

# Professor says

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convenient lower limit for defining a commercial farm, and that in 1976 there were 780,000 farms of this size or larger in the United States. As a group, these farms accounted for 90 percent of the nation's agricultural production.

The problem, Stanton says, is that there are two million other part-time enterprises classified as farms, but whose owners earn marginal amounts from agriculture and depend on other work for their primary source of income. Paradoxically, because these part-time farmers get most of their income outside of agriculture, they may be the ones most likely to survive, he noted.

The larger commercial farms, on the other hand, are likely to consolidate even further, Stanton says, even though the largest ones may reach a point where their efficiency actually declines.

"Most of the real gains in

efficiency or reduced production costs have probably been achieved by the time a farmer is selling \$100,000 worth of produce annually. Yet various incentives push the commercial farmer to continue to expand," the economist says.

One of these may be the U.S. tax structure itself. Despite government proclamations about the need to prevent further consolidation of farms, Stanton says that such devices as investment tax credits, easily available agricultural loans and generous depreciation allowances have encouraged farmers to expand sometimes even to the point where resulting increases in production costs would seemingly make such a move undesirable.

Even if expansion brings substantial new debts, lower returns for each unit of production, and other problems, the general business and social climate

confers status upon commercial growth, and farmers are not immune to such a widely prevailing incentive, Stanton feels.

Another major factor, the economist stresses, is the escalating value of real estate. "Many farmers have made much more from the appreciation and sale of their land than they ever could from crop and livestock production," he observes.

"As a result of such incentives for growth, the divisions between commercial farm businesses and the very large number of part-time farms is likely to grow more pronounced. The commercial sector will continue to consolidate and the total number of farms can be expected to decline slowly. The number of part-time farms, on the other hand, may be quite stable or even increase."

While a number of state legislatures have already taken steps to limit or

prohibit corporate ownership of farms, Stanton believes that indirect methods, such as changes in tax policy, are more likely to be effective in preventing further decline in the number of farms than are direct controls.

"One such policy," he says, "would be a set of upper limits on the amount of government payments that any farmer could receive. Limits on subsidized credit programs would also favor smaller farms."

"Some sort of balance needs to be maintained that allows outsiders to enter farming yet encourages those who are now farming to continue."

"In the long run," the Cornell economist concludes, "I am less concerned about the prospect of giant corporations taking over farming than I am about the current prices of cropland relative to its earning potential in farming."

## AUCTION SALE

OF FARM MACHINERY, SHOP TOOLS, ETC.

Located 1½ miles south of Kemblesville, PA. and 5 miles north of Newark, Del. on Rt. 896.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1978**

10:00 A.M.

JD A tractor, Ferguson tractor with plows, cultivator, back blade and chains, MH tractor, Economy 14 hp. tractor with mower, JD 66 riding mower, AC & turf-trac mowers, Int. 2 row corn planter, NI manure spreader, cement mixer, Circular saw, 2 wheel cart, sprayer, chain saw, shop stove, bench vise, radial arm saw, jointer, lathe, bench grinder, skill saws, wheelbarrows, corn sheller, milk cans, English saddle, 1966 Chev. auto. A lot miscellaneous hand and garden tools.

Terms: Cash or equivalent.

Contents of Estate with additions.

Auctioneers: Harold S. Hill & Son.

215-274-8525.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE,  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS, ANTIQUES, OLD BOOKS  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1978**

REAL ESTATE 1:00 P.M.

PERSONAL PROPERTY 10:00 A.M.

Located 375 Reeceville Rd., West Brandywine Twp.; north of V.A. Hospital at intersection (red light) of Route 340 (Kings highway) and Reeceville Rd. turn on Reeceville Rd. ½ mile to sale on right. Chester Co., Pa. Watch for sale sign.

REAL ESTATE consists of 2½ story frame dwelling w/aluminum siding. First Floor: kitchen; dining rm.; living rm.; den; powder rm.; and hall, open stair case; Second Floor: 3 bed rms.; bath; Third Floor: 3 finished rms.; full basement; w/oil fired hot water heat, heating system like new w/2 - 275 gal. tanks; well w/elec. pump; front porch; screened side porch; situated on 180' x 223' + or - lot; mature shade and lawn. Must be seen to be appreciated.

