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More Ag Census Data Released



The long-awaited, complete 2012 Agricultural Census report is now available from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The data contain plenty of food for thought to digest, and trends to analyze.

Two areas where New Hampshire continued to shine are direct market sales to consumers and agritourism. New Hampshire ranked number one in the country in direct market sales as a percentage of total farm receipts, with 10.6%. We ranked second in the nation for the percentage of farms reporting direct market sales, at 30.7%—nearly one out of three. New Hampshire's total 1,348 farms reporting direct market sales ranked 39th out of the 50 states—quite remarkable given the small size of our state and agricultural industry. Even more impressive, total direct market sales of over \$20 million ranked 22 among all states. The average direct sales per farm was \$15,075—ranking #10.

Four counties ranked nationally for direct market sales in 2012. Out of the more than 3,000 counties in the country, Hillsborough ranked 27th, with over \$5 million in direct market sales. Rockingham came in 66th place with \$3.3 million, Merrimack was 83rd with \$2.8 million, and Cheshire ranked 104th with nearly \$2.5 million in direct sales.

Income from "farm-related, ag tourism and recreational services" saw a 65% increase in the five years since the previous census, totaling \$3.8 million in 2012. The number of farms reporting agritourism receipts more than doubled, from 88 to 190. However, the average receipts per farm decreased by 24%, to \$20,130 per farm. Strafford County topped all New Hampshire counties, and ranked 148th nationally with over \$1 million in agritourism sales. Rockingham placed second in the state, and #256 nationally with over a half million in agritourism receipts.

New Hampshire ranks third in the 2014 Locavore Index tabulated by Strolling of the Heifers, a Vermont-based organization, which calculates numbers of farmers markets, CSAs and farm-to-school programs per capita for each state.

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Farmers and growers cannot keep up with all the proposed new rules announced by various federal and state regulatory agencies. One that could potentially have significant impact on farms in New Hampshire is the proposed revision by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of its Agricultural Worker Protection Standard, the rules designed to protect workers from pesticide exposure. This is one of the busiest times of year for farmers, but it is important that EPA hears directly from farmers about how the proposed revisions would affect their operations. Even if comments already posted on the EPA website appear to duplicative or repetitious, it is important for EPA to understand how many farmers views and assessments are similar.

The comment period on EPA's proposed revision to the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) is scheduled to close on June 17, 2014. Proposed major changes to the current rule include mandatory annual safety training (currently every 5 years); mandatory posting of signs for certain pesticides; expanding training material to prevent "take home exposure" (to protect families); establishing no-entry buffer zones of 25 to 100 feet (buffer will depend on the pesticide and type of application); mandatory record keeping (New Hampshire already requires record keeping); farm worker training records to be kept for two years with records accessible to farm workers and individuals working on behalf of their safety; personal protection equipment to parallel the national Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standard, for example, respirator fit testing; and continuing the exemptions for family farms with an extension of "immediate" family members. For more information, including a path to the proposed rule and how to provide comment, please visit EPA's webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/workers/proposed/>.

Lorraine Merrill, Commissioner

Proposed Changes to the Farm Worker Protection Standard

The Environmental Protection Agency issued proposed changes to the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS) to increase protections from pesticide exposure for the nation's two million agricultural workers and their families. Proposed changes:

Annual mandatory trainings (rather than once every 5 years) to inform farm workers about the protections they are afforded under the law, including restrictions on entering pesticide-treated fields and surrounding areas, decontamination supplies, access to information and use of personal protective equipment. Expanded trainings will include instructions to reduce take-home exposure from pesticides on work clothing and other safety topics.

Expanded mandatory posting of no-entry signs for the most hazardous pesticides. The signs prohibit entry into pesticide-treated fields until residues decline to a safe level.

First-time ever minimum age requirement: Children under 16 will be prohibited from handling pesticides, with an exemption for family farms.

New no-entry 25-100 foot buffer areas surrounding pesticide-treated fields will protect workers and others from exposure from pesticide overspray and fumes.

Mandatory record-keeping to improve states' ability to follow-up on pesticide violations and enforce compliance. Records of application-specific pesticide information as well as farmworker training and early-entry notification must be kept for two years.

Additional Proposed Changes

Personal Protection Equipment (respirator use) must be consistent with the Occupational Safety & Health Administration standards for ensuring respirators are effective, including fit test, medical evaluation and training.

Requirement to make available to farm workers or their advocates (including medical personnel) information specific to the pesticide application, including the pesticide label and Safety Data Sheets.

