Oh Christmas Tree!

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas to Gene Bailey, even in the middle of summer. The owner of Bluestone Nursery in Mercer County has been growing Christmas trees since he planted his first at the age of 13. That was 69 years ago. His passion for all things fir, pine, and spruce is legendary.

Fellow growers like Larry Wilkerson hold him in high regard. “A lot of us call Gene Mr. Christmas Tree. I wish I knew what Gene has forgotten over the years.”

“Gibson of Ridgefield Farm and Orchard in Harper’s Ferry says And then there are the weeds. Mowing is a constant job. Alan Gibson’s clientele want something entirely different. Wilkerson’s best sellers are white pine and blue spruce. Bailey, Wilkerson, and Gibson all have cut and carry businesses where families can choose what tree they want, cut it themselves, and then strap it to the top of their vehicle for the ride home. Bailey and Gibson’s customers are partial to Canaan Fir. Bailey says his customers prefer a more natural tree, one that’s more dense, hence less shearing.

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Less is More at Bluestone Mountain Farm

Rhonda Dortch lives on 15 acres overlooking the Greenbrier River. She calls her piece of heaven Bluestone Mountain Farm.

“One day in the fall, I took a trip to see the colors. I’d never been as far as West Virginia. I thought, ‘Oh my!’ It was beautiful. I needed a break from commercialism and wanted to expand my farm and business. It seemed like a great piece of land. I felt a deep connection.”

She moved from North Carolina where she was running an educational/organic farm to Summers County in 2011. It wasn’t until 2012 that she began leasing the land she now calls home.

Bluestone Mountain isn’t your typical farm. Dortch lives as far off the grid as possible. She is Greenbrier Valley Grown certified as well as Animal Welfare Approved.

“I’m against genetically modified seeds, plants, and livestock. I rarely go to the grocery store. I might have one bag of trash once a month. Almost everything goes back into the farm.”

For example, all the feathers that come from processing her chickens and turkeys go back on her field and get plowed into the ground. It adds nitrogen into the soil. She burns paper products and uses the potash on the garden.

“Everything can be circled back into the farm. It can be used here,” Dortch stresses. “The more you streamline what you really need, you’ll find you need less.”

That ‘less is more’ philosophy is one shared by a growing number of small farmers in southern West Virginia. Dortch found that out after putting an ad in the local paper for some ducklings. She heard from a man living in Sandstone, about 20 miles away. He was the local paper for some ducklings. She heard from a

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“A lot of people want huge trees because they have huge great rooms. We sell a lot of 9, 10, 11 foot trees. There’s also a large amount of people who want little trees for tabletops, bedrooms, kid’s rooms. Then there are others who want a Charlie Brown tree,” says Gibson.

“I’m not sure why but we can always accommodate them.”

What no grower wants to accommodate is the biggest pest of them all. It’s not a disease. It’s not an insect. It’s not perishable.

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But we do need rules to protect our natural resources and to ensure a level playing field for everyone.

West Virginia’s success working with EPA’s Chesapeake Bay Program is one example of how farming can thrive without compromising the environment. Using voluntary agricultural best management practices, we have quietly become one of the leading states in reducing reducing nutrient loading in our streams.

“EPA recognizes that West Virginia has remained on track towards and continues making good progress in meeting its agricultural commitments and targets...” notes an EPA report released this summer.

Cooperation and dialog among all parties has resulted in enhanced state conservation programs, more detailed modeling that more accurately represents agriculture’s conservation efforts, and demonstrable positive environmental effects.

The reason for the state of our economy. Demonizing EPA or some other factor for every problem we have will only ensure that West Virginia never gets a seat at the table. And it will continue to distract us from the things we need to do to diversify and grow our economy from within – such as rebuilding our local food production systems.

We need to drop the negatives, end the cycle of blame and focus on what we can do for ourselves with the enviable resources we do have. West Virginia agriculture must evolve into a modern business enterprise that can demonstrate it operates in a fashion that is friendly to the environment, free from food safety concerns, and appealing to consumers. A $7 billion opportunity is staring us in the face. That’s the amount we spend on food every year as a state. And the vast majority of that food is being produced somewhere else by someone else.

