



Louis is joined at the school assembly by (left to right) Mahan Elementary School Principal Donna Funk; Jason Bowsza of the Dept. of Agriculture, and Bonnie Plants employees Greg Renfroe and Taylor Stockton, who delivered 6,000 cabbage plants to Connecticut third-graders last year.

### NORWICH STUDENT WINNER OF ANNUAL BONNIE PLANTS CABBAGE CONTEST

A Norwich elementary school student is the winner of the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Bonnie Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Program, which aims to spark children's interest in agriculture, understand where their food comes from, and allow them to experience the rewards of growing vegetables.

Louis Hawkins III from Thomas W. Mahan Elementary School, who grew a 13-pound cabbage, was chosen from more than 6,000 third-grade students across the state who received cabbage plants last summer to take home, nurture, and grow.

Louis lives in a condominium and planted his cabbage in a pot in his bedroom, but once it grew too large he transplanted it to his grandparent's vegetable garden.

The project not only gave Louis a first-hand agricultural experience, but led to him spending quality time with his grandfather as they tended the plant.

Louis received his prize, a \$1,000 scholarship, last week during an assembly at his school. He was chosen as the winner by Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky, whose counterparts across the country chose winners in their respective states.

Alabama-based Bonnie Plants chose the cabbage plant for its contest because it was the first plant the company sold when it opened in 1918. The cabbages are the O.S. Cross variety, known for producing giant, oversized heads.

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- Thoroughly wash animal feeding equipment such as utensils, bottles and nipples prior to disinfecting. Organic matter on surfaces can reduce the effectiveness of disinfectants. Follow label directions when using any disinfectant.
- Wear dedicated clothing such as gloves, coveralls and boots while handling and working around animals. After use, launder the clothes in hot water and dry on the highest heat setting. Boots should be cleaned of organic matter and disinfected after use. Leave boots outside of the

home. Or use disposable, single-use products that are commercially available.

For those seeking more information, the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has an excellent resource available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/features/animalexhibits/>

For exhibitors, it includes printable posters encouraging good hygiene and recommendations for how to set traffic flow through a farm or exhibit to minimize the risk to the public.

Connecticut law also mandates standards regarding the control of rabies in a public setting involving the exhibition of animals:

- No animal for which there is a licensed rabies vaccine may be in a public setting without being currently vaccinated for rabies. With respect to livestock species, available rabies vaccines are licensed for use in only cattle, sheep and horses but not licensed for use in other species including goats, swine and camelids. Consult your veterinarian for rabies vaccination recommendations.
- For animals not currently vaccinated, written records must be kept by the owner, keeper, or handler of any animal that is present in a public setting in a controlled situation. The records must include contact information for all people having direct physical contact with the animal, including the visitors' names, addresses and telephone numbers.
- Any animal not currently vaccinated for rabies that is present in a public setting in an uncontrolled situation shall be separated from the public by sufficient means to avoid direct contact between people and animals.

Barriers such as a double fence, plexiglas, or other device to avoid direct contact between people and animals or a conspicuous sign must be posted near the animal enclosure stating: CONNECTICUT RABIES ADVISORY NOTICE – DO NOT FEED OR TOUCH THE ANIMALS.”

- All poultry being exhibited at agricultural fairs must be identified and test negative for Salmonella pullorum within 12 months of the show date. Poultry must also be certified as having originated from flocks free of avian influenza, or be tested for the virus within 30 days of entry at the fair.
- All cages, crates and vehicles used for housing and transporting poultry must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each show. Doves, pigeons and waterfowl are exempt from testing requirements, but must be identified by leg bands or wing tags.

**More information on Connecticut regulations regarding animal health and handling may be found on the Dept. of Agriculture's website, [CTGrown.gov](http://CTGrown.gov) under the heading “Animals and Animal Health.”**

### LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	77.00	81.00
boners 80-85% lean	75.50	80.00
lean 88-90% lean	73.00	78.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	130.50	134.00
Choice 2-3	125.00	130.00
Sel 1-2	115.00	126.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	124.00	127.50
Ch 2-3	115.50	121.00
Sel 1-2	101.00	114.50
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	126.50	127.50
Ch 2-3	122.00	126.00
Select 1-2	117.00	121.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 120-128 lbs	210.00	227.00
No 1 90-108 lbs	235.00	242.00
FRESH COWS		
Supreme	1750.00	1900.00
Approved	1500.00	1750.00
Medium	1225.00	1500.00
Common	950.00	1200.00
BRED COWS (4-6 mos)		
Supreme	1800.00	2000.00
Approved	1500.00	1500.00
Medium	1275.00	1350.00
Common	1050.00	1250.00
OPEN HEIFERS 300 - 600 lbs		
Approved	860.00	860.00
Medium	600.00	825.00
Common	350.00	625.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
40-50 lbs	300.00	320.00
60-70 lbs	270.00	280.00
70-80 lbs	260.00	280.00
80-90 lbs	245.00	257.00
90-110 lbs	255.00	275.00
110-130 lbs	190.00	220.00
130-150 lbs	187.00	205.00
150-200 lbs	180.00	182.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	105.00	130.00
120-160 lbs	80.00	100.00
160-200 lbs	75.00	95.00
200-300 lbs	65.00	90.00
BUCKS		
160-200 lbs	70.00	105.00
200-300 lbs	97.00	125.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.		
40-60 lbs	160.00	160.00
60-80 lbs	185.00	215.00
100-120 lbs	245.00	260.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES:		
Sel 1, by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	195.00	220.00
130-180 lbs	225.00	245.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1		
100-150 lbs	270.00	295.00
150-250 lbs	310.00	330.00

### WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

#### NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 12-4OZ	16.00	16.50
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	14.00
APPLES, EMPIRE, #1, 120, 140	15.00	16.00
APPLES, MACS, #1, 120, 140	15.00	16.00
APPLES, MACS, FCY, 120, 140	17.00	17.00
APPLE, MACS, FCY, 2-1/2", 12-3LB	15.00	15.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FNCY, 125	16.00	16.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	5.00	6.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
BEET, CHIOGGA, LOOSE, 25LBS	14.00	14.00
BEETS, GOLD, LOOSE, 25 LBS	12.00	12.00
BEETS, RED, ORG, 25 LBS	6.00	6.00
TOMS, CHERRY, ONVINE, GH, 5 LB	16.00	18.00
TOMS, CHERRY, GHSE, 8-10 OZ	18.00	20.00
TOMS, GHSE, VINERIPE, 11 LBS	23.00	24.00
TOMATO, HEIRLM, GHSE, 10LBS	24.00	25.00

#### SHIPPED IN

APPLE, GALA, XFCY, 72	48.00	48.00
APPLE, GALA, PA, XFCY, 100	33.00	33.00
APPLE, HNYCRSP, WAXFCY, 72	95.00	95.00
APPLE, PINK LADY, WAXFCY	48.00	48.00
ASPARAGUS, CA, LGR=E, 11LB	28.00	30.00
BOK CHOY, FL, 50 LBS	22.00	24.00
BOK CHOY, BABY, CA, 30 LBS	28.00	32.00
CABBAGE, RED, FL, 50 LBS	17.00	18.00
CARROTS, CA, BUNCHD, 24	21.00	22.00
CABBAGE, CHINESE, NJ	16.00	16.00
CHOY SUM, LONG, CA, 30 LBS	35.00	35.00
COLLARDS, GA, 24	12.00	13.00
CORN, BICOLOR, FL, 4-4 1/2 DZ	16.00	18.00
CUKE, LNG, GHSE, FLMWRP, 12	12.00	14.00
DANDELION, NJ, LOOSE, BU	18.00	19.00
EGPLNT, STRIPE, GHS, NL, 11LB	16.00	20.00
ENDIVE, FL, 24	22.00	26.00
ESCAROLE, FL, 1-1/9, 24	24.00	28.00
FRISEE, CA, 24	20.00	24.00
GAI CHOY, CA, 30 LBS	25.00	25.00
GARLIC, SUPR COL, CA, 30 LBS	68.00	70.00
GINGER ROOT, HI, 30 LBS	45.00	55.00
KALE, MULTICOLR, CA, 24	24.00	24.00
LETT, BSTN, GHS, CAN, 12-4OZ	16.00	17.00
LET, OAK LEAF, AZ-CA, 2.2 LBS	11.00	13.00
LET, RED OAK LF, AZ-CA, 2.2LB	11.00	13.00
MACHE, GHSE, PA, 3LBS	12.00	12.00
MESCLUN MIX, CA, 3LBS	6.00	6.50
MESCLUN MIX, ORG, CA, 3LBS	8.00	8.00
MUSHRMS, SHITAKE, PA, 3 LBS	14.00	15.00
MSHRM, WHT, ORG, PA, 12-8OZ	17.00	17.00
ONG CHOY, CA, 40 LBS	140.00	140.00
OPO SQUASH, CA, 35 LBS	42.00	42.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, TX, 60	24.00	24.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, TX, 60	20.00	24.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, CA, 30 LBS	48.00	48.00
RADICCHIO, CA, 9	11.00	13.00
RADISHES, FL, 14-1LB	12.00	14.00
RHUBARB, GHS, MI, 10 LBS	45.00	45.00
SPINACH, BABY, ORG, CA, 4LBS	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, YEL, SM, FL, 1/2 BU	18.00	20.00
SWISS CHARD, MXCLR, TX, 12	16.00	18.00
TURNIP TOPS, GA, 24	15.00	16.00
ZUCCHINI, FL, MED, 1/2 BU	8.00	10.00
YU CHOY, CA, 30 LBS	35.00	36.00

### MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - April 11, 2016

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	65.00	70.00
61-75 lbs.	132.50	150.00
76-90 lbs.	182.50	187.50
91-105 lbs.	192.50	197.50
106 lbs. & up	200.00	207.50
Farm Calves	210.00	280.00
Starter Calves	75.00	80.00
Veal Calves	100.00	200.00
Open Heifers	n/a	n/a
Beef Heifers	92.00	110.00
Feeder Steers	90.00	140.00
Beef Steers	95.00	125.00
Stock Bulls	120.00	170.00
Beef Bulls	100.00	125.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	1@	12.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	90.00	250.00
Lambs each	125.00	190.00
Goats each	100.00	260.00
Kid Goats each	160.00	240.00
Canners	up to	76.00
Cutters	77.00	80.00
Utility Grade Cows	81.00	84.00
Rabbits each	15.00	34.00
Chickens each	3.00	60.00
Ducks each	16.00	32.00

#### NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.65	.82
LARGE	.59	.73
MEDIUM	.42	.55

#### NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.14	1.35
LARGE	1.06	1.25
MEDIUM	.65	.75
SMALL	.53	.63

#### NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	42.00	47.00
	300-350 lbs	41.00	45.00
	350-400 lbs	28.50	33.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	38.00	40.00
	300-350 lbs	35.00	38.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	24.00	37.00
	500-800 lbs	28.00	32.50

#### NORTHEAST RETAIL ORGANIC

APPLES, BRAEBURN, LB	1.99	1.99
APPLES, FUJI, LB	1.99	3.99
ASPARAGUS, LB	3.99	4.99
BEETS, BNCH	.98	2.99
SPINACH, BABY FLAT, LB	4.99	5.49
TOMS, GHSE, ONVINE, LB	.98	3.99
TOMS, GHSE, VINERIPE, LB	1.99	1.99

# Connecticut Weekly AGRICULTURAL REPORT

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## DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE REMINDS FARM ANIMAL EXHIBITORS AND VISITORS TO FOLLOW RECOMMENDED HANDLING AND HYGIENE PRACTICES

After a recent outbreak of E. Coli at a Connecticut goat farm that sickened dozens of people, the Department of Agriculture reminds anyone who holds or visits a farm animal exhibition to take precautions to prevent the potential spread of disease from animals to people.

Fairs, shows and farm tours that allow visitors to interact with farm animals have many benefits, including educating the public about how animal-derived food and fiber is produced.

It is critically important, however, that visitors understand that all animals, including pets, can carry a variety of diseases that may be transmitted to humans.

Animals can carry and shed disease organisms at any time, often without showing clinical signs of disease that can spread to people and cause illness.

"Everyone involved in showing and handling farm animals in a public setting must be constantly vigilant about taking steps to prevent any potential incidence of disease being spread," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "Our department's goal is to make sure farm animals being exhibited are treated well and have received the proper veterinary care and day-to-day handling practices that will reduce that potential."

Much of the risk to people can be mitigated by following these simple safe-hygiene practices around animals:

- Exhibition organizers should provide hand-washing stations equipped with soap and warm water, and encourage visitors to use them after handling farm animals. Stations should be clearly marked, convenient to use and maintained so as not contribute to the risk.
- Visitors should be discouraged from eating food while in the company of farm animals or in animal-housing areas.
- Parents should supervise their children when they are in contact with farm animals and ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly afterwards.
- Anyone who sells animals should educate their customers on safe handling and proper hygiene practices, along with proper care and feeding of the animal.
- Those who purchase animals at an exhibition, farm or sale should be prepared prior to receiving the animals to provide a clean, dry and secure place for animal housing outside the home appropriate for the type of animal.
- Keep animal food, feeding bottles, dishes and other equipment away from household food, utensils, and food-preparation areas and store them in a dedicated area outside the daily living area and away from young children. The animals, feeding bottles and other equipment should not be kept in the home.

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