



# Agricultural Report

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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

### MARKETING DIVISION OFFERS CT GROWN PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS!

Are you looking for ways to brand your product as CT Grown, encourage the public to come to your farm stand, or replace plastic bags with environmentally friendly reusable ones? If so, the Department of Agriculture Marketing Division can help!!

A variety of CT Grown promotional materials, most at no charge, are available to CT agribusinesses to market product(s) as CT Grown. Below is a list of items that are available. If you are interested in any of these, please contact the Marketing Division at 860-713-2503 or email your request info to Richard.macsuga@ct.gov.

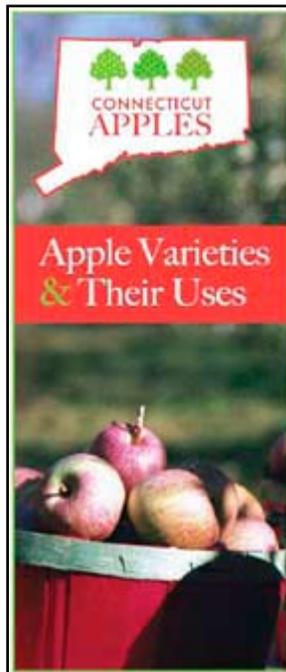
**CT GROWN MAGNETS** - Free magnets, like the one pictured here, are available for use on farm vehicles, cars, and at farm stands. They are approximately 5-1/2" in diameter. These magnets are available at no charge by contacting the Department of Agriculture. Contact: Rick Macsuga at 860-713-2544 or email at Richard.macsuga@ct.gov.



**CT GROWN MESH BAGS** - The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has CT Grown Mesh Bags for sale. These bags are super strong and exceptionally attractive. They measure 16" long x 5" wide x 12" high and are sold by the case (40 per case) for \$156.16.

These mesh bags can be sold or used as give-aways and are great for farm stands or farmers' markets. Let your customers walk away with your products in one of these great bags that will help spread the word to buy CT Grown products!

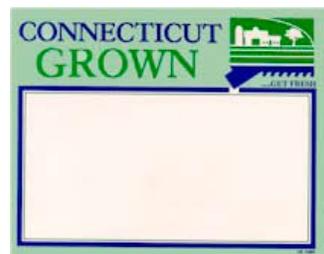
**COMMODITY BROCHURES** - The Marketing Division produces commodity brochures to encourage the public to buy local products. To request copies to distribute



at your business or to be listed in the brochures/online contact Jaime Smith at 860-713-2559 or jaime.smith@ct.gov. Brochures currently available in print include: A Guide to Connecticut's Apple Growers and Retailers, Apple Varieties and Their Uses, 2009 Farmers' Markets, Your Guide to Connecticut Farm Wineries, Connecticut Farm Map, Farm Stands and Stores Throughout Connecticut.



**CT GROWN PRICE CARDS** - Want price cards to use at your farm stand? CT Grown Price Cards (POP) are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Select from two sizes: 5" by 7" (small) or 7" by 11" (large). They come in pads of 50.



**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES U.S.D.A.**  
November 23, 2009

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

EXTRA LARGE	119-123
LARGE	118-122
MEDIUM	94-96

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT, November 23, 2009

Live animals brought the following average  
prices per cwt.:

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	15.00	18.00
61-75 lbs.	22.00	25.00
76-90 lbs.	23.00	28.00
91-105 lbs.	30.00	35.00
106 lbs. & up	38.00	40.00
Farm Calves	42.50	62.50
Started Calves	25.00	30.00
Veal Calves	55.00	135.00
Open Heifers	50.00	62.50
Beef Heifers	48.00	50.00
Feeder Steers	70.00	77.00
Beef Steers	57.50	71.00
Stock Bulls	60.00	75.00
Beef Bulls	54.00	60.00
Feeder Pigs each	25.00	60.00
Sheep each	80.00	170.00
Lambs each	85.00	175.00
Goats each	125.00	185.00
Kid Goats each	47.50	120.00
Canners	Up to	38.50
Cutters	39.50	41.00
Utility Grade Cows	42.50	44.00
Rabbits each	5.00	16.00
Chickens each	4.00	24.00
Ducks each	6.00	19.00

Provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction.