Until next time I remain yours in service.

Check out the WVDA’s new website at www.agriculture.wv.gov!

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At this time, we do not know of any populations of spotted lanternfly in West Virginia but we are looking for it. If you suspect that you have seen this pest in your area please contact the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Plant Industries Division at (304) 558-2212.

A new invasive insect, spotted lanternfly (Lycorma delicatula), was discovered in November 2014 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. It is a planthopper native to China, India and Vietnam that is known to attack over 70 plant species and is considered an invasive pest in Korea where it was introduced in 2006. This is the first detection of the spotted lanternfly in the United States. This insect is quite stunning, with decorative spots and bright colors of yellow and red on the adult. However, its beauty can be misleading. It has the potential to greatly impact some of West Virginia’s important agricultural commodities including grapes, apples and stone fruits. It may also attack ornamental trees like dogwood and lilac and important timber species such as cherry and maple.

This insect begins its life cycle in late April to early May when nymphs begin to hatch and spread from the initial egg mass site to begin feeding. These nymphs feed on a wide range of host plants and will complete four stages before reaching adulthood. During these four immature stages the spotted lanternfly does the most damage to plants. The nymphs in the first stages are wingless and appear black with white spots. As the nymphs grow, bright red patches will begin to appear. The colorful adults can be seen as early as July and tend to focus their feeding on tree of heaven and grapevine. Egg masses are typically laid in late summer or early fall on smooth bark, stone or other vertical smooth surfaces. These surfaces could be anything from patio furniture to brick or stone pieces for backyard projects, so be sure to check these items before moving them. This pest could be unknowingly spread to new locations by transporting items containing egg masses. The egg masses (shown upper right) are present from October through the winter months. They are light gray when first laid and resemble a waxy mud. After egg hatch they resemble clusters of brownish seed like deposits.

Adults at rest have a black head and grayish wings with black spots. When startled or flying, the Spotted Lanternfly will display hind wings that are red with black blocks and a white stripe dividing them. The red portion of the wing is also adorned with black spots. The abdomen is also a yellowish white with bands of black on the top and bottom. While a poor flyer, the spotted lanternfly is a strong jumper.

In addition to seeing the nymphs and/or adults, there are several signs and symptoms that indicate spotted lanternfly is in the area. The most prominent sign is a weeping wound of sap on the trunk of affected trees. Heavy populations can often cause honeydew secretions to build up at the base of the tree, blackening the soil. The largest colonies can also produce large fungal mats at the base of the tree. Increased activity of wasps, hornets, bees, and ants can be seen feeding on honeydew secretions and at tree wounds. Though many other factors can sometimes cause these symptoms they might be early indicators of a spotted lanternfly infestation.

Lycorma delicatula, Adult at rest. Photograph by Lawrence Barringer, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Lycorma delicatula, Adult with wings spread. Photograph by Holly Raguza, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Two egg masses on tree bark. Photograph by Holly Raguza, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

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**Simply in Season**

This month’s recipes are taken from the cookbook, *Simply in Season*, co-authored by West Virginia native Mary Beth Lind. Mary Beth is a diettian and nutritional consultant. She and her husband are market gardeners and run the Philippi farmers’ market. *Simply in Season* serves up more than 300 recipes organized by season, along with a fruit and vegetable guide. The cover at right is the 10th anniversary edition. It is enhanced with colorful photographs to help cooks — novice to seasoned — learn how to prepare local and seasonal produce. We hope you enjoy these fresh, seasonal recipes and can incorporate them into your meals. For more information on the cookbook, call 800-245-7894.

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**Grape Pie**

3 cups Concord-type grapes, skins removed and saved
1 cup sugar
3 tablespoons flour
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 9-inch unbaked pie crust

**Topping:**
1 cup flour
½ cup sugar
2 tablespoons butter, softened
2 tablespoons oil

In saucepan, simmer pulp for 5 minutes. Press through a sieve to remove the seeds. Combine the pulp and the reserved skins. Add sugar, flour and lemon juice to grapes. Pour into crust.

