

Hallowell, Grange list goals

GETTYSBURG — Penrose Hallowell, State Secretary of Agriculture, called on the State Grange to work together with the new Administration for a better Pennsylvania, recently that the 56th Annual Grange Leadership School in Gettysburg.

Three goals were listed by the Secretary as "what we can do together".

The first was to "restore honesty and integrity to government". The best politics is good government," said Hallowell, "but no politics is no government". Hallowell pointed out that while the two-party system is essential for electing government officials, "partisanship should

disappear as soon as we are elected".

The second goal listed by the Agriculture Secretary was "economic development". He warned the Grangers that family farms in Pennsylvania need "help". Two forms of help Hallowell mentioned were Acts 515 and 319, the agricultural preferential assessment laws.

Other laws Hallowell saw as helpful to the family farm were the Ag Districts Bill, with its "right-to-farm" clause, and the bill seeking to limit PennDOT's use of eminent domain.

"Despite the fact that so many farmers are being taken for uses other than agriculture," Hallowell noted, "it's interesting that

the dairy industry is forecasted to produce \$1 billion in dairy commodities in Pennsylvania this year."

The third goal mentioned was "marketing". Hallowell believes a good marketing potential exists for Pennsylvania agriculture. Here in Pennsylvania "we produce 102 per cent of what we consume", Hallowell said, "we have a surplus in all commodities."

In closing Hallowell said, "The opportunities we have today are terrific." The Grange should "be proud of (its) agriculture connector and its future."

Oats loans extended

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loans on 1978-crop oats may be extended for six months at the option of the producer, John W. Goodwin, acting administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), said last week.

Producers who wish to extend their loans should contact the ASCS office where they obtained them.

Goodwin said the extension would help alleviate transportation and storage problems that many producers are now facing by allowing them to market

their oats over a longer period. Similar extensions were offered earlier for wheat and barley.

There are approximately 15 million bushels of 1978-crop oats under price support loan to which the 6-month extension option applies.

There are also 38 million bushels of oats in the farmer-owned reserve. Loans on oats in the reserve were called June 26 when the market price reached \$1.44 per bushel, 140 per cent of the loan rate, the price level at which the Department is required to call the commodity.



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