INSPECTION BY APPOINTMENT 286-5744.

15% Deposit time of sale cash or approved check. 45 day settlement.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND ANTIQUES: Round oak ext. table w/claw feet; oak drop leaf ext. table w/5 boards; walnut drop leaf table w/drawer; plank bottom settee half spindle w/4 matching chairs; oak & walnut roll top desk w/book case top; drop front desk w/book case top; very old silver server w/drawer & shelf; pine corner cupboard w/solid doors; mantel clock Forrestville, Bristol, Conn. all brass parts and others; 2 night stands w/drawer; beautiful old walnut bed w/high head board carved; walnut marble top dresser matching; marble top wash stand; spool bed; iron bed w/brass trim; cannon ball bed; 2 Empire chests of drawers and others; pine blanket chest; old trunks; 3 sm. reed chests; wicker rocker; porch rockers; oak chairs; cane seated chairs; Zenith color portable TV; Hot Point refrigerator; RCA AM/FM stereo record player floor model; goose neck rocker; platform rocker; sofa; records; book case; lyre table w/drawer; brass lamp; table & floor lamps; Singer sewing machine treadle; bamboo flower stand; other sm. tables and stands; pictures; oil painting signed R. A. Fox; arrow heads; 3 foot stools; Manton 12 ga. dbl. barrel hammer gun; powder horns; old books; Down The Eastern And Up the Black Brandywine, by Wilmer W. Mac Elree; Chester and Delaware Co. Vol. 1 and 2, by Gilbert Cope and Henry Ashmead; The Doane family history; and many other old books; 9 x 12 rugs; bedding; linens; material; brass telescope; luggage; high hat; carriage robe; Xmas deco.; baskets; scale; lard press; sausage grinder; World War I Army helmet; screened pie safe; crocks; jugs; stemware; tea pots; vases; jardinières; dinnerware set Johnson Brothers, England; signed piece Meissen, Germany; blue platter Abbey, England; buffalo ware; Wedgewood made in England for Swarthmore College 6 cups & plates; creamers & sugar sets; individual salts; Wallace sterling serv for 8; various pieces of china and glassware; Bi-Centennial spoons & holder International; pots; pans; slaw board; lg. bell; lanterns; garden hose; lawn & garden tools; 3 benches; step ladder; 5 pr. shutters; and many many other items not listed. Items to be sold are in good condition.

TERMS — CASH

Estate of Sara V. Way  
By order of

**CHARLES A. WAY**, Executor

Gordon and Ashton,  
Attys. for the Estate

William March, Jr., Auctioneer  
Elverson, Pa.  
286-5744

Lunch Available.

## PUBLIC SALE

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1978**

AT 2:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

VALUABLE FARM 10 MINUTES FROM  
PENN SQUARE, LANCASTER, PENNA.

**DIRECTIONS:** The farm is located on Bean Hill Road in Lancaster Township, adjoining the Conestoga River. From Lancaster go south on South Prince St. (Pa. 72; U.S. 222). Do not cross Conestoga River. Turn right at traffic light on Route 324 for ½ mile; take right fork up Second Lock Road for ½ mile; turn right on Bean Hill Road; go ½ mile and turn left into farm driveway.

It consists of 108.6 acres of land, more or less, with approximately 1500' of frontage along Bean Hill Road and is located in a loop along the Conestoga River. It contains approximately 72.7 acres of tillable farmland, 13 acres of pastureland, 5 acres of woodland, 2 acres of homesites and 15.9 acres of brush and wasteland. Soil is loam type and highly productive.