**Topping:** Combine and sprinkle over grape mixture. Bake in preheated oven at 425°F for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F and bake for another 30 minutes.

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**Chicken Cacciatore**

1 3-pound whole chicken, skinned and cut into pieces
4 cups tomatoes, chopped
1 green, yellow, orange, or red sweet pepper, cut in strips
2 onions, thinly sliced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon fresh oregano, chopped; or 1 teaspoon dried
1 tablespoon fresh basil, chopped; or ½ teaspoon dried
¼ teaspoon pepper
¼ cup white wine (optional)
1 cup mushrooms, chopped (optional)

Combine in slow cooker and cook on low for 8 hours. Serve over pasta or noodles.

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**Roasted Peppers**

Peppers, sweet or hot, any color

Roast whole peppers under broiler or over a gas flame. Turn frequently, until the skin blackens. Remove from heat and put in a bag or covered pot to allow the pepper to steam and cool. Then rub or wash off the blackened skin. Remove the stem and seeds. Use in any recipe calling for roasted peppers.

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**2015 Women in Agriculture Honorees, cont.**

Jennifer “Tootie” Hill Jones - Jones owns and manages Swift Level Farm and Swift Level Land and Cattle in Greenbrier County. She also keeps small herds of horses that she has been breeding for over 40 years, two of which have made two different Olympic three-day event teams.

She is passionate about maintaining fertile soil, lush and abundant forages, and production of healthy, grass-fed steers. Swift Level was the 2014 Greenbrier District Conservation Farm and was runner-up for the 2014 WV State Conservation Farm of the Year.

Jones is active in several agriculture organizations including Greenbrier Valley Pasture Network, WV Farm and Farm Coalition Meat Working Group, WVDA Rural Rehab Loan Committee, and Greenbrier Local Foods Initiative, among others.

“Women understand the rhythm and spontaneity of life,” says Jones. “They live that way due to teaching and caring for others. Love the land as deeply as those you love, respect nature for the force you cannot control, and learn to live in the rhythm. It will feed you, your families, and your communities in every way.”

Jones’ operates Swift Level with her two children.

Margaret Woodworth – Woodworth has a degree in Agriculture from WVU and worked for the Farmers Home Administration for a number of years before marrying and moving to Burlington. She now operates Flying W Farms with her husband and three children. They are a fifth generation family farm that has a heritage of producing food for the table season to season.

Flying W maintains a herd of 450 head of cattle that are grown and processed for direct sale to the public at the Flying W Market, Deli, Grill, and Catering Service. They are proud to say that Flying W cattle don’t leave the farm until customers take them out the door as a beef product.

Woodworth works with 4-H and FFA because they give students a firm foundation in agriculture.

“Agriculture might not be the most rewarding career in terms of financial soundness, but it is more fulfilling knowing you feed and clothe the world,” she says. “Look to strong women and follow their example. When I feel down and out, I think of how strong my mom is and draw strength from her.”
Cattle Sales

Black bull, 21-mo., black, $1,600; cow/calf pair, 10, young, mostly black in color w/ lg. calves, $2,400/pr. R. Keys, 4719 SR 34, S., Hurricane, 25312; 984-2790.

Reg. Simmental bulls, $2,000. Rick Coiner, Rt. 3, Box 260, Mil. 73025; 704-7667.


Equipment Sales

No trucks, cars, vans, campers or other; backhoes (except pt. hitch), dozers or other construction equipment; lawn equip; no parts.

For more information, contact Jonathan Taylor at 304-535-2422. For information on a Premise ID (PIN) number, contact Shelly Lantzy at 304-558-2214.