Additional changes make the rule more practical and easier to comply with for farmers.

Continues the exemptions for family farms.

For more information: www.epa.gov/pesticides/

Selling Agriculture Commodities at Farmers Markets

With farmers markets starting up across the state, the Division of Regulatory Services (DRS) wants producers to be aware of regulations pertaining to the labeling and/or registering of some agriculture commodities when offered for sale.

The use of the term "Local" or "Native", defined by RSA 426:5, requires that those terms only be used in reference to New Hampshire grown or produced products. Even if vegetables are bought in for sale from a farm that's within a couple of miles from the border of a surrounding state it cannot be sold as "local." This becomes extremely important when customers begin seeking "local corn." We advise vendors, and stores for that matter, to simply post a sign stating the name of the farm where the commodity was sourced. Customers will be responsible knowing that the source is located only down the road, even when it's located in a neighboring state.

Pet Treats: Require an annual \$75 registration fee/variety, labels must show name and address of manufacturer, product name, net weight, ingredient statement, and guaranteed analysis.

Maple Products: Only those products that are 100% pure maple; syrup, cream, and sugar, are regulated by DRS, all other products that are made with maple syrup are regulated under NH Dept. of Health & Human Services. Syrup must be labeled with the name and address of the producer, manufacturer or distributor, true name of the product, volume, and grade. Grade is designated as Grade A: Light, Medium or Dark Amber, or Grade B. Syrup can only be labeled as "New Hampshire" syrup if produced in NH.

Honey products: Labels must state the name and address of the producer, manufacturer, or distributor, true name of the product, net weight, grade or "not graded."

Eggs: There is no state license required to sell shell eggs in NH, providing the farm has fewer than 3,000 laying hens. Carton labels must state the grade, size, or the term "Not Sized," and the word "Fresh." A "Sell By" date/code is not required. FDA and some local health officials, require that eggs held for retail sale must be refrigerated at a temperature less than 45°F. This temperature must be maintained during storage, transportation, and at the point of sale. We recommend that cartons of eggs be stored in a cooler containing ice packs when being transported to and from markets and when being sold at the market. We discourage displaying a full carton of eggs out on the table, or on top of the cooler, as some vendors like to do to "advertise" that they're offering eggs for sale. An empty carton may be used for this purpose.

Apples: Signage must show the name of the source, variety, grade, and size or count of the apples that are being offered for sale.

Cider: Bottle labels must state the name of the producer, volume of contents, name of preservative (if applicable), the term "Pasteurized" or "Not Pasteurized or Unpasteurized." The word "Fresh" may only be used if the cider is raw, has never been frozen or heated, and contains no preservatives. Per FDA rule, cider being offered for sale "off premises" must be pasteurized. A farmers market is considered an extension of the producer's farm. Therefore, unpasteurized cider may be sold at markets providing the vendor is the processor of the cider.

For more information pertaining to the above listed commodities please visit the department's website/Division of Regulatory Services or call the office at (603) 271-3685.

Janis Conner
Agricultural Inspector

Merrimack Cty Farm Bureau Clinic for CVI Inspection & Licensed Rabies Immunization

Saturday, June 7 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Farm Bureau office
295 Sheep Davis Rd, Concord, NH

This clinic is for 4-H cattle, sheep, goats, swine, equine, camelids (llamas & alpacas), poultry and ratites participating in the New Hampshire fair/show 2014 season. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) remain in force for the entire 2014 show season and rabies vaccines should be given at least 30 days before attending the fairs. Call Dr. Christina Murdock at (603) 674-9753 for details.

Charges will be waived for Farm Bureau members, otherwise veterinary service charges will apply. Join Farm Bureau to take advantage of this great deal!



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Agricultural Exchange

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Custom lumber sawing w/wood-mizer portable sawmill, \$.25/bf for softwood; \$.35/bf for hardwood, will travel, planing up to 20". — **CHICHESTER**, 848-7299.

WANTED

Horse hay. — **ASHLAND**, 968-3260.
Khaki Campbell ducks, young, for eggs and pets, good home. — **BOW**, 224-0944.

75' wire mesh fence, rust okay, 3'-5'H. — **CONCORD**, 225-9203.

Piglets for fall butchering. — **E. KINGSTON**, 702-2347.

Antique JD & Int/Farmall tractors & equipment to participate in the NE JD Expo on August 22-24, 2014. — **NEW BOSTON**, 487-3883.

6' rototiller for Cat 1 hitch. — **NEWTON**, 944-6066.
Someone to bottom plow & harrow a 2-3 acre field in Barnstead; 6' bush hog; hoops for greenhouse, will take down. — **NOTTINGHAM**, 679-8101.

