

New farmers' market studied for Delaware

NEWARK, Del. — Delaware's soil and climate are well suited to the production of fruits and vegetables. But right now the state lacks sufficient market outlets to permit expansion of this potentially profitable agricultural industry. This is one reason the amount of produce grown here has declined in recent years.

University of Delaware Extension crops marketing specialist Carl German says one way the trend might be reversed is with a centrally located farmers' market featuring fresh, locally grown produce.

There are already several farmers' markets in the state, including the Wilmington Marketplace, the New Castle County Farmers' Market, Spencer's Bazaar in Dover, and the Milford Farmers' Market. But none of them is adequate as an outlet for the volume of Delaware-grown fruits and vegetables which could be produced. The Wilmington Marketplace, for example, is only a remnant of the once much larger King Street Market, where many local truck farmers used to bring their wares. Other places, like the New Castle County

Farmers' Market or Spencer's Bazaar, serve primarily as outlets for clothing, hardware, antiques, flea-market items, etc., — not fresh produce. And most of what you do find is not locally grown or sold by farmers.

Basically, the kind of farmers' market German is talking about would be a direct outlet for local farm produce—an organized market where consumers could buy direct from the grower, generally at less than retail prices and in quantities suitable for home use.

To find out whether there is any interest in establishing such a market somewhere in Delaware, German and direct marketing assistant Mary R. Deckers initiated a feasibility study last year with funds provided the Delaware Cooperative Extension Service under a grant from the federal Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976. As part of their study they conducted two polls, one of growers and the other of consumers.

Though response was light from the 210 growers polled in November, 1978, ap-

proximately 25 farmers (most of them in Kent county), expressed some interest in a farmers' market. Theoretically, says German, this would be enough people to maintain a small market, providing a favorable location could be found. Actual establishment and success of a market would depend on the degree of grower involvement and support for the idea, he stresses.

Of course you can't have a market without customers. So last fall the economist also sent out 1,000 questionnaires to potential consumers around the state.

From the 29 per cent responding it was clear that there was considerable interest in having a retail farmers' market, provided it was conveniently located. Fifty-nine per cent said they would shop at one, while another 32 per cent indicated they might do so. Only 2 per cent were definitely not interested.

Attractions of a potential market were seen as fresh, good quality produce at lower prices or at least a satisfactory return for the dollars spent. Location was also considered quite important, with most consumers preferring one

within a five mile radius of where they live.

The complete study has now been published as Extension Bulletin No. 115, "The Feasibility of Establishing A Farmers' Market in Delaware."

For a free copy of this bulletin, call Extension crops marketing specialist Carl German at 738-2511 or write: Mail Room, Agricultural Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, De. 19711.

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FULL FRENCH

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Dove Tailed Blanket Chest; 5 Oil Lamps; Lots of Dishes; Mugs; Glassware, including 1968 World's Fair Dish Glass Set; President James Monroe Plate; Lot of Milk Glass; Chocolate Spiral Glass Plate Set; some Old Platters; Metal Bread and Cake Box; Antique Galliano Bottle with Spout; Iron Asparagus Buncher; Painted Sprinkling Can; Pitcher Pump; Flower Pots; Dutch Oven; Cast Iron Kettle; Old Mirrors; 4 Courier & Ives Prints; other Old Pictures; Antique Coffee Pot; lots of Lamps; 8 Boxes of Porcelain Figurines; Ice tongs; Coal Buckets; 2 Antique Tin Boxes; Small Iron Bell; Toaster; Hot Plate; 1800 New England Bible Press; Large Stamp Collection.

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11:30 A.M.

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71 Grade and Registered Cattle 71

This dairy consists of 32 milk cows of which 9 are fresh, 2 due Oct. 3 & Nov 2, balance in various stages of lactation, 4 first calf heifers due this fall, 9 bred heifers due Feb. & Mar., 10 yearlings to breeding age, 14 started heifer calves to yearlings, 1 service age Holstein bull, 1 Jersey service bull. There are 15 registered Holsteins sired by such bulls as: Andy, Polaris, Gethro, Killion, Kurk & Minute Man, also included is a Reg. Ayrshire sired by Selwood Betty Commander and 3 grade Ayrshire heifers sired by Hi-Kick, cattle will be blood and TB tested, shipping fever shots, ready for day of sale

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SAT., SEPTEMBER 22

10:00 A.M. SHARP

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500 lb. Yale safe; GE refrig./freezer Combo.; Hot-point elec. range; Chrome dinette set w/4 chairs; LR suite; BR suite w/bed, dresser, vanity & night stand; high oak bed, 2 oak dressers, 2 oak washstands & oak chest of drawers - all immaculate; 2 straight oak chairs; dovetailed doughtray; Maytag wringer washer; corner what-not stand; platform rocker; Singer treadle sewing machine; Lewyt roll-around sweeper in a chest; small round Perfection heater; cedar chest; cedar wardrobe; cane seat chair; steamer trunk; 2 large urns; 6 matching oak chairs; ball & claw piano stool; oak rocker; 2 ice cream parlor tables; square oak table; wooden bucket benches; 2 good porch rockers; carpet approx. 10 x 24 w/foam pad - beautiful cond.; beautiful picture frames; ironing board; floor lamps; lamps; stands; folding lawn chairs; 3 burner kerosene range, etc.

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