Farms Sales

Advertisements for land MUST be about farmland that is at least five (5) acres in size and located in West Virginia. Farmland ads MUST include accommodations (house or trailer), well and/or spring, paved road, new kitchen, family room, etc. Ads for the sale or rental of farmland are acceptable from individuals, but MUST include above. Ads for land used for hunting, commercial or city properties CANNOT be accepted.

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• Email: marketbulletin@wvda.us
• Mail: 1900 Kanawha Blvd., E. Charleston, 25305

For outdoor advertising, please contact: Ashby Sign, 302-345-8080

USDA requires that cattle be officially identified before crossing state lines

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) rule states that effective March 11, cattle moved across state lines are required to be officially identified and accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (ICV). Cattle affected by this rule include: sexually-intact beef cattle over 18 months of age, all dairy cattle, and all cattle being moved for show, rodeo or other exhibits.

Current exemptions to this rule include beef cattle under 8 months of age and cattle moving directly to a recognized slaughter establishment.

Official identification is an official ear tag. This can be either a metal NUES “brite” tag or a tag that bears a digit identification number beginning with 840. The ear tag must also have the official ear tag shield imprinted on it. In order to purchase official ID tags, cattle owners must have a premise identification number.

As a result of a recent USDA audit, WVVDA and WVVDA livestock buyers have been informed of various violations of the ADT rule. These violations include failure to have a valid ADT certificate, using a metal ear tag that did not meet USDA requirements or using a metal ear tag that had been designed to be used for non-ADT purposes.

The Market Bulletin

October 2015…

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Apiary Sales

Honey bees, full brood chamber, $250. Melva Cohaner, 1267 Lakewood Dr., Charleston, 25312; 948-2750.

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Barbour Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
4th Thursday, 7 p.m.

Contact Bill Cockerman, 425-6389.
bcottrell119@hotmail.com

Monthly Meeting
1st Monday

Braxton Co. High School, Vc-Ag Rm.
Contact Susan Bullion, 452-8508;
billandsuebullion@frontiernet.net

Cath/ellway Beekeepers Assoc.
Bi-Monthly Meeting
2nd Monday

Chast Temple Church
2400 Johnstown Road, Huntington, W.Va.
Contact Gabe Blatt, 429-1268.

Clay Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Bi-Monthly Meeting
2nd Monday

Buffalo Valley Baptist Church
Clay, WV.
Contact Tim Clifton, 548-3024
tclifton@penn.com

Corrider G Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
1st Thursday, 6 p.m.

Championville Middle School
Charleston, W.Va.
Contact Tony Meadows, 524-7690
fastrakhounds@outlook.com.

Help Wants
Grain growers to grow corn, rye or wheat
on contract basis in ’16, seed can be provided,
organic or all natural growing methods pre-
ferred. Athey Lutz, 1048 Cortland Rd., Davis, 26260; 866-8688.

Hog Sales
Gloucestershire Old Spot Pigs, piglets,
boars & gilts, solid genetics, various colors,
$450-$540/ea.; Ossabaw Island Hog Pigs & pig-
lots, $200-$250/ea.; Heritage feeder pigs, Os-
sabaw, Gloucestershire, Old Spots & crosses,
$450/ea., no chemicals. GMO free. Quincy Mc-
Michael, General Delivery, Renick, 25312; 992-
9222.

WV BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION FALL CONFERENCE
September 25 & 26
Main Speaker, Dr. Thomas Seeley,
Jackson’s Mill 4-H Camp & Conference Center
160 WVU Jacksons Mill
Weston, WV

Putnam Co.:
A 40’ w/house, outbldgs., woods
with mineral rights, $169,900.
John Scott, 381 Blacklick Run Rd., Winfield, 25213; 757-9152.

Raleigh Co.:
A 7’ w/house, city water, sew-
age, woods, near schools & churches, located
min. from Beckley/Winter Place, $90,000/own
age, woods, near schools & churches, located
757-9152.

Roane Co.:
Foal of 30 A. of cleared land, must have a de
er financed. Al Strassburger, 1331 Egeria Rd.,
min. from Beckley/Winter Place, $90,000/own
age, woods, near schools & churches, located
757-9152.

Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
1st Thursday, 7 p.m.

Contact Malvina Rush, P.O. Box 1162, Beckley, 25802; 253-4521;
monnarush@yahoo.com.

Pure but not reg. Tn. Wfr. 3-yr. gelding,
plant-including, 5-A, located to be used for shows,
started as w/saddle & bridle, good disp., vacc./
wormed, should mature to 14.2 h., $450.
Bonnie Viani, RR 4, Box 187, Grafton, 26356; 369-
0997.

Reg. Tn. Wfr. 9-yr. gelding, black/white,
15 h. exc. horse, loads, stands while shoeing,
easy to catch, $1,500/firm/no trades. Christy Werner, 8651
Huckers Crk. Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 476-5095.

Cert. dlb. reg. Rocky Mt./Kentucky Mtn.
9-yr. mare, black, ym, boxy markings,
15.3h, now being trail ridden, has excel.
powers, $1,500/$2,000. Patricia Tasi, 8651
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Poultry Ban Still in Effect
Due to the ongoing poultry ban
(halt of all live poultry exhibitions,
sales and swap meets) due to
coronsa virus concerns about the spread of avian
influence, there will be no live
Sales/Wants advertised in The Market Bulletin until further notice.

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Pole bean seed: old-time fat man, Logan Gi-
ati & rattlesnake, turkey crow, Oct. tender hull
& bush, greasy & white pole, brown half runner,
mile, 10/12/100 seed, all psd. Betty Flanagan,
467 Ritchie Farm Rd., Summersville, 26651;
928 New Hope Rd., Elkview, 25071; 610-
9288.; allenflanagan@gmail.com.

Winter union sets, $25/ea., plus post. Nay
McDaniel, 102 Tiskwalk Ave., Elkview, 25071;
856-610.

Elephant garlic, organic, 4 lg. individual
gloves, 10/15/15 seed, 15 pps, $10.
chipping instructions. Chuck Wyrostok, 230
Griffin Run, Spencer, 25276; 927-2978.

Plant Plants
Grain seed, Heiloom CVW corn seed,
particularly sort season adapted varieties, also
Heiloom CVW rye & wheat. Athey Lutz, 1048
Huckers Crk. Rd., Davis, 26260; 866-8688.

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call 304-558-2225.
Sheep Sales
Jacob 2, 4/15 heritage, 2-ram lambs out of JSBA reg, dams & sires unreg. Jacob sire, sheep can be reg, good markings/disp., out of JSBA reg, dams & same unreg. Jacob Rams, 2, 4/15 heritage, 2-horn ram lambs commercial & wether sires, $250/ea.

Ewes, 2, $150 ea; wether lambs, all colors incl. solid black, $4,800. Marlin Blake, Rt. 1, Box 175B, Glenville, WV 26731; 445-8736.

Miscellaneous Sales
No riding habits or other clothes; appliances or furniture: antiques or crafts; hand power tools or equipment; food processing or preservation items or equipment; general wood working tools; firewood. Only dogs recognized by the AKC as herding or working can be accepted.

Trailer, ‘08, Eby Maverick 16’, bumper pull, livestock w/gate, LED lighting, spare, 5,200 lb. axle, $9,700. Jerry Alford, 31 Providence Lane, St. Albans, WV 25176; 762-0245.

Oat straw, lg. sq. bales, $4.50/bale. Jared Miller, 440 Bills Crk., Winfield, WV 26263; 912112@yahoo.com.


Hay, round bales, $20/bale. Robert Atkins, P.O. Box 124, Talbot, 29461; 445-6736.

Trailer, Com Pro 16’, livestock, excel. cond., $4,800. Marilyn Blake, Rt. 1 Box 175B, Glenwood, WV 25520; 762-2244.


Oat straw, lg. sq. bales, $4.50/bale. Clayton Christopher, 118 Bovine Dr., Albright, 26519; 762-3794.

Kawahoe Salmon, 258-2854; 693-1365.