3-4 lambs. — **SANBORNTON**, 300-3944.
Steel leg hold & conibear traps, will travel. — **WEARE**, 491-3922.

Tie stall frames for 8 cows w/water cups, will remove, cut off at concrete okay. — **WINCHESTER**, 831-1722.

CATTLE

10 Angus X Hereford yearlings; 40 Angus yearling feeder steers; 18mo Angus Bull, \$1.50/lb. — **CORNISH FLAT**, 469-3559.

Reg Highland cows w/newborn calves, \$1250. — **HOPKINTON**, 746-4285.

Simmental X Hereford heifer due soon, \$1300 — **PEMBROKE**, 228-6431.

6mo Reg polled Hereford heifers, \$750; 18mo, \$1500, all show stock. — **SANBORNTON**, 300-3944.

3yo Reg Jersey heifer, bred for fall calf, \$950. — **TROY**, 242-6495.

Pair of 1yo Hereford X Holstein working steers, handy, mild mannered, same size, worked often, \$2500. — **WARNER**, 456-3595.

SHEEP

3yo 7/8 BL X 1/8 Romney ewe, v.g. fiber & lambs, \$75. — **FITZWILLIAM**, 585-6903.

HAY & BEDDING

4X5 round bales, 1st cut, in barn, \$65. — **HOPKINTON**, 746-4285.

Mulch hay, \$2; stock hay, \$4.50. — **LONDONDERRY**, 622-6636.

100 wrapped 4X4 round bales, stock quality, we load, \$35/ea or \$3000/all. — **MERIDEN**, 469-3483.

1st crop, \$6.50; mulch, \$3.50; 4X4 baleage, \$55, del avail. — **NORTHWOOD**, 848-8559.

*13 silage round from fertilized fields, \$50/ea or \$40/ea 10 or more. — **PETERBOROUGH**, 924-9759.

Round wrapped silage, \$50. — **PLYMOUTH**, 536-2738.

GRAINS

Processed corn silage, \$55/ton. — **ANTRIM**, 588-6392.

CORDWOOD & LUMBER

Pressure treated posts 6"X8"X72", landscape or fence posts, \$8.50/ea, discount for lrg lots. — **WEARE**, 491-3922.

BEEES, HONEY & EQUIPMENT

Raw unfiltered wholesale bulk honey, \$4/lb. — **MANCHESTER**, 622-3526.

FARM EQUIPMENT

'64 Model I 64 Trojan loader, gd, needs some hose repair, \$2000. — **ANTRIM**, 588-2572.

Troybilt horse model 7hp tiller, Briggs-Stratton, \$600; Troybilt pony model 5hp tiller, Briggs-Stratton, \$400; 5' York rake, 3pth, \$300. — **CONTOOCOOK**, 746-3273.

'62 IH 606 gas w/2000 loader, new clutch & T/A, \$4500; 3btm auto reset Fiskars plows, 18" shares, \$550. — **DEERFIELD**, 475-3798.

Pittsburg 3pth springtooth harrow, org paint, spring loaded, \$600/bo; Ford 3pth 6' disk harrow, doubled, folds in half, Model 220, org paint, v.g., \$700/bo. — **GOFFSTOWN**, 497-2269.

AC Model 712 lawn tractor w/manuals & mower deck, \$450; old wood & cast iron fruit grinder & press, \$285. — **GRAFTON**, 523-4804.

'01 Hyundai excavator, hyd thumb & push blade, low hrs, \$65,000; 20ton air brake trailer, v.g. tires, \$5000. — **HENNIKER**, 428-7630.

Gehl 72 flail chopper, \$1550; '75 MF 235 farm tractor, \$6250. — **HENNIKER**, 573-1372.

3pth dbl btm plow, \$200. — **LONDONDERRY**, 434-1637.

'69 Ford 4000 rear harness in dash for lights, gauges, ignition switch, \$100; hour meter cluster, temp, gauge, fuel gauge, tach clockwise, \$150; box w/cement, \$300; 15" front wheels 6 lugs, \$50/ea. — **MILFORD**, 673-1300.
Dressta TD9 bulldozer, PAT, 5770 hours, w/rock rake, v.g., \$22,000. — **NELSON**, 827-3414.

Land Pride 50" rear tine rototiller, \$1800; JD46 backhoe, \$5500; IMatch quick connect hitch, \$150, all stored inside and v.g. — **NEW DURHAM**, 817-8995.

