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## From Your Commissioner . . .

### Monadnock Regional Loosens Policy on Lambs at School

High school students from Swanzey, Gilsum, Sullivan, Roxbury, Fitzwilliam, Troy and Richmond will be getting new opportunities to learn about agriculture in their own community and the world beyond. A group representing administration, faculty, students and school board members; local conservation, planning, and land trust groups; farmers; and UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H and agricultural educators for Cheshire County, met earlier this month to begin mapping out an ambitious new approach to integrating agriculture and farming into the curriculum of Monadnock Regional High School.

Noting that the school's mission is to provide quality and excellence in education for all students, Principal Brian Pickering asked, "How can we have that without agriculture?" In his first year as principal, Pickering said this vision for excellence requires "offering things outside the typical classroom."

Bruce Barlow, chair of the school board's community relations committee, explained the vision for the new program: 'Growing Our Own—food, people, community and future.' The group plans to start its ambitious and creative plans with small steps, that they hope will lead to a K-12 program—and perhaps even a school farm.

Pickering, whose grandfather farmed in Walpole, expects Growing Our Own to begin with 'extended learning opportunities.' Through ELOs, students earn credit for real-world learning experiences outside of school hours. Community and business partners provide opportunities and mentoring for ELO projects. The idea is to help students find passions for learning by connecting academic work with hands-on learning experiences. A course in agriculture/science is also being discussed by science teachers Jed Butterfield and Eric Skarsten.

Chelsea Kruse, a sophomore at Monadnock from Richmond, shows dairy cattle in 4-H, but is not come from a farm family. She got involved in planning the new program so students can learn about



agriculture at their own school.

The next morning after the meeting, Pickering wrote in an email to committee members that he'd had a sign of where all this is heading. "I had a request from a student to bring in her newborn baby lamb today because her parents weren't going to be home, and the lamb needed attention," he wrote. "Your new Ag Friendly principal approved the visit and helped babysit a lamb in the assistant principal's office!!!" There, he said it had "an amazing calming effect" on some of the students.

One can only imagine how pleased all this tale would make poet, editor and novelist Sarah Josepha Hale (1788-1879). The Newport native and literary pioneer is most fondly remembered for 'Mary Had a Little Lamb.'

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In big news for the UNH equine program, the school's dressage team won the national championship a week ago in Findlay, Ohio. This is the first time the Intercollegiate Dressage Association national championship has been won by a state university. Previous title-holders were all private colleges. Team members received commemorative saddles, along with the championship trophy and \$1,000 in scholarship funds for UNH.

Competitors were senior captain Kim Guyer in the first level division, senior Kat Williams-Barnard in the upper training division, senior Bridget Shea in the lower training division, and junior Casey Hoatson in the intro division. The riders with the most points in their divisions represented the 14-member team. Shea, a pre-vet major, won reserve champion individual honors.

"This is a really terrific accomplishment for our team," said coach Sarah Hamilton. "This was a very tough competition and they had challenging horses. They had to ride really hard. They actually finished 10 points ahead of the second-place team. Not one of our riders was below fourth in their division. It was a great team effort all around." This showing will bring lots of positive exposure for the equine program and animal sciences at UNH.

Lorraine Merrill, Commissioner

## Guest Column Hearing on Senate Bill 132

On Thursday, April 23 more than 250 people attended a House Executive Department and Administration Committee (ED&A) hearing to discuss the merging of six state agencies, including the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, into two as a cost-saving device. Amended Senate Bill 132 proposes a commission "to develop implementation plans" for merging the departments of Cultural Resources, Agriculture, and Fish & Game, plus the Department of Resources & Economic Development's divisions of Parks & Recreation and Forests & Land into a new Department of Natural and Cultural Resources "to enhance efficiency and lower costs." All speakers spoke in opposition, except the bill's primary sponsor, Sen. Maggie Hassan, (D-Exeter) and the governor's deputy chief of staff, Pam Walsh.

SB 132, as originally written and passed by the Senate, called for a study of combining agencies, with no departments specified. A week later the Senate reconsidered and amended SB 132 to "develop implementation plans" and named departments to be merged. The Senate passed the amended bill by voice vote, without discussion.

As most of those at the hearing last Thursday believed that the purpose of the bill was to trigger a merger, Senator Hassan arrived at the microphone apologizing and saying the intent of her Senate amendment was not merger implementation. She offered a second amendment "establishing a commission to consider mergers of state agencies...and to develop draft implementation plans..."

Since this proposed amendment still contained the mergers of the same agencies, the fears of the audience were not allayed. Most of the vocal opposition came from farmers, hunters, and anglers, many of whom were sporting buttons distributed by New Hampshire Farm Bureau saying, "Purge the Merge." Committee chair Anne-Marie Irwin, (D-Peterborough, New Ipswich, Sharon, Greenville), very adroitly allowed as many to speak as possible over more than two hours.

Many speakers noted the governor's office had offered no evidence to justify the merger, or how savings would be made. Others asked why stakeholders had been excluded from the bill's discussions and formulation, and why departments with the leanest budgets were proposed for merger. Langdon dairy farmer and President of N.H. Farm Bureau Jeff Holmes strongly opposed the bill, and noted the USDA Ag Census showed a 24 percent increase in New Hampshire farms from 2002 to 2007, while sales increased 37 percent. He said this growth in agriculture was accomplished while spending less than 1/5 of 1% of the total state general fund budget.

