## Courts rule oral contract binding

Your neighbor says "I'll sell you my heifer for \$300." You say, 'I'll take her." Is there a legally binding contract?

Yes, that contract could be enforced in the courts by either you or your neighbor, according to Paul Mazza, associate professor of farm

UNIVERSITY PARK - Penn State and member of Not two Many contracts four neighbor says "I'll sell the Centre County Bar some involving hundreds of Association.

Mazza, who recently edited and updated Penn State's correspondence course on farm law, points out in the course that many people assume all contracts must be in writing or else the management, Extension at courts will not enforce them.

some involving hundreds of thousands of dollars, have been upheld in court only on the word of one of the participants that a spoken, oral agreement had been made.

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