5 round bales \$55.00. Farmall H tractor, factory wide front end, new rear tires. New paint, runs good. \$2,500.00. CAT 922 loader, diesel, good tires, runs good. \$8,500.00. 860-537-1974.

216-R. Oak tomato or snow stakes, new and used. Heavy duty 1.25' x 4'. New .75 cents. Used (one season) .55 cents. Stacked on pallets, stored under cover. 860-716-3240.

218-R. 1978 Ford backhoe payloader, diesel, Model 4500. Good condition. 203-453-0207.

220-R. Beef heifers and cows bred and open. Call Diane 860-620-0194 days/ 860-612-6363 evenings.

222-R. 3 Leer aluminum truck caps, 2007, white with ladder racks, side doors, rubber mats, clamps. One cap- 99-1/2"L x70"Wx22"H. \$550.00. Two caps 6'9"Lx70"Wx22"H. \$450.00 each. One Century D.C truck cap, fiberglass 62"x87". \$300.00. 3-wheel Easy Ride electric golf cart, roof, battery charger. \$450.00. 4-wheel golf cart, electric, with battery charger. As is. \$250.00. AGR-FAB 17 cu. ft. trailer 36"Wx5'Lx14"D. \$280.00. Wisconsin air cool engine, 2 cylinder, with gas tank and pulley in handle. \$200.00. 48" Moose snowblade. \$150.00. 5' scraper blade for 3PH. \$250.00. 860-228-3607/860-573-0851.

224-R. PTO generator-7800 watt- new in crate, never used-Asking \$900.00. Call 203-393-1837.

225-R. Mail order business of "Alpine window box ivy geraniums of Europe." Hundreds of (UPS) customers in 48 states for 20 years. 860-342-2374, 888-GERANIUM (437-2648). [www.wheelerfarmgardens.com](http://www.wheelerfarmgardens.com)

226. 1989 Dodge Raider 4x4. 4-way plow. Runs excellent. Has rot underneath body. Asking \$1,500.00. 203-288-9676.

227-R.. Ford Model 9000 silage truck, tandem 20' body, automatic gate, runs good. \$4,500.00. 860-537-1974.

228-R. 1943 9N tractor, runs. \$1,200.00/BO. 1943 9N tractor, not running, has belly sickle bar, snow plow, rear weight, bucket loader (trip type), rear pulley. Restorable. \$1,200.00/BO. 2 galvanized grain silos. \$1,000.00 each/BO. Jerry 860-334-2995.

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229. Wanted: Sub soiler, 3 or 5 shank. Call 860-690-8855.

### MISCELLANEOUS

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### DOAG ANNOUNCES 2012 FARM-TO-CHEF ADVISORY TEAM

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture announced last week that the following Farm-to-Chef Program members have been appointed to the 2012 Advisory Team:

- Dawn/Wally Bruckner, La Belle Aurore
- Heather Bucknam, Treat Farm
- Carol Byer Alcorace, New Morning Natural and Organic
- Timothy Cipriano, NH School Food
- Nunzio Corsino, Four Mile River Farm
- Rita Decker-Parry, Billings Forge Farmers Market
- Lena DiGenti, Plan B Burger Bar
- Pamela Dunn, Boxed Goodes/Goode Fields Farm
- Rick Hermonot, Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm
- Diane Hirsch, University of Connecticut
- Herb Holden, Broad Brook Beef and Pork
- Wayne Kregling, Brownson Country Club
- Ashley Kresmer, Buy CT Grown/CitySeed
- Eloise Marinos, GeoRoots Solar Growth Farm
- Priscilla Martel, All About Food
- Drew McLachlan, Whole Foods Market
- Shelly Oechsler, Botticello Farms
- Linda Piotrowicz, CT Department of Agriculture
- Corey Seigel, Trinity Conference Center
- Pete Sepe, Sepe Farm
- Kathy Smith, The Farmer's Cow
- John Turenne, Sustainable Food Systems, LLC.

Thanks to these team members for volunteering their time, effort, and expertise to make the program better for all involved.

### WIC/SENIOR FMNP RE-CERTIFICATION MEETINGS

All WIC/Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) certifications have expired. The following meetings will be held to re-certify farmers for program years 2012-2014. This will consist of a review of the FMNP certification handbook and all required documents. Market Masters/Organizers that are not familiar with this program encouraged to attend.

- 1/13/12, 9 a.m., Litchfield County Extension Center, 843 University Drive, Torrington, CT 06790
- 1/17/12, 9 a.m., Windham County Extension Center, 139 Wolf Den Road, Brooklyn, CT 06234
- 1/24/12, 9 a.m., New London County Extension Center, 562 New London Turnpike, Norwich, CT 06360
- 1/31/12, 9 a.m., Kellogg Environmental Center, 500 Hawthorne Avenue, Derby, CT 06418
- 3/13/12 6:30 p.m., Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station Valley Laboratory, 153 Cook Hill Road, Windsor, CT 06095

This training is applicable to any farmer that produces a fruit and/or vegetable and/or fresh cut herb and/or honey. Farms must have been FMNP certified in the past and currently be members of a WIC/Senior FMNP authorized farmers' market. No additional meetings have been scheduled so we ask you do your best to attend one listed. Pre-registration is not required. Cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on WFSB-3.