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Many speakers predicted many services of the Department of Agriculture could become non-existent or inefficient with a merger—such as its expert ability to deal with the growing complexity of food and farm regulations, and the need for a strong and focused department in the event of bio-terrorism, contagious animal diseases, or invasive pests. Kris Mossey, third-generation orchardist and President of the New Hampshire Farmers Market Association, pointed to the role of the Department of Agriculture in the flourishing numbers of farmers markets.

Advocates for Agriculture and Fish & Game said independent, mission-focused departments are better positioned to obtain federal dollars that are targeted to very specific purposes. Several hunters spoke to the importance of farms to maintaining wildlife and land for hunting. Many speakers testified to the efficiency and effectiveness of these departments, and asked committee members to vote down any version of SB 132.

An ED&A subcommittee scheduled a work session for Wednesday, April 29. The subcommittee will recommend one of four options to the whole ED&A commit-

tee: (1) kill the bill, in which case it may not be brought back to the legislature until the next biennium; (2) send the bill as "ought-to-pass" with an amendment; (3) send the bill "ought-to-pass" as is; (4) retain the bill for further discussion, in which case the sub-committee could do further work on the bill during May and June and hold a second hearing in the fall. Everyone interested in agriculture and other affected departments should follow the bill closely through the legislative process.

—Helen Brody,  
www.Newhampshirefarms.net  
Member, State Agriculture  
Advisory Board

**Q:** It looks as if my garden will produce a bumper crop of rhubarb this spring. But I've heard it's not safe to eat stems after a hard freeze. Can you give me a little more information?

**A:** Rhubarb, *Rheum rhabonticum*, is a old New England garden favorite, grown for its tart, meaty stems, popular for stewing into sauces and pie fillings. Rhubarb leaves contain a high concentration of oxalic acid, which can cause poisoning if eaten. Although rhubarb plants are extremely hardy themselves, when spring temperatures fall to the mid-20s or below, the plants move oxalic acid into their stems, making them unsafe to eat, too. So, don't eat rhubarb stalks after a hard frost, when leaves appear "water-soaked" and then wilt, eventually turning dry and black along the edges or wherever tissue was damaged. Don't eat stalks that themselves appear limp or wilted.

If you notice frost damage on rhubarb leaf tissue, remove the injured leaves and the stalks attached to them, and add them to your compost pile or discard them. The hard frost won't kill your plants, and eventually you'll see a new set of leaves, which should yield a new set of edible stalks within four to six weeks.

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

## Leafy Greens 2009 Vegetable of the Year

Each year the National Garden Bureau selects a vegetable of the year, which for 2009 is the leafy greens and for which they've provided much information. You've probably seen a sampling of the diversity of this versatile and easy crop in supermarkets. Leaves come in many shapes and sizes and colors (not just green anymore), can be harvested at most any stage, and eaten raw or cooked.

A mix of many types is usually seen as "mesculin." "Micro-greens" are harvested as young seedlings, within a couple weeks of sowing seeds, to use in salads and sandwiches. Grow them a couple weeks longer, and you can harvest them as "baby greens."

There are many types of greens from several plant families. When most think of greens they think of the lettuces, mainly the leafy and non-heading types, members of the aster or daisy family. The hundreds of lettuce varieties fall into several main groups. Bibb lettuce has a whorl of leaves with a dense heart or center.

Butterhead or Boston lettuce forms a semi-dense ball of leaves. Leaves are less crisp than Bibb, and with a buttery texture.

Cos or romaine lettuce is commonly used for Caesar salads with its large wrinkled leaves, and crisp texture and flavor. It is one of the oldest lettuces, found growing on the Greek island of Cos and popular with the Romans. These lettuces take a bit longer to grow to maturity than other types, about 9 to 10 weeks.

Leaf lettuce comes in many colors and leaf types, and is quick from seed to harvest. If you can't decide among the many varieties, choose a blend. They are adapted to containers and short rows. They can be harvested at most any

stage, but reach maturity in about 6 to 7 weeks.

Cut them above the growing point when you harvest and they may grow another set of leaves.

Black Seeded Simpson is popular for its large, light green, crinkled leaves and tolerance to drought. It can be harvested over a long period, being slow to bolt. "Bolting" is when the lettuce stops growing and sends up a seed stalk, the leaves becoming bitter. This happens when a plant reaches maturity, or in response to hot weather.

Several leafy greens are in the cabbage family. Arugula, also known as rocket or rocket salad, is easy to grow and ready to harvest in only 4 to 6 weeks. Lobed leaves have a spicy flavor, often compared to radish or horseradish. Another quick green, often harvested only 2 to 3 weeks after sowing as sprouts, is cress.

Asian greens have become popular recently, being easy and quick growing in 5 to 6 weeks. Mizuna is a type with white stems, and delicate green leaves with finely cut edges. It grows in hot weather without bolting.

Tatsoi, also known as spoon cabbage or rosette pak choi, has very dark green leaves and a peppery flavor. It withstands cold late into fall, even with light snow.

Lettuce prefers full sun to grow its best, but will grow in light shade. They are usually sown directly outdoors in rows, thinning young seedlings by pinching off at the base or cutting with scissors. Don't discard these, rather add them to salads. If growing to maturity, allow 8 to 10 inches between plants. Keep the soil surface

moist until seeds germinate, then water and fertilize as needed.

Harvest by cutting at the base, or pulling whole plants from the ground.

Store in a plastic bag, washing before using. Greens are best eaten fresh, but can be stored for a few days in the refrigerator. Lettuce, collards, and mustard greens can be stored a few days longer.