Feeder, ‘15, 4x5, round bales, mixed grass, $250/ bale. Alan Bailey, 7140 Franklin Pike Rd., Petersburg, 26784; 688-8486.

Trailer, ‘22, utility, dual axle, elec. brakes, tongue pole, down tail design w/ramps, excel.

Mdw. Alum Creek, 25003; 541-9959; crnatt14@yahoo.com.

Eggs, brown, $1.75/doz. June Cornell, 132 Cornell Dr., Apple Grove, 25502; 576-2785.


Fish for stocking: Bass, 2”, $1.00 blue, 2.5”, $1.50 catfish, 4”, $2.50 bluegill, bluegill, 2.5”, 3.5”, 4.5”, 5” bluegill, hybrid bluegill, 3.5”, 4.5”, 6”, 7” minnows, 12” shiners 13 lb. grass carp, 9-13”, $12, 9-11”, 12”. Red, yellow, & goldfish, $10. Kenda White, 542-4991; Kendrawhite287@gmail.com.


Oat straw, lg. sq. bales, $4.50/bale. Kendra White, 542-5229; Kendrawhite287@gmail.com.


Oat straw, lg. sq. bales, $4.50/bale. Jared Miller, 440 Bills Crk., Winfield, WV 26263; 912112@yahoo.com.
Exemption Allows Small-scale Rabbit Producers to Sell Meat at Farmers’ Markets

West Virginians who raise rabbits on a small scale may now sell the meat at farmers’ markets and through consignment shops after registering with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA). A legislative code change this year exempted a limited number of rabbits from inspection and slaughter at premises where they are raised. The rule covers those who raise and slaughter up to 1,000 rabbits in a calendar year. The premises must be registered with the WVDA, which is free of charge, but does not have to undergo inspections. The producers must follow WVDA-approved guidelines:

- No person with a contagious disease can process rabbits.
- Only healthy rabbits are eligible for processing/sale.
- Rabbits must be slaughtered in a humane method.
- Rabbits must be slaughtered and dressed in a sanitary manner. Cooling of rabbits must start immediately after slaughter and rabbits must be chilled to less than 40 degrees within 24 hours.
- Rabbits may be sold fresh but must be frozen if not sold within 72 hours.
- Equipment used in the processing of rabbits must be cleaned and sanitized as necessary.
- Rabbits and rabit parts must have the producer’s name and address, product name, weight, handling instructions, and slaughter date on each package label.
- Safe and production records must be provided to a WV Department of Agriculture compliance officer/inspector if and when requested.

Previously, rabbit meat could only be sold if it was processed in a licensed facility. The change in the rules is expected to be a boost for small farmers who may produce up to 25,000 pounds of rabbit meat annually. The new rule also allows the WVDA to monitor the slaughter of rabbits and to what markets the rabbit producers still have fewer requirements than those raising animals such as cattle, chickens, and pigs. You can find the application for Registration to Slaughter and/or Process Rabbits Under Exemption on our website at www.agriculture.wv.gov.

Miscellaneous Sales, cont.

**Trailer,** 2-horse, good tires & brakes, needs paint, $1,800.

**Sharon Haught, 225 Peacock Lane, Davidsville, 26142; 672-9097**

**Fish for stocking:** Bass, 2-4". $1.00; bluegill, 2-3" & catfish, 4-5", $0.25; goldfish, 3-5", $5; goldfish, 4"-5", $1; minnows, $12/bu.; shiners 13 lb. grass carp, 9-13", $12/bu.; 7-7.5" 60l. avg. Fred Hays, P.O. Box 24, Elkview, 25207; 415-7170.

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**Rabbits:** Giant & American Chinchiella breeding stock, strong, does, ewes, rabbits, raised on pasture, w/ chemicals, $50/lb. Quincy McMichael, General Delivery, Re- nick, 24966; 922-2922.

**Hay,** 4x5, round bales, net wrapped, Dover, 204 New England Way, Wah- sington, 26547; 488-0140.

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