

## **CARROLL COUNTY FARM/PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

The farm products that were produced this year were sold to roadside stands and the public. The value of the products includes \$358 for produce, \$33,605 for hay, and \$23,211 for firewood.

The campfire wood program did well this year. We changed from bagging wood to wrapping wood. The number of inmates available to work on the farm this year was lower than in past years. With the change from bagging to wrapping the process became much more efficient. We can wrap three bundles to every one bagged, thus even with a reduced crew we still put out about 6,756 bundles. The county jail again has been extremely helpful in providing as many inmates as possible to complete all the tasks that the farm is given.

We had another large production year on hay due to an improved fertilization program and have carried over some to sell in 2018. The hoop house was used primarily by the UNH Cooperative Extension again this year. They did an experiment on tomatoes and the results will be shared with local farmers to help grow the best varieties.

This year the Public works department had a very typical year when it comes to taking care of all its responsibilities. We were able to restore the bed of our one ton dump truck so we can continue to use that vehicle in the future. We had a challenge to keep up with everything due to low numbers of inmates and an increase in hay production. The lands committee has been very busy in figuring out what direction the county should go to best use the land. The future has many possibilities and we can't wait to see where we may be headed!

The Public Works personnel also do maintenance of County buildings and vehicles, care of grounds; including lawn mowing, plowing, and shoveling sidewalks. They are responsible for the complex water department, including water testing, treatments, monitoring, state requirement reports, reading of the meters, and customer service of 40 customers in the Ossipee village.

The complex sewer department is also the responsibility of the Public Works personnel. Those responsibilities include monitoring the treatment plant, testing required by the state, septic pumping of both sewage and grease tanks, and the monitoring of the leach fields. The State of N.H. requires that these employees be licensed for both the wastewater and the drinking water departments. Educational programs need to be attended in order to keep their certifications valid.

The Public Works personnel are on call in case of generator failure, roof leaks, and any other unexpected emergencies that may take place. William DeWitte, Mark Ayers, and Joe Duchesne make up the Public Works personnel.

Respectfully Submitted,  
William DeWitte, Public Works Director