Since greens don't store for long periods, don't sow them all at once. Sow a short row or two at a time, about 10 to 14 days apart, so you can harvest over a longer period. For late spring sowings, use varieties that are slower to bolt in heat and long days. Plan to sow again similarly in late summer for early fall harvests.

Greens are fairly pest free, but if you do see any, wash off with a forceful stream of water. Since you will be eating the leaves, don't use chemical pesticides. A good well-drained soil, and proper spacing, will help to prevent any disease.

Greens are good for you, being low in calories but high in vitamins and minerals. In addition to salads and sandwiches, consider adding to soups, casseroles, or as a pizza topping. Add at the end of cooking to avoid them quickly turning to mush.

—Dr. Leonard Perry  
UVM Extension

## Crop Insurance News

### Dairy Gross Margin and Forage Seeding Insurance

Carrying crop insurance is a common way in which farmers protect themselves from risks associated with production. Crop insurance policies cover loss in production as a result of natural disasters such as hail, freeze, and drought, as well as losses from disease and insects if accepted control measures prove ineffective. Apple growers and corn producers in New Hampshire have long taken advantage of the policies available for their crops. There are also a number of other policies available to farmers in New Hampshire. They include policies for sweet corn, peaches, nursery crops and forages. In addition, there are adjusted gross revenue (AGR and AGR-Lite) policies which can be used to insure a revenue level for a diversified farming operation and livestock gross margin insurance for dairy farmers (LGM-Dairy).

Livestock gross margin insurance for dairy producers is a pilot program which has been available since late last summer. The LGM-Dairy program allows farmers to lock in a margin between milk price and feed costs for up to 11 months in the future. Futures prices for class III milk and futures prices for corn and soybean meal are used to estimate the prices for commodities. The difference in these prices is what the farmer insures. If milk futures prices fall and grain futures rise, the insurance covers the margin.

LGM-Dairy is available each month for up to 11 months in the future. A dairy farmer can buy coverage for 1 month or as many as 10 months at a time. In addition to choosing months of coverage, a dairy farmer also chooses how much production to insure and deductible levels. LGM-Dairy policies are purchased from crop insurance agents, but the signup time each month is narrow. LGM-

Dairy policies are available on the third to the last business day of the month.

Forage production and forage seeding insurance are also available in New Hampshire. Under the forage seeding policy at least half of the seeding mixture must be alfalfa, clover or other approved legume. The way the policy works is an indemnity is paid to the grower if the seeding fails to establish a normal stand as a result of adverse weather conditions, fire, wildlife, insects damage (despite control measures) or disease damage (despite control measures). Coverage level (percent stand) is selected by the grower. The coverage level for the forage seeding policy ranges from 50% to 75%. The closing date for fall seeded crops has already past, but the closing date for spring seeded crops is July 31. The forage seeding policy is available in Merrimack county, but can be carried by producers in other counties through a written agreement arranged by the crop insurance agent.

The forage production policy covers the entire state and works much like other crop policies by insuring a percent of production from losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for coverage, the crop insured must be a pure alfalfa stand or a mix of alfalfa and perennial grasses. The signup for this year has already passed, but keep it in mind for next year. The sales closing date for 2010 will be the end of September.

Crop and revenue insurance policies are available through private insurance agents. For a list of crop insurance agents in your area, contact the local USDA Farm Service Agency office or log onto the following Risk Management Agency web site:

<http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

### Sheep and Wool Festival Set for May 9 & 10

The 33rd Annual New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival will be held May 9 and 10 at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds in Contoocook. (Exit 7 off I-89). This event is open to the public, and runs from 9-5 on Saturday and 9-4 and Sunday. Admission is \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, children under 12 are free. More information about our organization and the upcoming festival can be found at [www.nhswga.org](http://www.nhswga.org).

This year at the festival, you can enjoy a variety of hands-on classes, demonstrations, educational lectures, competitions and workshops. We have sheep shearing and sheep dog herding demonstrations throughout the day, as well as spinning, weaving, and other craft demonstrations and workshops. One special highlight of every festival is the youth show, where children from around the state show off their animals and animal-handling skills. Of course there are lots of animals to see and learn about: sheep, alpacas, llamas, goats and bunnies. We also have over 150 vendors and wonderful festival food.

The NH Sheep & Wool Festival is sponsored by the New Hampshire Sheep & Wool Growers Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the health of the New Hampshire sheep and fiber industry. The association teaches sheep management skills, educates the public, and provides a forum for shepherds to meet and exchange ideas. The proceeds from the festival are used for the promotion of the industry and as well as sheep and wool producers throughout the state. We sponsor clinics and programs throughout the year, a number of youth sheep shows, and college scholarships.

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### Wrong Name for Swine Flu

The flu virus spreading around the world should not be called "swine flu" as it also contains avian and human components and no pig was found ill with the disease so far, the World Animal Health body said recently.

A more logical name for it would be "North-American influenza," a name based on its geographic origin just like the Spanish influenza that killed more than 50 million people in 1918-1919.

"The virus has not been isolated in animals to date. Therefore it is not justified to name this disease swine influenza," the Paris-based organization said in a statement.

Fears of a global flu pandemic are growing around the world after more than 100 people were killed in Mexico and new infections were found in the United States and Canada and possible cases as far afield as Europe, Israel and New Zealand.

—Reuters

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### Ag Calendar

**May 2 & 3:** Fence Building Workshop, Wellscroft Farm, **HARRISVILLE**, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon. Contact 827-3464 for more info.

