

Officials Ask Regional Cooperation In Solving Water & Land-Use Issues

Growing townships and counties may best solve their sewage and water supply problems by joining forces and working together on a regional level, a study conducted by Penn State University reveals.

The study, conducted in central Pennsylvania by the University's Institute of Public Administration, points out that elected officials favor an area-wide approach in solving land-use issues. However, they declined to accept the idea of the formation of a regional government to tackle area planning problems.

These conclusions were obtained from interviews with township supervisors, borough council members, planning commission personnel, and wa-

ter company representatives in the six political subdivisions of the Centre Planning Region.

According to William M. Carroll, extension economist in public affairs at Penn State, the study indicates that it doesn't appear very practical for different water companies to compete with each other for new sources of water in the same general area. This is also true when dealing with sewage treatment issues.

Carroll, who assisted with the public issue project in cooperation with Dr. Edgar C. LeJue, assistant professor of political science at Penn State, pointed out that data from this study are applicable in other communities because the problems in this area are typi-

cal of those in many regions of the Commonwealth. "Dwindling water supplies and the need for increased sewage treatment facilities have become major issues in planning for future growth," Carroll noted.

Municipalities should cooperate with one another on major land-use issues while working within the framework of their local governments, the majority of officials interviewed said. When one large governmental unit is formed, local citizens become less effective in having a voice in a decision. All officials, however, were in favor of the formation of boards, commissions, and authorities for area cooperation on individual problems.

"During the past six years, much of the Commonwealth has lost a year's supply of rainfall because of drought," Carroll said. "Pennsylvania, on the

other hand, has many sources of underground water supplies that, if tapped, will give communities sufficient amounts of water for many years."

The main problem, he said, is financing the exploration for underground sources then using funds to construct new water and sewage treatment facilities. Area approaches to these problems may be much more feasible.

Carroll said the Institute carries out studies which provide information useful in conducting educational programs dealing with land-use planning issues.

FEBRUARY FARM PRICES INDEX DECLINES 19.

The February Index of Prices Received by Pennsylvania Farmers in the state, and in the U.S., declined 3 points (1 percent) from the January index, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Declining milk and egg prices were largely responsible for the drop, as the crop portion of the index was stationary.

Grain and hay prices were generally steady to lower, with wheat dropping 7 cents to \$1.58 per bushel. Other crops showing declines were soybeans, down 3 cents, hay, down a dollar, and potatoes down 15 cents. Corn, oats and barley were steady, and soybeans gained 3 cents.

Prices received for livestock and livestock products dropped 2 percent, despite a substantial increase in meat animal prices. The major causes for the drop were 5 cent declines per hundredweight of milk and per dozen eggs.

The only decline in meat animal prices was hogs, which, at \$20.70, were 30 cents below the previous month and \$7.90 below a year earlier. Major increases were noted for slaughter cows, up 80 cents, calves, up \$2.40, and lambs, up 40 cents. Steer and heifer prices averaged 10 cents higher than the previous month, but \$1.00 below a year earlier.

The index of poultry and egg prices was down 12 points (8 percent), despite the continuing recovery of broiler prices, which averaged a cent and a half higher. Farm chicken prices were off a cent and eggs, at 36 cents per dozen, dropped a nickel below the previous month and 9 cents under a year ago.

Season For Hiring Farm Workers, Local Employment Mgr. Says

Persons interested in year-round permanent farm jobs were reminded this week by Bernard V. Kelly, manager of the Lancaster office of Pennsylvania's Bureau of Employment Security, that this is the season when farm operators recruit such employees.

At the same time, Kelly urged farm operators seeking full-time workers to make their needs known to the office at 225 North Lime Street, as soon as possible.

He stated that he already has a listing of farm job openings throughout the state. According to the manager, many of these include suitable housing for farm workers and their families. Among the openings listed are jobs for general farm hands, dairy farm hands, poultry farmers, orchard workers and a few for stable hands for horse farms, Kelly added.

The official said that the local office will assist farmers in recruiting needed workers for all types of farm occupation. The bureau's Farm Labor Service also offers this assist-

ance for the recruitment of skilled professional and technical personnel for "off-farm" agricultural occupations.



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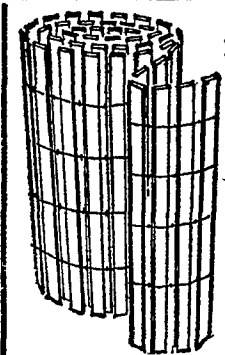
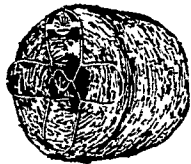
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