'70S IH 3514 tractor w/loader, 45hp, 3pth, pto, new clutch, rebuilt gas eng, \$4900. — **NORTHWOOD**, 848-8559.

2 13.6X36 rear tractor tires, 50% tread, \$250/pr. — **STRAFFORD**, 664-9773.

MF 1533 diesel tractor w/quick attach loader & 5' brush mower, 4WD w/1 remote, block heater, loaded tires, 256hrs, v.g., \$15,500 local delivery. — **WEARE**, 361-9133.

2 way land plows for IHC Club tractor, \$200. — **WILTON**, 654-9396.

MISCELLANEOUS

2 pairs 15" tires chains, \$40/pr; 4' steel manure spreader wheels, 2" axle, \$50/set; 2 brush scythes, 3 hay scythes, \$10/ea; 2 man crosscut saws, \$20/ea; single cordwood saws, \$15/ea; apple boxes, \$5/ea. — **BOSCOWEN**, 753-9547.

FMC John Bean orchard airblast sprayer, 300gal tank w/13hp pump eng, \$1000/bo. — **LONDONDERRY**, 622-6636.

Rear chains for 2135 MF tractor, \$40; 3pth counter weight w/tow loop solid steel 3-4", \$40; walk behind snowblower enclosure, v.g., \$30; 75' garden hose, \$5; GardenWay cart, \$70; 7' HD laminated wooden stepladder, \$95; 4X8 sheet pegboard 1/4", \$25; blacksmith vise, \$40; rear 20X10 chains for garden tractor, \$10. — **LONDONDERRY**, 432-8401.

28'X96' greenhouse w/4 vents & heater controlled by thermostat, 4 circulating fans & shade cloth included, must be disassembled, \$7000. — **TILTON**, 630-0519.

JD riding mower #111, bad motor, gd for parts, \$250/bo. — **WEBSTER**, 746-3536.

52" Tools of the Trade 8 harness floor loom w/second back beam, solid cherry 10 treadle w/extra reeds avail for \$10/ea, but comes with your pick of reed, v.g., \$1500; warping reel for longer warps, \$100. — **WEST-MORELAND**, 399-4492.

PLEASURE HORSES

15yo Belgian broke to ride & drive, 1900lbs, \$1500. **PIERMONT**, 989-5336.

PLEASURE HORSE EQUIPMENT

Priefert portable shelter, \$2500; saddles, \$500/up; bridles & driving equip, \$10/up; hay elevator, v.g., \$850; blk show buggy for competition, \$850; fence chargers, solar & elec, \$25/up. **CANTERBURY**, 783-9493.

Blk western saddle, 16" Simco, complete, \$300. — **TEMPLE**, 878-2743.

60' round pen w/head gate, gd, \$750. — **WALPOLE**, 726-0181.

TRUCKS & TRUCK PARTS

'94 F350 7.3 diesel, 2WD, 4door, trailer hitch, runs or parts, \$400. — **CHARLESTOWN**, 543-0490.

'86 8yd dump, 5spd manual/2spd rear-end, \$10,000. — **HENNIKER**, 428-7630.

'98 Chevy 2500, 1 1/2 cab, 4X4, \$3500/bo. — **PIERMONT**, 989-5963.

Raising Quality Pork Workshop

The NH Pork Producers Council will host a workshop on raising quality pork on Saturday, May 17 at the Horse Meadow Senior Center at 91 Horse Meadow Road in North Haverhill, NH. Registration begins at 9:30 am, with the program from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Speakers include Dr. Brian Richert from Purdue University on nutrition for meat quality, and Natalie Cohen from USDA- APHIS-Veterinary Services on recycling food waste with pigs. PT Farm will break down a carcass to illustrate the components of a pig and what a producer can expect to get back from the butcher.

The fee of \$15 for non-members or \$10 for NH Pork Producers members includes lunch catered by Ariana's Restaurant and featuring local pork. For more information and to download the registration form, go to www.nhpork.org and click on 'About NHPPC,' then the Calendar of Events page. For more information contact Alicia MacLean Pedemonti at nhpigs@yahoo.com or 603-504-2679.

Farm Credit East Survey Results

Farm Credit East recently released a report indicating Northeast farm, fishing and forestry producers are starting to see some change in their operating environment, but continue to be optimistic about their farm businesses going into 2014. This report was compiled from a survey the financial cooperative recently conducted that asked Northeast producers to provide insight into their 2013 business results and perspectives on the year ahead. In the report, producers' responses are compared to the results of last year's survey.