**May 3:** Farm Feast & Open House/Open Trails, D Acres, **DORCHESTER**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Contact 783-2366 for more info.

**May 4:** How to Transplant Shrubs & Small Trees, Shieling Forest, **PETERBOROUGH**, 4-6 p.m. Contact 431-6774 for more info.

**May 6:** The Attack of the Invasive Pests, Milford Town Hall, **MILFORD**, 6:30-9 p.m. Contact 673-2409 for more info.

**May 16:** Spring Feeder Pig Sale, Henniker Farm & Country Store, **HENNIKER**, 11 a.m. Contact 529-6058 for more info.

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### Pesticide Applicator Recertification Seminars

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

May 13 Tree Fruit Twilight Meeting for Commercial Fruit Growers  
UNH Woodsman Horticultural Farm, Durham  
Contact: George Hamilton, 641-6060 Credits: 2 PC\*

\*Private=Private Credits

\*C=Commercial Credits

## Changes to Carlisle Rules

In July, 2007, the NH Maple Producers Association voted to amend the rules for the Carlisle competition. All fairs were notified of these changes by the end of that year, but some did not make the appropriate corrections in their 2008 fair booklets. This has caused a great deal of confusion among producers who entered syrup into the fairs last summer.

The NH Maple Producers Association hopes that all NH fairs that allow us to hold a competition will recognize the adoption of our new rules and will make the necessary changes in their 2009 booklets. The amendments to the existing Carlisle rules should read:

1) Maple syrup destined for the Carlisle competition, must be designated as a Carlisle entry when entered into a New Hampshire fair. All entries must be produced in New Hampshire and be entered by the person who produced it.

2) Each entrant must be a paid member of the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association

before submitting syrup designated as a Carlisle entry at any fair. There will be no exceptions.

3) The same lot of syrup which won first, second or third place at a New Hampshire fair should be the one entered into the Carlisle competition.

4) Only one entry per sugar house will be allowed into the Carlisle competition of the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association.

5) Only New Hampshire Grade A maple syrup may be considered for the Carlisle competition, and the first place should be awarded to the entry that best represents the characteristics of grade as set forth by the State of New Hampshire Department of Agriculture.

6) All score sheets will be on file with the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, and will be the official New Hampshire Maple Judging Score Sheet.

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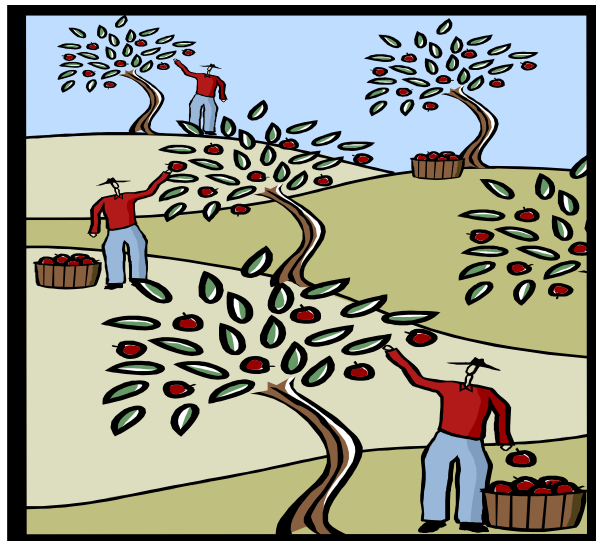
## An Orchard Stirs

Our orchards are slowly coming to life - you can just feel it. Grass on the orchard floor seems to get greener with every warmish day. And apple buds are swelling - the recent warmth has many orchards in the Hollis and Londonderry areas now showing a touch of green at the tips of flower buds, a bud stage we imaginatively call green tip!

The pests are stirring too! Apple scab had a quiet winter resting on apple leaves under a protective, white blanket. With warmth, it too has started to grow and soon will have spores mature and ready to be shot into the air during rainy events. Some will land by chance on green apple tissues - buds, leaves, and later flowers and developing fruit. Scab lesions will occur if we are not protected.

White sticky boards can be seen hanging from apple trees, there to catch an insect pest of note, the tarnished plant bug. This one will feed on flower buds before they open, thinning the crop. Later it will feed on developing fruit, creating small dimples. We rarely worry about the fruit feeding but if populations are too high, tarnished plant bugs can thin the crop too much. We monitor these traps and if the number we catch passes an "action threshold" we act.

—Bill Lord, Fruit Growers Journal



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*Should you decide to submit an advertisement to be included in the bulletin, please make sure to include the following information. Also, please adhere to the Weekly Market Bulletin rules:*