These meetings are for re-certification only and are NOT for new farmers. Questions about this can be directed to Mark Zotti, [Mark.Zotti@ct.gov](mailto:Mark.Zotti@ct.gov) or 860-713-2538, or Rick Macsuga, [richard.macsuga@ct.gov](mailto:richard.macsuga@ct.gov) or 860-713-2544.

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"We put a great deal of care and consideration into developing the evaluation criteria after legislation enabling this program was passed in 2008," said Commissioner Reviczky. "This program is something we see as a valuable component of the state's long-term plan to cultivate sustainable agriculture and food production for the residents of Connecticut. As a result, we have spent considerable time and effort on the details."

The Department of Agriculture expects to complete application evaluation and determine projects that will become part of the pilot program by October 1, 2012.

The Community Farms Preservation Program is voluntary. Interested farmers and municipalities are encouraged to contact the Connecticut Department of Agriculture to discuss eligibility. For more information, please contact Program Director J. Dippel or Property Agent Katherine Winslow by phone at 860-713-2511 or email at [katherine.winslow@ct.gov](mailto:katherine.winslow@ct.gov) or [joseph.dippel@ct.gov](mailto:joseph.dippel@ct.gov), or in writing to:

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## FREE PUBLICATION HELPS EVALUATE PAYBACK AND ENERGY SAVINGS

Evaluating the energy savings of new equipment for the farm can prove challenging. A new publication from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach gives examples for comparing the payback periods of energy-related purchases. Examples include a lighting project, replacing an electric motor, and upgrading a farm truck. Using simple payback calculations, these examples estimate the time it would take for energy savings to equal initial cost.

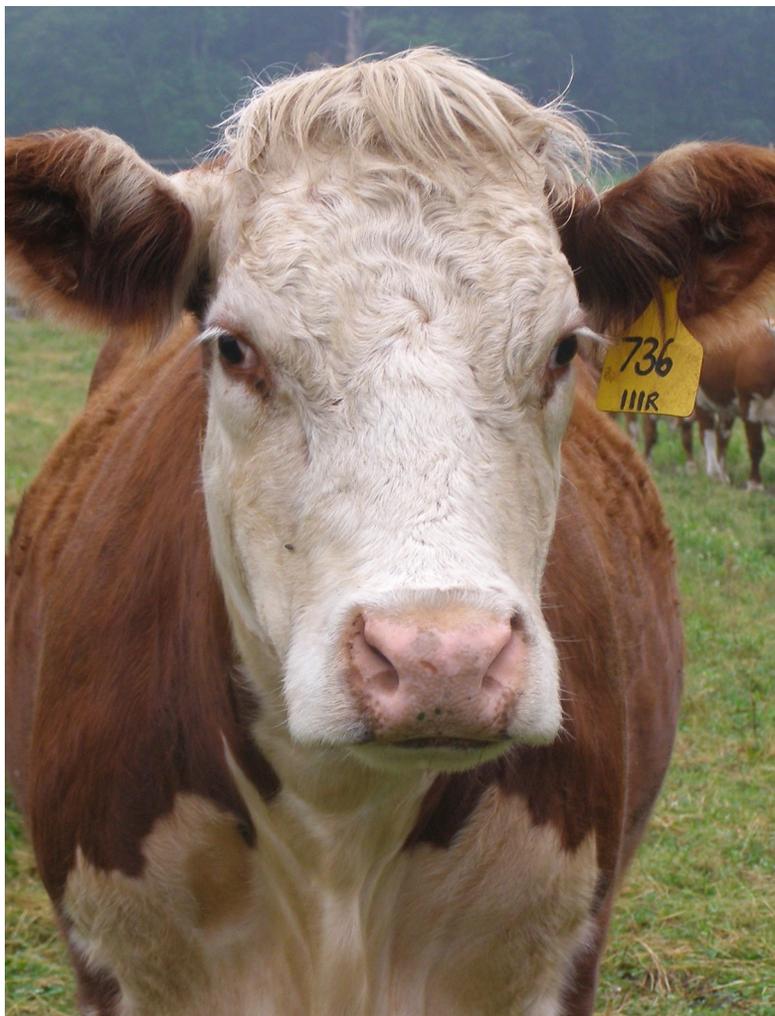
*Estimating Payback for Energy Efficiency* is available as a free PDF download from the Extension Online Store at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=13711>.

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