

# DER to sell firewood starting Monday

HARRISBURG — The Department of Environmental Resources' pilot project to bring firewood to the people begins on Monday, Oct. 15, when the first of 1,000 cords of prime oak goes on sale at the Farm Show parking lot.

The firewood, which is seasoned, split and stacked in cords or in fractions of cords, will be available from 10 a.m. through six p.m., Monday through Saturday, through Dec. 31.

DER Secretary Clifford L. Jones, who will be present on Monday when the sale begins, said the department initiated this experimental program for a number of reasons.

"We want to encourage the use of wood as a fuel, both in homes and in business and industry," he said. "Wood is abundant, it is renewable and it is available at reasonable prices."

"We also want to encourage private contractors to get into the business of cutting fuel wood on state forest land by demonstrating that there is a market and showing how it can be done on a large scale."

"And this wood comes from a section of the Bald Eagle State Forest in Clinton County where the trees were killed by repeated gypsy moth defoliation. So we are using a resource — dead trees — that would otherwise go to waste."

The wood will be cut into lengths of 16 inches, 20 inches and 24 inches, to accommodate different sized wood stoves and fireplaces.

Prices will be:

—\$30 for one-third of a cord (a stack of 16 inch logs four feet high by eight feet long).

—\$36 for two-fifths of a cord (a stack of 20 inch logs four feet high by eight feet long).

—\$45 for one-half of a cord (a stack of 24 inch logs four feet high by eight feet long).

—\$89 for a full cord (a stack of 16, 20 or 24 inch logs or any combination of sizes which totals four feet wide by four feet high by eight feet long).

"We will also sell small bundles of wood for those who want just enough to use their fireplaces a few times during the season," Jones said.

He said that in all cases, buyers will have to pick up their own wood.

"Officials from our Bureau of Forestry will be on hand at all time during the sale to sell \$3 permits that enable people to cut their own fire wood and state forest land," Jones said.

The \$3 permit entitles people to cut 100 cubic feet of wood, which is slightly less than a cord.

"This fuel wood sale can be viewed as an extension of our fuel wood permit program," Jones said. "It's designed to help those who, for whatever reasons, can't get to our state forests to cut their own."

Virtually all of the wood sold will be red, white, black,

scarlet and chestnut oak. These species rank just behind hickory as the best fuel for fireplaces and wood stoves.

"According to Bureau of Forestry calculations, a cord of oak fuel wood has about the same BUT output as 162 gallons of fuel oil, 24,000 cubic feet of natural gas or one ton of coal," Jones said.

"Oak is especially good for wood stoves because it burns with a uniform flame and produces steady, glowing coals, which is particularly important if you want a hot fire that burns all night or all day without stoking."

The trees that are being cut have been dead for a least two years, so they are well seasoned and contain far less creosote, which can coat chimneys and cause fires, than green wood or wood that hasn't been allowed to dry properly.

The wood is being cut, split and delivered to the Farm Show by Wood Chips, Inc., of

Avis, Pa. which submitted a low bid of \$84,748 for 1,000 standard rough cords of fuel wood.

The contract calls for Wood Chips to deliver to the Farm Show a minimum of 100 cords per week for 10 successive weeks. Only dead trees which have been marked by DER foresters can be cut.

"Pennsylvania has more than two million acres of acres of state forest lands that are being underharvested," Jones said. "We grow far more wood each year than we cut and thousands of acres of trees are allowed to grow past their prime."

"We hope that the fuel wood program can help us use our state forest lands more efficiently, can help up promote healthier, more dynamic forests and can help us ease the energy crunch and our reliance on foreign oil."

# USDA approves Nicaragua imports

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has advised Nicaraguan officials that they could resume meat exports to the United States.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman said, however, that imports from Nicaragua will be subject to intensified residue testing to assure that the product meets U.S. Standards for wholesomeness. The department's periodic reviews of the plants will also be increased, she said.

Foreman said the rate of sampling for residues will be doubled and all imports will be held at the port of entry until residue samples are analyzed and the product is found to be in compliance with U.S. requirements.

She said the intensified testing program will continue until the department is assured that the Nicaraguan program is adequate to control residues. Until then, she said, department officials will make monthly visits to review the Nicaraguan plants instead of the normal quarterly reviews.

The Nicaraguan meat plants were removed from the list of approved exporters June 15 because unsafe travel conditions in the country prevented department officials from making the required quarterly reviews to assure that plants were in compliance with the department's meat inspection regulations.

Foreman said that prior to

re-instating export approval, department inspection officials visited the plants and reviewed the Nicaraguan government's inspection program, which has been strengthened and through the addition of stringent measure to prevent the presence of chemical residues in exported meat.

Nicaraguan plants shipped nearly 70 million pounds of meat to the U.S. in 1978, or 3 per cent of the total imports to this country. The meat, shipped frozen and uncooked, was used primarily in processed products, such as cooked sausage, hamburger or convenience foods.

The Federal Meat Inspection Act assigns the department the responsibility for the wholesomeness of all meat moving in interstate and foreign commerce.

## Market lamb nets over \$12 grand

Jeff Largent, 14, of Kremmling, Col., has earned his college education money through one good lamb in his 4-H club project. Largent's 7-month old lamb won grand champion honors at the Middle Park Fair in Kremmling and then became the object of a bidding war as two food

stores vied for the prize lamb.

The Safeway store and City Market, both of the Silverthorne-Frisco area in Colorado, went wild when it came to bidding on the 117-pound lamb. Safeway finally won out at \$105 per pound, netting \$12,285 for 14-year old Largent.

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