**Your name, indicate that you are an online subscriber,  
NH telephone number, town and a price(s) for items that you are selling.  
Thank you!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Stall avail. in 11 horse barn, trails, turnout, automatic waterers, full board \$325/mo. –**AUBURN**, 494-1037.  
Farm services: land plowing, discing, fertilizing, manure spreading, liming, mowing, seeding. –**CHESTER**, 300-8171.  
Llama/Alpaca owners & enthusiasts: NH Lama Assn. offers opportunities to learn & share your exp. through networking; minerals avail. –**CONCORD**, 783-9982 or [cicely.farmer@comcast.net](mailto:cicely.farmer@comcast.net)  
Sheep shearing. –**DEERFIELD**, 463-9381.  
Hay & wood hauled, brush removed, manure removed in Seacoast area, rototilling, field & pasture mowing, 1 ton dump for hire. –**MADBURY**, 765-4619.  
Tractor & farm equip. repair, tune-ups to overhauls, will travel; custom lumber sawing w/Wood-Mizer portable sawmill, softwood, \$.25/bf, hardwood, \$.35/bf. –**NORTHWOOD**, 435-8214.  
Plastic mulching service in Concord area, set up for 4' width, cheaper if we use your tractor and my 3 pth equip. –**NORTHWOOD**, 942-7915.  
Wentworth Greenhouses Farmers' Market has space for farmers & food producers, starts June 30, Tuesdays 2-6 p.m. –**ROLLINSFORD**, 743-0923.  
Ground training for mini horses, 6 mos. up, lunge lining, biting, ground driving, gen. handling. –**WALPOLE**, 756-4348.  
Spring Feeder Pig Sale, Sat., May 16, Henniker Farm & Country Store, Henniker, preview 11 a.m., sale at 1 p.m. –**WEARE**, 529-6058.

**WANTED**

- Two row corn planter, 3 pth. –**BEDFORD**, 396-3293.  
Small 3 pth land plow for 15 hp diesel tractor. –**BEDFORD**, 472-3343.  
18" saddle w/wide tree. –**CANTERBURY**, 848-9278.  
4-5' bed maker, 3 pth & 5-6' lift harrow. –**CONCORD, MA**, 978-369-9432; 978-337-4913.  
Manure w/in 30 min. of Rumney; clay; belt driven water pump; blacksmithing equip. –**DORCHESTER**, 786-2366.  
Wood processor. –**GILMANTON IW**, 364-2731 after 7 p.m.  
F550 diesel 4wd dump truck. –**HENNIKER**, 428-7630.  
Tire rim & tube for size 10-38. –**HOPKINTON**, 225-3093.  
Manure spreader; 2/4 row corn planter; 100 gal. fuel tank w/pump for diesel. –**MADBURY**, 765-4619.  
Draft horse exercise drag; single/dbl. forecart, reasonable. –**NORTH STRATFORD**, 237-5746.  
3 pth pto driven post hole auger; 3 pth pto driven trencher/ditch witch. –**NEW LONDON**, 763-3386.  
Tires, pr. of 14.9x28 w/ag tread of at least 50%. –**SANBORNTON**, 669-8475.  
Haybine, 10'/11' w/rubber rolls, gd. cond. –**SOUTH NEWBURY**, 938-5911.  
Small gas powered elec. generator. –**TAMWORTH**, 323-2392.

**HELP WANTED**

- NE farm & forest heritage & environmental woodworking program start up seeks p.t. help in exchange for housing, ind., couple dedicated to environmental education. –**CANTERBURY**, 783-4403.

**CATTLE**

- Polled Hereford cattle: cow, p.b., due end of May, \$750; Hereford heifer, 10 mos., \$475. –**EAST ANDOVER**, 735-5593.  
Beefalo cows & calves, \$1,200. –**MARLOW**, 446-3324.  
Dexters, p.b., 10 mos. to 1 yr., steers, \$650, 3 yr. cows w/1 yr. heifer, \$1,000. –**NORTH STRATFORD**, 922-3889.  
Reg. Pinzgauer heifers, \$400/up. –**NORTH STRATFORD**, 237-5746.  
Jersey cows, 1 due in June, \$800; cow milking 10 qts. daily, \$600; Guernsey bull, 8 mos., \$500. –**ROCHESTER**, 332-5761.  
Angus p.b. heifers, b. 5/08, \$800/ea.; Angus p.b. bull, 3 yrs., \$1,000. –**SOUTH NEWBURY**, 938-5911.

**WORK HORSES**

- Reg. Belgian mare, 8 yrs., 17.2h, utd, ride/drive, \$1,200. –**NORTH STRATFORD**, 237-5746 or [ndcolumbia@localnet.com](mailto:ndcolumbia@localnet.com)

**DONKEYS & MULES**

- Two mini donkeys, Male 10 yrs. & female, 14 yrs., must go together, \$800/bo. –**SANDOWN**, 247-3562.

**SWINE**

- Yorkshire/Landrace X pigs, 180-225 lbs., grain & veg. fed, \$300/ea. –**CHESTER**, 483-8745/489-9674.

Piglets, order now, \$75/ea., \$50 non-refundable required. –**NEW IPSWICH**, 878-2836.

### SHEEP

Dorset ram, 100% proven, 3 yrs., \$150. –**CENTER CONWAY**, 447-6641.

Cotswold & Corriedale ewes, Cotswold/Corriedale x lambs b. 2/09, \$50/ea., neg. –**GREENFIELD**, 547-6489.

Lamb rams, \$75/ea. –**NORTH STRATFORD**, 922-3889.

Finn sheep, ewes & rams, twins, triplets, quads, quintos, \$100/up. –**RICHMOND**, 239-7098.

### GOATS

Alpine goat, 3 yrs., never bred, \$100/bo. –**ANDOVER**, 735-5433 or 5colbys@comcast.net.

Boer kids b. 1/09, \$175/up. –**EPPING**, 679-2629 or info@riversleafarm.com

90-100% p.b. Boer goats, most 2 yrs., twin does w/6 wk. wether, \$390; doe w/6wk. doe kid, \$280; doe w/4 wk. wether, \$350; doe w/4 wk. wether, \$225; p.b. Billy, 2 yrs., \$280; 100% Boer billys, \$200/ea.; sell all for \$2,000. –**PLYMOUTH**, 536-3120.

