

## National

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our country's drift toward isolationism and to once again assume its former role of responsible world leadership." Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture James A. McHale told the conference, "Someone has to come up with concrete recommendations on food policy for Washington to follow," but he did not mention the fact that none of the nation's food policy formulators had chosen to attend the conference. McHale mentioned the interrelationships of food

prices, energy and inflation, and scored multi-national food companies which, he said, were gouging consumers with high prices and leading America to corporate domination of agriculture.

McHale also assailed the U. S. military fuel consumption, and said this becomes a critical issue in light of the fact that American farmers have been asked to farm an additional 50 million acres of land to relieve food shortages at home and to help protect our export markets.

The secretary said that he hoped the conference workshops

would come up with recommendations in specific areas of agricultural concern. These workshops, all of which met Thursday afternoon, were titled: population and food requirements; nutritional quality; energy and food; land and food; international aspects of food policy; distribution and food; economics of food policy; institutions of implementation of food; and competing interests affecting food policy.

Governor Milton Shapp followed McHale on the speaker's dais. Shapp said the nation's food problem "is directly intertwined with the energy and transportation crises, and the interrelationships must be studied."

"I'm not here to predict a food crisis today," Shapp said. "I hope we're all here to try to prevent one. But I think it's clear to all of us that only immediate and innovative planning can avert very serious food shortages in the next 10 to 20 years."

"The energy crisis and the rail crisis have one thing in common," Shapp said, "bad judgement and poor planning by officials in our national government. Hopefully, no one will try to make it three crises in a row."

Noting that world population is growing and will top the four billion mark in little over a year, the governor said that by 1985 the world demand for food will be up 80 percent over that of 1962. "We have a problem. And if we don't act now, it may well become the food crisis in 1985, or even before."

Senator George McGovern, a South Dakotan Democrat and leading farm spokesman, echoed Governor Shapp's concern in a speech he made before the conference late Thursday afternoon.

"We find ourselves caught short, not only of food but of the fuels and fertilizers and

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first half of 1974. Thus, hog prices are expected to remain well above a year earlier through the first half of 1974.

Decisions now being made by hog producers will affect second half 1974 pork production. With prospects for a strong hog market and stable feed prices this winter, production could be stimulated, and second half marketings may be larger than the low levels experienced this year.

Sheep and lamb slaughter is down again this year and some further reduction is likely in 1974. Slaughter lamb prices generally increased this summer but not as much as for other classes of livestock. Smaller slaughter supplies and higher livestock markets this winter will add strength to lamb prices.

The lower prices for live animals in late summer and fall have resulted in some easing in retail prices this fall. However, only a portion of the decline in live animal prices has been reflected at retail, and retail margins remain unusually wide. Retail pork and beef prices may rise a little again this winter but will generally decline through the remainder of 1974, reflecting larger supplies and lower live animal prices, especially for cattle. If economic conditions in 1974 slow more than now anticipated as a result of the energy crisis, consumer demand may not be as strong as our price forecasts indicate.

Per capita meat consumption is down this year--12 pounds below the 189 pounds in 1972--reflecting reduced domestic meat production. Although pork consumption in 1974 may be largely unchanged from this year, beef consumption likely will increase, raising per capita red meat consumption for the year.

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machinery needed to produce it," McGovern said.

"We simply did not have enough food in 1972 and 1973 to meet our commitments either at home or worldwide."

He urged a national policy on food production and said that "too frequently in this country, we fail to identify our most serious problems far enough in advance to permit the development of real answers."

James G. Patton, former president of the National Farmers Union and a highly regarded observer of international food affairs, told the conference that the U.S. should not even try to feed the entire world. "First of all," he said, "we can't possibly feed everybody. We should work at helping the poorer countries to become self-sustaining in food production. We should help them to make more efficient use of their human capital, so their economies can develop logically to provide higher standards of living for all their people."

Patton said we need a new concept of foreign aid, and it should be directed towards helping people rather than towards disposing of surplus war machines.

## Local Grain

Thursday, December 6

These prices are made up of the average prices quoted by five participating local feed and grain concerns. It should be noted, however, that not every dealer handles each commodity. All prices are per bushel except ear corn which is per ton.

The average local grain prices quoted Thursday, September 13, 1973, are as follows:

	Bid+	Offered+
Ear Corn, New	57.00	65.66
Shelled Corn	2.72	2.96
Oats, Local	1.15	1.35
Oats,		
Western	1.66	1.80
Barley	2.37	2.58
Wheat	4.02	4.36
Soybeans	5.32	5.68

+Bid is the price the dealer will buy from the farmer delivered to the mill. Offered is the price the dealer will sell for at his mill

## Regional Hay Prices

Monday, December 3, 1973

(All hay No. 2 and better prices paid by dealers at the farm price per ton)

	Hay & Straw steady.
Alfalfa	50.00-60.00
Mixed Hay	35.00-50.00
Timothy Hay	30.00-40.00
Straw	35.00-40.00
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