"I am excited about the optimism among farmers," said Bill Lipinski, Farm Credit East CEO. "Agriculture is an economic engine in the Northeast — with continuing support from agribusiness and farm-friendly public policies, it will continue to grow and create more jobs and economic activity."

A cross section of 140 Northeast producers responded to this survey. Key results included:

- Over ¾ of respondents continue to be optimistic or cautiously optimistic for the future of their farming enterprise.

- In terms of gross farm income, most producers did not experience much change last year as compared to 2012. Top line income continues to grow modestly for a majority of producers, with 28% indicating a 1 to 10% increase, 23% indicating a 10 to 20% increase and 11% indicating more than 20% increase.

- Producers indicated their expenses stayed about the same in 2013, but many (76%) continue to see significant cost inflation in their business.

- Real estate markets stayed about the same in 2013 as compared to 2012, with some producers indicating a 1 to 10% increase in sale price.

- The top three major business challenges Northeast producers anticipate in 2014 are availability of labor, financial volatility in income statements and changing/shrinking margins.

- Survey respondents anticipate consumer buying habits to stay about the same as they have been in previous years, with a cautious outlook on spending in 2014.

- Survey respondents indicated a big change in their outlook on interest rates in 2014. Nearly half of our participants expect interest rates to increase as much as two percentage points in the coming year, while the remaining majority of respondents expect interest rates to remain about the same for another year.

"In the Northeast we have thousands of farm businesses that are an integral part of our communities," Lipinski continued. "This survey indicated that farm owners are concerned with the availability of a stable labor supply and that the farm labor issue needs to be addressed."

In addition, survey respondents reported on their 2014 business plans and goals. Looking back at 2013, survey respondents reported on their business results and impact of weather on their farming operation.

This survey was conducted in February 2014. The survey was open to any farm, fishing and forestry producers operating within the seven Northeast states of New York, New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. The survey was made available on Farm Credit East's website and social media sites. To view the full report of Farm Credit East's Pulse of Agriculture survey results visit:

<https://www.farmcrediteast.com/~media/Files/Knowledge%20Exchange/Reports/2014%20Pulse%20of%20Northeast%20Farming.ashx>

Farm Credit East

Apply for NHDAMF Nutrient Management Grant

NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food (NHDAMF) is accepting applications for the next round of grants in its Agricultural Nutrient Management (ANM) Grant Program. Applications are due to NHDAMF's Division of Regulatory Services by the close of business on June 1.

The ANM grant program provides financial assistance to agricultural land and livestock owners with practices to minimize adverse effects to waters of the state by better managing agricultural nutrients including fertilizer, manure and compost. Applicants may apply for grants up to \$2,500 to implement a practice that will accomplish a water-quality objective. ANM grants may also be used as supplementary funding needed to complete larger projects with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service or other programs.

Examples of appropriate on-farm projects and practices include: wetland exclusionary fencing, controlled water crossings or alternative watering systems for livestock; manure, compost and/or fertilizer related storage structures, roofs for existing storages, rain gutters for barns; buffer strips, vegetative swales, or water diversions. Organizations are also eligible to apply for ANM funding for educational or research projects related to agricultural nutrient best management practices.

The NHDAMF Manual of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Agriculture includes a set of standardized plans with material lists for manure storage structures and worksheets for determining storage dimensions. The plans also include specifications for livestock fencing options. Copies of the plans are available at no cost from NHDAMF.

Applications for this round of grants must be delivered to the department by 4:00 pm, June 1, 2014. For a copy of the application and a fact sheet with more details about the program please contact: Jennifer Gornert by phone at 271-7761 or email at Jennifer.Gornert@agr.nh.gov. The grant application and fact sheet, as well as the NH Manual of BMPs are all available on the web at <http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/regulatory-services/nutrient-management.htm>.

Farm Loan Program Modifications Create Flexibility for New and Existing Farmers

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced increased opportunity for producers as a result of the 2014 Farm Bill. A fact sheet outlining modifications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan Programs is available at www.fsa.usda.gov. Click on Newsroom, and then click on Fact Sheets. "Our nation's farmers and ranchers are the engine of the rural economy. These improvements to our Farm Loan Programs will help a new generation begin farming and grow existing farm operations," said Secretary Vilsack.

The Farm Bill expands lending opportunities for thousands of farmers and ranchers to begin and continue operations, including greater flexibility in determining eligibility, raising loan limits, and emphasizing beginning and socially disadvantaged producers. Changes that will take effect immediately include:

Elimination of loan term limits for guaranteed operating loans.