### HAY & BEDDING

Horse hay, 3x3x7'6" bales, 750 lbs., timothy/alfalfa mix, \$78/bale. –**BRADFORD**, 938-6180.

Hay from fert. fields, \$5/bale. –**CANTERBURY**, 783-4019.

Mulch or low quality stock hay, \$3/bale. –**HUDSON**, 521-4259 or jedwards@alvirnehs.org

Stock hay, \$3.50/bale; 1st cut horse hay, \$5.50; 2nd cut, \$6.50. –**KENSINGTON**, 772-2206.

Mulch hay, \$3/bale, del. avail. –**MADBURY**, 765-4619.

Lrg. wrapped baleage, mixed grasses, \$55/ea. –**MARLOW**, 446-3324.

Mulch hay, \$2/bale. –**MEREDITH**, 677-7006.

2nd & 3rd crop hay from fert. fields, \$6/bale. –**NEW IPSWICH**, 878-2496.

2nd crop hay, \$7/bale; stock hay, \$4.50/bale; mulch, \$3.50/bale. –**NORTHWOOD**, 848-8559.

Sawdust-shaving mix, \$12/yd. –**WOODSVILLE**, 359-4091.

### CORDWOOD & LUMBER

Pine boards sawn 10/08, 1": 4-6-8-10 wide, 8-10-12 long, \$.40/bf. –**DEERFIELD**, 463-9381.

Grade stakes, 4', \$11/bundle; hardwood boards, cherry, poplar, ash, etc., \$2.50/bf. –**DUNBARTON**, 774-3797.

Barn boards, weathered 30 yrs., you take down & haul, \$100. –**SOUTH NEWBURY**, 938-5911.

### LOAM, MANURE & FERTILIZER

Cow manure, \$25/pick up truck load. –**BRISTOL**, 744-8032.

Horse manure w/some bedding, \$8/yd., w/o bedding, \$12/yd., del. avail. –**MADBURY**, 765-4619.

### MAPLE

Algier 2'x6' wood fired s.s. lead free evaporator, reverse flow s.s. stack plus blower, \$3,000. –**ACWORTH**, 835-6264.

### MEATS

Our own naturally raised lamb & kid, flash frozen, various cuts & sausages, \$8/lb. up, USDA #9542. –**EPPING**, 679-2629 or info@riversleafarm.com

### PLANTS, TREES & HERBS

High bush blueberry plants, 3 yrs., \$17/ea., 3/\$45; fruit trees, \$30/up, 3/\$83; summer/fall raspberry plants, \$7.50/ea., 3/\$19. –**TROY**, 242-6417 or monadnockberries@myfairpoint.net

### WOOLS & FLEECES

Hand dyed & natural roving, \$1.25/oz. up; natural & hand-dyed worsted wool yarn, \$2/oz; washable lamb skins, \$45+; natural wool blankets, \$75+. –**EPPING**, 679-2629 or info@riversleafarm.com

### FARM EQUIPMENT

Disc harrow, 6', \$375. –**ALTON**, 998-3293.

MF 6' 3 pth mower, gd. cond., \$450; Case SC parts, \$25/up. –**BEDFORD**, 860-1718.

AC B110 garden tractor w/tiller, snowplow, front & rear blades, chipper, mower, \$4,400. –**BOSCAWEN**, 796-2464.

Franklin grapple skidder w/winch & cable, 3-53 Detroit std., \$7,000. –**CANDIA**, 483-2350.

Off road log wagon, new rims & tires, h.d., \$2,500; Grover tracks for skid loader w/12x16.5 tires, little used, \$1,500; 5' bush hog w/slip clutch, \$450; 10' JD KBA disc harrow, \$400; original loader for Farmall H, \$250; loader from Oliver 66, \$75; 275 gal fuel tank, \$75. –**CONTOOCOOK**, 746-4942.

JD 24B 2 row corn planter, no fert. hoppers, 3 pth tool carrier, 10'wide, \$475. –**EATON**, 447-5133.

IHC 4 row corn planter, \$1,500. –**GILMANTON IW**, 364-2731 after 7 p.m.

Cat 225 excavator, long track, long stick, 1-3/4 yd. bucket, solid machine, \$16,000; JD 555 crawler/loader w/4-in-1

bucket, solid, \$10,000. —**HANOVER**, 667-7998.

Int. 354 tractor, 3 pth, 2wd, dif. lock, gd. rubber, excel. cond., \$3,850; Land Pride 3 pth rototiller, like new, \$1,500. —**HOPKINTON**, 225-1729.

Int. 881 chopper, running cond., corn head nds. bearings, \$750/bo. —**HOPKINTON**, 224-7655.

'52(?) Ford 8N w/hyd. trip bucket, \$2,400/bo; Beefco 180 rototiller, 3 pth, 50", \$650. —**HOPKINTON**, 731-7999.

'80 Ford 6600 tractor, 70 hp diesel, 2wd, 6,360 hrs., dual power & remotes, clean, \$9,000. —**LANGDON**, 835-2909 or www.tractorhouse.com

Gehl 7' mower, \$1,300; NH 3 pth hay rake, \$600/bo. —**MADBURY**, 765-4619.

Ford Ind. 735 loader, will fit 4000 Ford '65/up, \$4,500/bo. —**MILFORD**, 673-1300.