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

MONDAY, November 16, 2009

	Bulk/	High/	Low Dressing
<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>			
Premium White	65-75% lean		
44.00-46.50	-----	40.00-43.00	
Boners	80-85% lean		
39.50-41.75	-----	37.00-38.50	
Lean	85-90% lean		
37.00-39.00		39.50-40.50	34.50-37.00
<b>SLAUGHTER BULLS:</b> Yield Grade 1			
1120-1580 lbs		58.50-62.00	
1656-2295 lbs		53.00-55.50	
Bullocks:	875-1305 lbs	68.00-72.00	
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS:</b> Woolled & Shorn			
Choice and Prime 2-3			
40-50 lbs		138.00-156.00	
50-60 lbs		134.00-152.00	
60-70 lbs		135.00-150.00	
70-80 lbs		138.00-148.00	
80-90 lbs		128.00-140.00	
90-110 lbs		114.00-130.00	
110-130 lbs		118.00-124.00	
130-150 lbs		100.00-116.00	
Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh			
120-160 lbs		50.00-68.00	
160-200 lbs		46.00-62.00	
200-300 lbs		40.00-50.00	

**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

APPLE CIDER, 9 - 1/2gal	15.00	15.00
APPLES, Spenser bu no grade 2-1/2"min	15.00	16.00
APPLES, Empire bu 2-1/2 up no grade	12.00	14.00
APPLES, Gala 100 ct exfcy	24.00	25.00
APPLES, Golden Delicious bu 2-1/2"min fcy	16.00	18.00
APPLES, Honeycrisp exfcy 3"min	28.00	30.00
APPLES, Macoun, 96ct exfcy	26.00	28.00
APPLES, Mcintosh ex fcy 96ct	21.00	23.00
APPLES, Mcintosh, 140ct US#1	13.00	14.00
APPLES, Mcintosh 8/5lb totes 2-1/2"min fcy	18.00	19.00
APPLES, Mutsu bu 3" fcy	16.00	18.00
BEETS, Carton-bunched 24ct Organic	26.00	26.00
CABBAGE, Green 1-3/4bu box med	6.50	8.00
CABBAGE, Red 1-3/4bu box	9.00	10.00
CABBAGE, Savoy 1-3/4bu box	9.00	12.00
CRANBERRIES, 24/12's	33.00	36.00
PARSNIPS, 25lb	22.00	22.00
PARSNIPS, 18 - 1lb	20.00	22.00
POTATOES, chef 50lb	9.00	11.00
POTATOES, Round white 10lb sz A	1.50	1.70
SQUASH, Acorn 1-1/9 bu lge	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, Buttercup 1-1/9bu	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, Butternut 1-1/9 bu lge	14.00	15.00
SQUASH, Butternut organic 40lb	30.00	30.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 11 lbs on vine	17.00	17.00
TURNIPS, Purple Top 25lb	10.00	10.00

**SHIPPED IN**

BLUEBERRIES, 12/4.4oz Organic CAL	68.00	74.00
CANTALOUPS, 6ct Organic AZ	18.00	21.00
CARROTS, 48/1-lb bags CAN	12.00	14.00
CARROTS, 48/1-lb bags Organic GA	42.00	42.00
GARLIC, 30lb #10 CAL	45.00	45.00
GRAPEFRUIT, Red 40ct FLA	12.00	15.00
GRAPES, Thompson med 16lb CAL	28.00	30.00
LETTUCE, Boston 24 NJ	20.00	20.00
MUSHROOMS, 10lb White med PA	13.00	14.00
ONION, Yellow 50lb med NY	9.00	10.00
POMEGRANATES, 30ct CA	27.00	30.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

**SLAUGHTER GOATS:** sold by the head, on estimated weights.

Kids:	30-40 lbs	38.00-50.00
	40-50 lbs	50.00-62.00
	50-60 lbs	58.00-70.00
	60-70 lbs	72.00-86.00
	70-80 lbs	70.00-94.00
	80-90 lbs	84.00-110.00
	90-100 lbs	98.00-114.00
	100-110 lbs	108.00-122.00
	110-120 lbs	110.00-129.00
Nannies/Does:	80-130 lbs	64.00-82.00
	130-180 lbs	78.00-102.00
Bucks/Billies:	100-150 lbs	132.00-157.00
	150-250 lbs	155.00-175.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION**

Mon November 23, 2009 - Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

Percent Lean	Weight	Price
49-54	270-300 lbs	37.50-40.50
	300-350 lbs	39.00-41.50
45-49	220-270 lbs	36.00-38.00
	300-350 lbs	34.00-37.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	39.00-41.00
	500-700 lbs	40.00-44.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	7.00-9.00

SPECIES	LBS	MIN	HIGH
COD LGE	0.2	154	154
MKT	3.6	112	201
SCRD	0.7	118	118
MIXED 1/	0.0	56	56
GILLNET LGE COD	0.1	137	137
MKT	0.7	141	163
SCRD	0.0	112	112
HADDOCK	1.3	132	172
HADDOCK SCR D	3.7	112	153
POLLOCK	1.2	62	64
MED	1.9	58	62
JIG POLLOCK	0.1	64	64
MED	0.1	68	68
LING	0.0	32	32
HAK E LGE	0.5	112	132
MED	0.2	93	108
SML	0.1	47	47
SOW	0.0	232	232
OCN PRCH	0.1	82	82
YELLOWTAIL LGE	2.1	268	279
SM	0.3	210	210
DABS MED	0.0	246	246
SML	0.1	231	231
LEMONSOLE GEO	0.2	242	242
LGE GEO BB MIXED	1.0	266	266