The improvements consist of the following:

- (1) Main Dwelling: Two story stucco on stone building with a slate and asphalt shingle roof built about 1860, containing a full basement with oil fired hot water furnace, 8 rooms, 1 bath and approximately 2520 sq. ft. of living area.
- (2) Tenant House: Two story frame, aluminum siding dwelling with slate roof, full basement, oil forced air heat, built in 1940. It contains 6 rooms, 2 baths, 1675 sq. ft. of living area and has a 1 car-garage 11' x 19' attached by a breezeway.
- (3) Spring House: A stone building with slate roof, 15' x 25' + 6' x 11'.
- (4) Bank Barn: Frame 2 story building with slate roof equipped for a swine operation.
- (5) Tobacco Barn: Frame building 88' x 32' with an attachment 52' x 28', both with slate roof.
- (6) Poultry House: A frame building 30' x 60' with an asphalt roof.
- (7) Frame Implement Shed: Two story building with slate roof 20' x 36'.
- (8) Granary: Frame building 24' x 32' with an attachment 25' x 28', all with a slate roof.
- (9) Summer Kitchen: 12' x 26' with a slate roof.
- (10) Frame Building: 18' x 26' with a wood shingle roof.
- (11) Storage Shed: Frame building 36' x 28' with asphalt shingle roof.
- (12) Corn Crib: Frame building 48' x 26' with a metal roof and wire sides.
- (13) Glazed Tile Silo: 12' in diameter x 40' high.

The sale will be held on the premises beginning promptly at 2:00 p.m. when terms and conditions will be made known by Jane R. Heller and National Central Bank, Executors of the Estate of F. Lyman Windolph, deceased.

OPEN FOR INSPECTION on Saturday, September 2, 1978 and Thursday, September 14, 1978 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. At other times call Barry Sellers at Lancaster, Penna. 717-291-3635.

R. Louis Weiler, Auctioneer  
Vincent Wendler, Clerk & Conductor  
H. Clay Burkholder, Attorney  
Windolph, Burkholder & Stainton, Attorneys

## 'Magic Cow' at York

YORK - The "Magic Cow", made famous through dairy media advertising, will be appearing daily this week at the York Interstate Fair.

Visitors to the fair can meet the Magic Cow at a dairy promotional booth in Memorial Hall. Available for sale at the booth will be Magic Cow drinks and floats, as well as other dairy products and promotional items.

Area dairy farm families will man the Magic Cow booth, sponsored by the York County Dairy Princess and Promotion Committee.

Would-be milkers will

have a chance to learn the tricks of getting milk out of old Bossie at the York County 4-H Dairy Clubs "I Milked A Cow" exhibit.

For a nominal fee, any fairgoer may try their hand at getting a few squirts of the white stuff from a selected group of cows brought to the fair for the exhibit.

Leaders and members of the dairy clubs will be on hand at all times to offer advice and assistance to amateur milkers.

The "I Milked A Cow Exhibit" will be located adjacent to the 4-H Petting Zoo, near the livestock barns.

## PUBLIC SALE

On the farm located on Elmer School Road in Montgomery County, Md., between White's Ferry and Poolesville. Turn off the White's Ferry-Poolesville Road onto Elmer School Road to farm. About 5 miles from White's Ferry and 5 miles from Poolesville.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1978**

11:00 A.M.

**MACHINERY & DAIRY EQUIPMENT**

Int. No. 56 hopper blower and 50 ft. pipe, NH No. 717 forage chopper with one-row corn head, 2 forage wagons with New Idea boxes on heavy New Holland Model 234 running gear, mow elevator, post driver, seed sower, misc. small tools and equipment.

**DAIRY EQUIPMENT**

DeLaval milker pump No. 75 with motor, 4 DeLaval bucket units and two 55 lb. pails, drain rack, double wash tank, DeLaval dumping station and glass pipeline.

**52 HOLSTEIN COWS 52**

One 3-yr. old Bull

T.B. and Blood tested

The cows have plenty of size and several are recently fresh, fifteen are dry and will be due later this fall. Others will freshen at various times throughout the year. A herd that is capable of making good records although no DHI testing has been done.

Terms: Cash.

Lunch available.

Owner:

**ROBERT SMOOT**

Route 2, Box 17220  
Dickerson, Md.

Phone: 301-349-5338

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