

PFA'ers

[Continued from Page 1] consumer protection bills. Yost explained that the majority of PFA members were in favor of the consumer legislation if it "did not go overboard."

One topic which brought much discussion was the issue of food stamps. "A lot of farmers feel that there is a definite need for change in the food stamp program," Yost stated.

The most concern centered

around having the food stamp program switched to the HEW Department as currently about two-thirds of the agricultural budget is spent on the food stamps planning and processing. The legislative chairman noted that Congressman Edwin Eshleman had voiced his agreement with the idea that perhaps food stamps were located in the wrong area of government.

Local PFA members agreed that a tightening of eligibility is long overdue for the food stamp program. One major factor noted was the limiting of food stamps to striking workers.

Also of a national concern is land use planning and Yost explained that Congressman Eshleman expressed a 100 percent agreement that control of the planning should be on a local level for more effective control of farm land.

Turning to local matters, PFA members had addressed themselves on a number of issues one of the most important being HB 217 concerning payments for municipal sewage and water hook-ups. Local members were in agreement that exemptions should be made for those individuals who do not use the municipal systems but have footage on their properties. "Unless individuals hook on to the systems, we feel they should be exempt from paying for the footage even if it runs along their property," Yost noted.

"It is unfair for someone to pay for such a system when he is not using it himself."

HB 219 was also aired as it deals with protecting prime agricultural land in Class 1, 2, and 3. The local PFA'ers would like to see the bill passed as farming land could not be sold indiscriminately

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Raymond J. Kerstetter told participants at a Pennsylvania Food Day Panorama this week at Camp Hill that the Commonwealth is rebounding as a food supplier in the East because of high energy costs. In the 1960's, Kerstetter

noted, the number of farms in Pennsylvania declined by 25 percent. With this decline, he said, "our small food processors were wiped out because they could not supply large supermarket food chains and wholesalers with the big volume and variety they sought."

unless by consent of farm and agricultural leaders.

Mention was also made of HB 314 which deals with Pa. personal income taxes especially in selling a farm or property. Members would like to see the payment of taxes set up for the year in which a settlement is made.

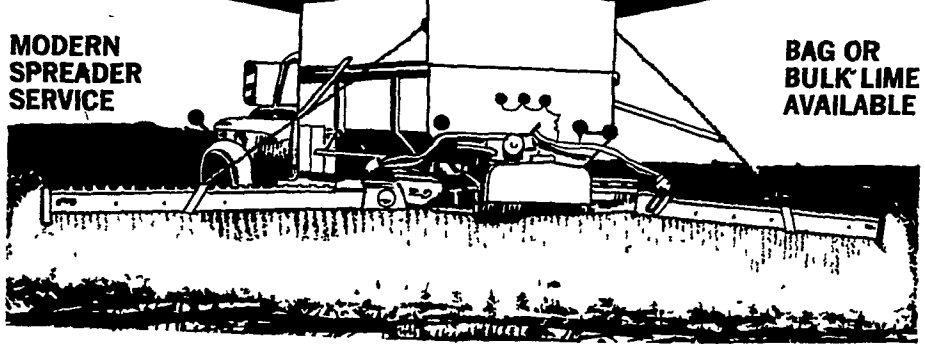
Also noted was SB 178 which would call for the election of the attorney general in the state. The officer is now appointed which members feel is lacking in good judgement.

Turning to the local elections ahead, Yost urged members to learn about the candidates and know how they stand on issues important to the farming community.


For that reason, the Secretary said, it was encouraging to see food buyers looking to Pennsylvania again. He added that the Department is seeking to aid this revival with its direct market program.

"We are working to locate all food buying clubs and to match them with farm outlets," said Kerstetter. "We print farmer-to-consumer directories, listing farmers' markets, roadside stands and 'pick-your-own' farms in various areas of the state. In short, we are trying to improve the business of moving and distributing food."


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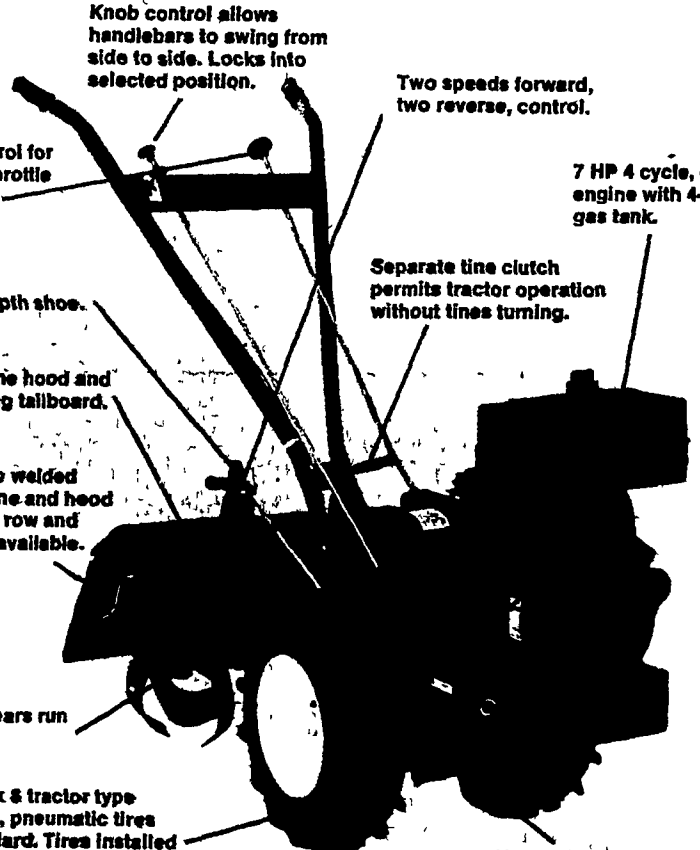
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