

Correspondence



Courses

Beekeeping Course

The annual Beekeeping Short Course will be held on the main campus of Pennsylvania State University from August 10-14, 1970.

Practical beekeeping is taught by lecture and by actual work with bees in the University bee yards, and with equipment in the laboratory. One half of each day is devoted to lectures on the theory of beekeeping, and the other half to the practical application of bee management. Slides and motion pictures are shown during evening sessions and as part of some lectures.

The course is planned to help beekeepers increase their income and provide a larger pollination service for farmers and vegetable gardeners.

Subjects to be covered include spring management and swarm control for comb and extracted honey production, methods of wintering bees, introduction of package bees, control of diseases and enemies of the honeybee, extracting and bottling of honey, queen rearing, requeening, fall management, marketing of honey, and care of bees for pollination of fruit and other crops.

University residence hall rooms are available.

Any individuals 16 years of age or older are eligible to attend the course. The registration fee is \$10 for Pennsylvanians and \$15 for non-Pennsylvanians.

A daily schedule and application blank can be secured from the Agricultural Extension Office or the Director of Short Courses, Room 208 Aimsby Building, College of Agriculture, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802.

Community Planning

What does community planning mean to the average citizen? Is it zoning? Is it locating streets and highways? Or is it the development of parks and playgrounds?

According to a Pennsylvania State University correspondence course on community planning, every aspect of local government is concerned with the subject. Planning is essential. But it is essential for effective local government.

The community planning course is one of a series of courses in public affairs selected to help build a better relationship and to help officials and interested citizens in Pennsylvania. Its purpose is to help community leaders achieve desired objectives.

Without planning a municipality finds itself constantly grappling with one crisis after another. Trying to solve community problems on a piecemeal basis.

The course is available to anyone. It comes to you complete in booklet form in a single mailing. There are no educational prerequisites. Exams are optional.

Send your name and address with \$5.50 to Community Planning, Box 5000, University Park, Pa. 16802. Make checks payable to Penn State. There are no other charges.

INSTANT READER RESPONSE



Farm Costs Rise, Return Drops

Both the average farm income and average cost of farm operation is now four per cent above a year ago, according to the USDA Crop Reporting Board.

The trend recently, however, has been unfavorable for farmers. Costs have been rising while return for farm products has been declining.

The Index of Prices Received by Farmers dropped 8 points (3 per cent) during the month ended April 15 to 281 per cent of its 1910-14 average, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

This was the lowest index since October 1969.

Contributing most to the decline were price declines for hogs, eggs, cattle, and oranges.

Higher prices for cotton and wheat were partially offsetting.

The index was 4 per cent above April, 1969. The Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, including Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates increased 3 points (2.4 per cent) to 388, a record high. During the past 12 months, the index advanced 15 points (4 per cent).

With prices of farm products declining, and prices paid by farmers rising, the preliminary Adjusted Parity Ratio decreased to 78 and the Parity Ratio to 72.

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