Modification of the definition of beginning farmer, using the average farm size for the county as a qualifier instead of the median farm size.

Modification of the Joint Financing Direct Farm Ownership Interest Rate to 2 percent less than regular Direct Farm Ownership rate, with a floor of 2.5 percent. Previously, the rate was established at 5 percent.

Increase of the maximum loan amount for Direct Farm Ownership down payments from \$225,000 to \$300,000.

Elimination of rural residency requirement for Youth Loans, allowing urban youth to benefit. Debt forgiveness on Youth Loans, which will not prevent borrowers from obtaining additional loans from the federal government.

Increase of the guarantee amount on Conservation Loans from 75 to 80 percent and 90 percent for socially disadvantaged borrowers and beginning farmers.

Microloans will not count toward loan term limits for veterans and beginning farmers.

Additional modifications must be implemented through the rulemaking processes. Visit the [FSA Farm Bill website](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) or a local FSA office for detailed information and updates to farm loan programs.

Cooking for Groups: A Volunteer's Guide to Food Safety

UNH Cooperative Extension will be presenting a free, three-hour program on Cooking for Groups: A Volunteer's Guide to Food Safety. This training opportunity is for groups or churches that offer meals to the public, whether the meal is free or as part of a fundraiser.

The workshop is being held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm, at Monadnock Congregational Church, 147 Main Street, Colebrook. The workshop will be presented by Field Specialist, Ann Hamilton. Ann is a certified ServSafe® instructor.

Topics covered include review of safe food handling techniques; reminders of personal hygiene practices; prevention of cross-contamination; safe time & temperature controls; and food donations. Certificates of attendance will be issued.

For more information call the Carroll County office of UNH Cooperative Extension at 447-3834 or 1-800-322-4166. Pre-registration is requested by May 15, by calling Betty Lou Canty at 447-3834, 1-800-322-4166 or email bettylou.canty@unh.edu

UNH Cooperative Extension

Merrimack County School-To-Farm Days

What a great way to spend the day - helping out with the New Hampshire Agriculture in the Classroom.

NHAITC is looking for help with Merrimack County School-To-Farm Days! Thursday 5/22 and Friday 5/23, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm each day at Carter Hill Orchard in Concord.

4th graders from Merrimack County schools are invited for a day of fun and learning about the importance of agriculture and the role it plays in their daily lives - students rotate through up to 10 stations spending approximately 15 minutes at each one to find out about a different aspect of agriculture.

HELP! Currently, presenters will be speaking about apples, soils, and maple syrup. We would love to expand that to include areas such as dairy, bees, poultry, wool, goats, vegetables, horticulture, etc.

PLEASE! email nhaitc@nhfarmbureau.org or call (603) 224-1934 if you are interested in joining us.

Thank You!

We also have room for more presenters at a similar event to be held at UNH on June 3rd, 4th and 5th. Let us know if you would like to help out on any or all of those days.

NH Farm Bureau

New Name for Northeast Ag and Feed Alliance

At the kick-off of the group's annual meeting, Northeast Ag and Feed Alliance President Bill Colten announced a new name and logo for the organization. The new name is Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance (NEAFA), a change that will serve to more accurately reflect the organization's mission to represent the evolving agribusiness sector of the agriculture industry throughout the Northeast.

Historically, NEAFA work was tied to the animal feed industry, and that will continue in the future. But this expansion of title helps to encompass the additional opportunities of the growing industry.

"Our objectives of advocacy, education and collaboration will continue to grow to address our needs," said Colten. "We are building off of a very strong foundation of successful programs and operations that are recognized by the agribusiness community throughout New York and New England. I am excited about our future because of what we have been able to accomplish in the past."

The updated name and logo will be implemented immediately.

Northeast Agribusiness and Feed Alliance

Centennial Exhibit Opens at State Library May 7

UNH Cooperative Extension will unveil an exhibit commemorating its 100th year of work in New Hampshire on May 7 at the N.H. State Library in Concord. The exhibit, "Bringing the University to You: A Century of Service to the Granite State," will be on display through June 30.

The exhibit will take visitors on a pictorial journey through Extension's work from its inception in 1914 to today, including photographs of M. Gale Eastman, the first Extension agriculture agent, and astronaut and former 4-H member Alan Shepard.

Objects on display include equipment used by early Extension specialists, a partial shawl collection, a trebuchet and underwater vehicle engineered by New Hampshire students involved in 4-H, and agricultural and forestry items.