Michigan 125B loader, 6-V71 Detroit 4 yd. bucket, no teeth, gd. cutting edge, air brakes, gd. cond., \$10,000. —

**MILFORD**, 673-3696.

Ford F800 10 wheeler gas, all steel 18' 25 yd. silage/sawdust dump truck, \$1,950; 6 unit pipeline milker, 2" piping, 5 hp vac, complete, \$3,000; Dragon Weed burner w/200 gal propane tank, 3 pth, \$1,500; 10' JD KBA trailer harrow, \$400; 8' 3 pth rubber cow yd. scraper, \$450; 3 btm. 16" land plows w/cults., \$1,500; NH manure spreader, \$1,000. —**MILTON**, 652-9945.

Case 800 std., 3 pth, pto, nice tin, runs & drives gd., \$2,400; AC WC w/nice tin, older paint & decals, \$1,100; M&M front wheel weights, \$70. —**NEW BOSTON**, 608-8981.

JD RG4 4 row cult., 3 pth w/rolling shields, \$900; JD 24T balers for parts, \$500/pr.; JD 6 corn chopper, \$600; Vicon 3 pth pin wheel rake, \$500; JD 40 tractor w/JD loader, \$3,500; MF 65 tractor w/loader & Ford backhoe, nds. some work, \$4,000; 6 DeLavel feed bowls, \$250; 4 30 cow heated water fountains, \$250/lot; JD H parts, rear wheel wght, \$75, front cast rim, \$75, carb, \$100; single remote, \$25. —**NORTH STRATFORD**, 922-3889.

Antique Montgomery Ward 3 hp walk behind garden tractor w/land plow, disc harrow, cults., cutter bar, \$385; 2 btm. 14" IHC trailer plow, nds. new points, \$165; motor for IHC 330 utility tractor, \$550; rear end & trans. for 424 Int., \$500; Lord loader, \$575. —**PELHAM**, 635-7879.

IH 249 2 row corn planter, \$600; MF 39 hay rake, adj. width, \$1,200. —**RUMNEY**, 786-9389/381-5203.

Cordwood saw rig on skid, \$100/bo; 28" wood splitter for skid steer or tractor w/quick attach. front plate, \$1,500/bo; '70s JD 450 dozer, diesel, 6 way blade, \$9,500/bo. —**SALISBURY**, 648-2676.

'04 JD 280 skid steer loader, remote & aux. hyds., low hrs., 84" GP bucket, 8' Fisher snow plow, \$18,500. —

**STRATHAM**, 770-3887.

Dbl. gang disk harrow, 7', 3 pth, \$400. —**WENTWORTH**, 764-4338.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Snow blower, 5 hp, 24", 8 spds. for., 2 rev., \$150; wire cages, \$5/up; cordwood saw blades, 34" & 24", \$30-\$50/ea.; floor grain scale for parts, \$20; bench mount drill press, \$20; small drill press, no motor, \$12.50; 2 ton floor jack, \$15; small floor jacks, \$5; iron wheel 2 wheel dolly, \$10; garden hand tools, \$5/up; wood heaters for greenhouse, \$50/up; hand water pump, \$15/up; wash tubs, \$5/up. —**BEDFORD**, 860-1718.

Barrel composter, \$40; rain barrel, \$30. —**BOSCAWEN**, 796-2464.

Troy-Bilt pto chipper/shredder, wrap around bumper/guard, dozer, snowblade, never used, manuals, fits 8 hp Horse model w/pto, \$600/bo. —**CENTER CONWAY**, 447-6641.

GE 200 amp panel, 40 brakers, \$100; Scotts push mower, runs fine, \$50; oil fired hot air furnace for greenhouse, \$100. —**DEERFIELD**, 463-9381.

'91 Strick 45'x13'x96", roll up dr., tandem axle, \$1,295. —**DUNBARTON**, 731-1073.

Cast iron hot air furnace for greenhouse, \$500. —**GRAFTON**, 496-5132.

4' barn fan or alley fan on wheels, 3/4 hp, \$250/bo. —**HOPKINTON**, 224-7655.

Rnd. bale feeders, \$50/ea.; feed bunks, iron framed, plastic lined: 10'x27", \$75; 5'x34" \$50' 4'x21" w/hay rack, \$40. —**JAFFREY**, 532-7601.

Toyota forklift, hand tine, LPG, side shift, 3000 lb. life, 3 stage high lift mast, gd. cond., \$2,500. —**MILFORD**, 673-3696.

Eng. crane, 2 ton, \$100; gas water pump, \$25; 12' single axle trailer, \$500; 16' twin axle trailer, 6,000 gvw, \$900. —**MILTON**, 652-9945.

Building jacks, h.d. screw type, \$65/ea.; Craftsman chainsaw w/new carrying case, excel. cond., \$85; Fairbanks platform scale, 1,000+ lb., cap., complete set of weights, \$95. —**PEMBROKE**, 225-4300.

Equip. trailer, h.d., 16' bed, fold up ramps, \$850; trailer axles, brakes, springs, \$200. —**RYE**, 964-9961.

Metal grain box, knock box, \$100/bo; 6'x10' home made utility trailer, h.d., \$200. —**SALISBURY**, 648-2676.

Hardi sprayer, 25 gal., spray gun, hose, nozzle, hypro roller pump & parts, \$150. —**STRATHAM**, 580-1612.

'86 Dorsey s.s. refrigerated trailer, 48'x96", ran when parked 5 yrs. ago, water tight, excel. for storage, \$2,500/bo, can del. w/in 50 miles. —**WEARE**, 529-3661/539-2171.

#### RENT

Small 1-person yr. rnd. cottage on 63 acre farm, \$450/mo. plus utils., rough board avail. for horse, \$125/mo. —**ALTON**, 776-3276.