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

**NEW YORK PRICES WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS**

For 1 dozen,  
Grade A eggs on:  
November 23, 2009

EXTRA LARGE	127-131
LARGE	125-129
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 11/20/09 - PRICES  
INCLUDE DEALERS' FEES  
SPECIES SEA SCALLOPS

	LBS	MIN	HIGH
U/12 ELEPHANT TRUNK	0.1	1040	1040
10/20	1.5	815	815
20/30	35.6	715	780
10/20 MID ATL	0.4	825	825
20/30	2.1	770	770

**NEW BEDFORD WHALING CITY SEAFOOD DISPLAY AUCTION**

FISH LANDINGS & PRICES IN  
1,000 LBS & \$/CWT,  
DATE 11/20/09  
PRICES INCLUDE DEALERS'  
FEES - 1/0 MEANS LESS THAN  
100 POUND



**ADVENT ACTIVITY 2009**

Take an invigorating horse drawn wagon ride through acres of beautiful farmland; sing traditional Christmas carols; make an old fashioned Christmas ornament; enjoy wassail punch and cocoa.

Friday, November 27 / Sunday, November 29

Saturday, December 5 / Sunday, December 6

Times: 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, and 3:15

Cost: \$7.00 each, ages 3 and up. Advanced reservations required.

Please - NO pets!

Blue Slope Country Museum, 138 Blue Hill Road, Franklin, CT 06254

Contact: 860-642-6413 or go to the website at: [museum@blueslope.com](mailto:museum@blueslope.com)

Blue Slope Country Museum, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

**SHEEP BREEDING IMPROVEMENTS ARISE FROM ARS-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH**

Artificial insemination (AI) techniques that work well with cattle and swine can be difficult or costly to perform in sheep, but help's on the way, thanks to Agricultural Research Service (ARS) studies in Fort Collins, Colo.

There, at the agency's National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation, animal physiologist Phil Purdy and colleagues are working to improve both the handling of sheep semen and the artificial insemination of ewes, whose cervix is difficult to traverse with traditional AI tools. Purdy is collaborating with ARS animal geneticist Harvey Blackburn and University of Wyoming scientists Bob Stobart and Brent Larson on the effort.

The team's studies showed that sheep semen can be collected and shipped--in cooled liquid form--overnight before freezing without harming its in-vitro quality. They further determined the semen could be cryopreserved--or frozen--after shipping without reducing its success in surgical AI.

Their studies also compared semen that had been cryopreserved after collection to semen that had been frozen after 48 hours (the time required to ship samples across the country). No differences were observed in semen quality, fertilization ability, or number of lambs born to ewes surgically

inseminated with the samples. Potentially, this could open the door to sheep producers' use of samples from around the world, expanding and improving their breeding options, according to Purdy.

On another front, his team adapted a swine insemination method for use in ewes. It involved using a spiral insemination catheter to traverse the ewe's cervix and deposit thawed semen directly into the uterus. The method takes about two minutes per sheep and costs \$1.29. Though faster, less costly and easier than laparoscopic surgical insemination, the new method so far has had a lower success rate: about 55 percent using fresh semen and 10 percent using frozen semen.

The researchers are investigating how to hone the technique and improve its success rate by improving the timing of estrus and insemination.

**NO AGRICULTURAL REPORT NEXT WEEK!**

The Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report publishes 48 issues per year. We do not publish four weeks throughout the year. Next week is one of the weeks when we do NOT publish. You will receive your next issue the week of December 9, 2009, and all ads will be extended to compensate for this week. Happy Holiday!

**NOTICE!** - Every year, when we do our subscription renewals for the Agricultural Reports that are mailed via regular mail, we ask farmers to fill in statistical information for the New England Agricultural Statistics Service and return to us. For farmers who have now switched to email, we ask that you do this electronically. To accomplish this, email subscribers will soon be getting a mailing with an attachment to be filled out and returned to us. This attachment only needs to be filled out by farmers. All other subscribers can ignore that mailing. For farmers viewing this on our website, please send an email to [jessey.ina-lee@ct.gov](mailto:jessey.ina-lee@ct.gov) to request a form. This is very important information that is used in the New England Agricultural Statistics Service reports. So, if you are a farmer, we hope you will participate in filling out and returning the statistics form. Your help is appreciated!

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