"Not many organizations have had such a long history and important effect on our state," said John Porter, historian and UNH Cooperative Extension professor emeritus. "This display will shed light on the often behind-the-scenes work that has had a tremendous impact on our state's people, economy and natural resources."

The State Library, located at 20 Park St., in Concord, is open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. It will be closed on Memorial Day.

2014 Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Scholarship Awardees

The Monadnock Localvores are proud to announce the following twenty-seven recipients of the 2014 Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Scholarship award. Congratulations to Maddie Beaudry of Walpole NH, Elissa Brady of North Walpole NH, Olivia Briggs of Sullivan NH, Hab Burkett of Alstead NH, Haley Christie of Alstead NH, Connor Ciampolillo of Keene NH, Jeff Giza of Westmoreland NH, Edward Gowdy of Walpole NH, George Gowdy of Walpole NH, Emma Harvey of Winchester NH, Rhyann Harvey of Winchester NH, Zain Lent of Keene NH, Brennan Lilly of Westmoreland NH, Eli Littleton of Chesterfield NH, Andie Majewski of Westmoreland NH, Hannah Majewski of Westmoreland NH, Maria Majewski of Westmoreland NH, Tabitha Phillips of Walpole NH, Tristan Phillips of Walpole NH, Carmen Pini of Fitzwilliam NH, Isabel Prieto of Munsonville NH, Emmaline Riendeau of Westmoreland NH, Benjamin Robichaud of Walpole NH, Reign Shepa of Alstead NH, Sage Stark of Charlestown NH, Logan Veilleux of Swanzey NH, and Nora Young of Surry NH.

All scholarship recipients demonstrated a desire to learn more about farming and gardening and they will have the opportunity to attend a farm camp of their choice this summer. As one of the young recipients put it "for a long time I've been wanting to do gardening and farming so this is the perfect chance to do it!" Many thanks go out to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Cheshire County Farm Bureau, Westmoreland Lions Club, Keene Lions Club, Markem Imaje and other generous donors that have made these scholarships possible.

The Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Scholarship endeavors to connect young people with agriculture and the natural world around them. We hope to inspire the next generation of local farmers and local food supporters, by giving regional children an opportunity, through summer camp, to experience sustainable farming practices first-hand and watch their efforts bear fruit. For more information or to donate to the scholarship fund, please contact the Cheshire County Conservation District at 603-756-2988 ext.116 or amanda@cheshireconservation.org. More information is also available online at www.localvore.com.

During his lifetime, Jeff Smith, a former member of the Monadnock Localvore Steering Committee, was an enthusiastic supporter of sustainability and local agriculture. He firmly believed in the connection of all living things, and stressed the importance of working in harmony with the systems of the universe. Seeing himself as a "steward" instead of an "owner" of the land, he felt the earth was entrusted to us for safe keeping during our lifetimes, to be passed along intact to future generations. With an eager and vibrant sense of life, his every activity was geared towards improving the lives of others and the environment through giving freely of his time and efforts. To keep alive that vision, the Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Scholarship Program was initiated in August 2009. The program's purpose is to send children to an area farm camp to discover the inherent rewards that come from cultivating with one's hands and heart.

Cheshire County Conservation District

WHOLESALE EGGS

Boston Market averages for 4/30-5/6
 Brown Shelled Eggs: Jumbo, 2.40;
 Extra Large, 1.76; Large, 1.70 ;
 Medium, 1.45; Small, 1.05. White
 Shelled Eggs: Jumbo, 1.76; Extra
 Large, 1.56; Large, 1.45; Medium, 1.25;
 Small, 1.04.

RETAIL GRAIN PRICES

(PER 50 LBS.)

CASH & CARRY

Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Prices

	RANGE	AVG.
Dairy Pellets 16%	10.44-10.74	10.59
Dairy Pellets 20%	11.68-11.86	11.77
Coarse Dairy		
Ration 16%	10.68-12.31	11.50
Ration 20%	11.49-12.87	12.18
Ration 14%	11.76-15.95	13.86
Cornmeal	9.76-10.37	10.07
Calf Starter	14.35-15.30	14.83
Poultry		
Chick Starter Mash	15.74-17.99	16.87
Grower Mash	12.86-17.99	14.73
Layer Mash	12.33-17.99	13.57
Scratch Feed	11.54-13.99	12.53
Horse Feed	12.19-16.99	14.59
Hog Grower Mash	11.22-13.49	12.35
Whole Corn	9.81-10.99	10.17

BULK GRAIN PRICES (PER TON)

Prices listed for bulk grain are FOB mill in six-ton lots. Hauling charges, volume discounts and other considerations will affect the net price charged for products when delivered to the farm.

