

Hearing slated on use of Lancaster streams

HARRISBURG — A public hearing is scheduled for May 3 which will affect the future use of Lancaster County streams. The reason for the hearing is the recent publication of the Department of Environmental Resources' (DER) proposed revisions to the State's Water Quality Standards.

Among other things, DER's Report contains recommendations concerning "high quality waters" and "exceptional quality waters". Also, there are proposals in the Standards for protection of Trout Stocking Fisheries and Cold Water Streams.

Streams in Lancaster

County affected by the Trout Stocking Fisheries revisions will be Black Creek, Climbers Creek, Little Cocalico and portions of Conestoga Creek. Other streams affected will be Mann's Run Basin and portion of Octorara Creek. Under the proposed new regulations, these streams will be

maintained at their present high quality for the uses proposed in the revised Standards. The classification of these streams will ultimately establish by regulation the amount and quality of effluent allowed to be discharged by industries and municipalities.

The May 3 public hearing will be held at the Penn State Capitol Campus Auditorium, Middletown, Pa. The afternoon session begins at 2 p.m. and the evening session gets underway at 7 p.m. The public has 15 days in which to submit written comments to DER after the hearing.

The proposed revisions to

the Standards are contained in the report, "Proposals for Recommended Revisions to Water Quality Criteria, Wastewater Treatment Requirements and Industrial Wastes". Copies of the report and information on the hearing is available from the Capitol Region Planning and Development Agency, Suite 124 Harrisburg Host Inn, Harrisburg, Pa. 17111 - Telephone: 939-7827.

Ag symposium slated

BELTSVILLE, Md. — The third in a series of Beltsville Symposia in Agricultural Research will be held May 14-17, at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, here. The symposium, Animal Reproduction, will provide a forum for the exploration of scientific developments in animal reproduction research and of the implications of this research for science in general. Subjects to be covered include reproductive management of livestock; hormonal regulation of reproductive functions;

gamete culture and preservation; and the effects of environment and genetics on reproductive performance.

The symposium will commence with a social mixer on Sunday evening. Technical sessions will be held Monday morning through Wednesday noon.

Tentative programs for the symposium, are available from Dr. Caird E. Rexroad, Jr. Poultry Chairman, Symposium III, Room 13, Building 200 Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, East Beltsville, Md. 20705.

N.J. meat packer charged with failure to pay \$193,000

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Victory Beef Co., Corp., Patterson, N.J., has been charged with failing to pay for more than \$193,000 worth of livestock and meat in violation of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

The firm purchases livestock throughout eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. U.S. Department of Agriculture officials said the firm has temporarily suspended its packing operations.

In an administrative complaint filed under the P&S Act, USDA charged the firm with:

- Failing to pay, when due, the full price for more than \$131,000 worth of livestock and \$62,000 worth of meat;

- Using funds that should have been held in trust.

The firm has a right to a hearing. If the charges are proven, it would be placed under a cease and desist order.

Meat packers are required under the Act to maintain a solvent financial position and to pay promptly for livestock and meat. They must also hold in trust any funds received from the sale of meat, meat food products, or livestock products, to insure that payment is made to cash sellers of livestock

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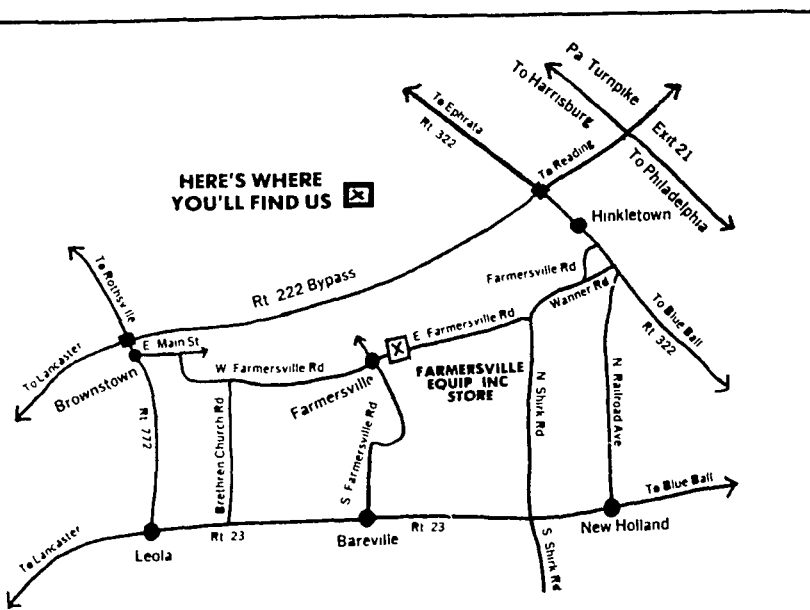
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