Barn, 4 stalls, 3 acre paddock, \$750/mo. —**CHESTER**, 887-0866.

### PLEASURE HORSES

Two Morgan saddle horses, 9 & 14 yrs., \$800/both/bo. –**ROCHESTER**, 332-5761.  
QH/TB X geld., 8 yrs., 16.2h, trailer & road safe, \$3,000. –**WARNER**, 456-2844.

### PLEASURE HORSE EQUIPMENT

Small horse cart sulky, \$45. –**BEDFORD**, 860-1718.

Oak Meadowbrook horse size cart, \$1,800; S&S 16' 5th wheel horse trailer w/living & changing qtrs., \$4,500. –**GRAFTON**, 496-5132.

Two horse trailer w/living qtrs., nds. a little work, \$3,000/bo; horse stocks, metal, like new, \$900/bo. –**GREENVILLE**, 878-3633.

Horse drawn hay rakes, \$250/ea. –**HILLSBORO**, 464-6067.

Eng. saddles, 15"-19-1/2", \$25-\$150; mini harness, almost new, \$125; 16" West. show saddle, new, \$200. –**WALPOLE**, 756-4348.

### TRUCKS & TRUCK PARTS

Truck tires, mounted on Dayton rims, gd tread recaps, 10:00-20, \$50/ea. –**CANDIA**, 483-2350.

Pirelli 14.9Rx28 tire, 50%, \$50; Firestone Super All Traction tires, 20.8x38, 25%, \$120; Firestone Super All Terrain, 20.8 Rx38, 90%, \$450; Goodyear Power Torque 20.8x38, 60%, \$250. –**CHESTER**, 300-8171.

'99 F450 diesel dump truck, 4wd, \$17,000; '99 F250, diesel, 4wd, cap, inspected, \$10,000. –**HENNIKER**, 428-7630.

'80 Mack dump truck, painted 3 yrs. ago, gd. tires, runs gd., \$10,000/bo. –**HILLSBORO**, 568-0603, lv. msg.

Chevy 350 V8 motor & Turbo 400 auto trans., 95k, \$500; 6 tires & 8 lug Bud wheels for Chevy, 800-16.5, like new, \$200/all; 1 ton rear end for Chevy truck, \$100. –**KINGSTON**, 642-8480.

'59 Mac w/2,600 gal. tank for water, power house reel & pump, \$1,000. –**NORTH STRATFORD**, 922-3889.

'88 Dodge 3/4 ton w/plow, 360 eng., gd. tires, \$2,000. –**WARNER**, 456-3653.



## WHOLESALE EGGS

Boston Market averages for 4/22-4/28

### Brown Shelled Eggs:

Jumbo	1.52
Extra Large	1.24
Large	1.20
Medium	.88
Small	.70

### White Shelled Eggs:

Jumbo	1.11
Extra Large	1.05
Large	1.03
Medium	.86
Small	.70

## Retail Grain Prices

(PER 50 LBS.)

CASH & CARRY

Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Prices

	RANGE	AVG.
Dairy Pellets 16%	8.24-8.26	8.25
Dairy Pellets 20%	8.72-8.85	8.79
Coarse Dairy		
Ration 16%	9.54-9.58	9.56
Ration 20%	8.56-9.84	9.20
Ration 14%	9.21-9.25	9.23
Cornmeal	8.09-8.25	8.17
Calf Starter	10.69-11.55	11.12
Poultry		
Chick Starter Mash	12.44-15.99	14.22
Grower Mash	9.62-14.99	11.53
Layer Mash	9.00-13.99	10.80
Scratch Feed	9.28-14.49	11.26
Horse Feed	9.55-16.99	13.27
Hog Grower Mash	8.33-13.99	10.78
Whole Corn	8.15-12.99	12.51

## 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.

	RANGE	AVG.
Dairy Pellets 16%	232.80-237.00	235.00
Dairy Pellets 20%	266.00-269.00	268.00
High Energy Dairy Pellets 16%	286.00-290.00	288.00
High Energy Dairy Pellets 20%	289.00-302.00	296.00
Complete Chick Starter	402.80	402.80
Complete Grower Mash	239.60	329.60
Complete Layer Mash 16%	295.60-316.00	335.50
Complete Turkey Grower 20%	343.00-404.80	374.00
Whole Corn	183.00-266.00	225.00

## NORTHAMPTON COOPERATIVE AUCTION

Whately, MA, April 28, 2009

On the hoof, per hundredweight.

	Low	High
Calves		
61-75 lbs.	5.00	23.00
76-90 lbs.	20.00	55.00
91-105 lbs.	26.00	55.00
Farm Calves	60.00	150.00
Feeders	66.00	75.00
Veal	92.00	92.00
Heifers	55.00	70.00
Steers	68.00	68.00
Bulls	48.00	61.50
Beef		
Canners	20.00	38.75
Cutters	41.00	50.00
Sows	21.00	40.50
Hogs	37.00	76.00
Boars	3.00	6.00
Shoats	67.00	83.00
Feeder Pigs	26.00	26.00
Lambs	100.00	295.00
Sheep	40.00	92.50
Goats	35.00	177.50
Rabbits	2.00	12.00
Hay	2.80	4.80

## FLAME LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Littleton, MA, April 28, 2009

On the hoof, per pound.

When The Weekly Market Bulletin went to press the Flame Livestock Auction prices were not available.

We are sorry for any inconvenience.

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