Dairy Pellets 16%	286.60
Dairy Pellets 20%	336.40
High Energy Dairy Pellets 16%	340.00
High Energy Dairy Pellets 20%	368.20
Complete Chick Starter	463.80
Complete Grower Mash	416.80
Complete Layer Mash 16%	391.80
Complete Turkey Grower 20%	494.40
Whole Corn	240.00

NORTHAMPTON COOPERATIVE AUCTION

Whately, MA, May 6, 2014

On the hoof, per hundredweight.

	Low	High
Calves		
0-60 lbs	47.00	64.00
61-75 lbs.	63.00	76.00
76-95 lbs.	60.00	76.00
96-105 lbs	61.00	75.00
106 & Up	72.00	75.00
Farm Calves	100.00	320.00
Feeders	95.00	140.00
Heifers	86.00	134.00
Bulls	100.00	
Beef		
Canners	60.00	87.00
Cutters	97.00	101.50
Utility	103.50	120.00
Sows	75.50	
Hogs	57.00	107.00
Feeder Pigs	56.00	
Lambs	175.00	300.00
Sheep	42.50	152.50
Goats, ea	46.00	295.00
Rabbits, ea.	4.00	21.00
Poultry, ea	3.00	29.00
Hay (21 lots)	2.10	5.70

FLAME LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Littleton, MA, May 6, 2014

On the hoof, per pound

Beef		
Canners	.40	.80
Cutters	.75	1.02
Utility	.95	1.10
Bulls	1.00	1.20
Steers	1.10	1.40
Heifers	.80	1.05
Calves		
Growers	1.00	3.00
Veal	.90	1.15
Heifers	2.00	3.75
Others	.75	1.00
Hogs		
Market	.67	.75
Sows	.60	.75
Boars	.10	
Sheep	.65	1.05
Lambs	.80	1.40
Goats, by the \$.70	1.10
Billys	1.30	2.00
Kids	.35	.80

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Question of the Week

Q. What can I do about the brown leaves on my evergreens?

A. Many rhododendrons, arborvitae, yews and other evergreens are showing signs of winter injury this spring. Symptoms range from browning or "burning" of the leaf margins to desiccation of the smaller twigs, or even death of the entire plant. Injury is most noticeable on branches that were not buried under the snow, on plants growing in exposed locations, and on mature specimens.

Why does this happen? During the winter months, evergreens are faced with a situation where more water can be lost from the leaves than the roots can replace. When the ground is frozen, water is unavailable to the roots, but moisture will still be pulled from the foliage on sunny, windy days. Winter water loss from leaves of all evergreens is greatest during periods of strong winds, and also during periods

of warm, sunny weather.

To repair damage now, remove only broken branches or those that are so gray and brittle they snap when you try to bend them. Don't remove branches when lightly scraping the outer bark reveals a green layer underneath. The extent of winter damage can best be determined after new growth starts in the spring. Evergreens showing leaf damage will often produce new leaves if branches and vegetative leaf buds have not been too severely damaged. If branches do not send out new leaves by the middle of June then prune them back to the nearest side branch.

Got questions? UNH Cooperative Extension Education Center's Info Line offers practical help finding answers for your lawn and garden questions. Call toll free at 1-877-398-4769, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., or e-mail us at: answers@unh.edu.

Ag Calendar

May 17: Cheese & Garlic Workshop, 1-3:00 p.m., Massabesic Audubon Center in **AUBURN**. For more info call 668-2045.

May 18: Tools for the Small Farm Event, 2-5:00 p.m., MiVida Garden, **MADISON**. For more info call 447-3834.

May 19: Culturing Dairy: Eat Your Probiotics, 7:00 p.m. at Lee Public Library in **LEE**. For more info call 659-2626.

May 19: Monadnock Farm Summit, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Heberton Hall, **KEENE**. For more visit www.mfccoalition.org.

Pesticide Applicator Recertification Seminars

Meetings approved by the Division of Pesticide Control for recertification credits:

May 21 Tree Fruit Twilight Meeting for Commercial Fruit Growers Meeting
 Alyson's Orchard -- Walpole, NH
 Contact: George Hamilton, 603-641-6060 2 PC

May 22 Using Drip Irrigation for Vegetable & Fruit Production
 Farm Twilight Meeting
 Brookside Fruit Farm -- Hollis, NH
 Contact: George Hamilton, 603-641-6060 2 PC

*Private=Private Credits

*C=Commercial Credits

