

Lancaster Farming



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Hallowell unveils milk security fund proposal

BY DEBRA STRICKLER
LANCASTER — Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell introduced his milk security fund proposal at a town meeting here Tuesday night.

Hallowell accompanied Governor Richard Thornburgh to the first town meeting since Thornburgh was elected.

Thornburgh was asked by Daniel L. Martin, a R1 Manheim dairy farmer, to

explain the present status of the milk security fund.

Thornburgh responded that the fund has been under discussion for nearly two years. The idea originated at a town meeting in Lancaster, during his campaign, he said.

He informed the audience that an official announcement of the proposed milk security fund will be made later this week.

The Governor then asked Hallowell to explain his proposal.

Martin's immediate response was indicative of the response of many Pennsylvania dairymen.

Martin noted that at the rate of one cent per hundredweight it will take some time until the milk security fund is sufficient to provide good security to the dairyman.

He said he hoped the present bonding system would remain in effect until the fund had grown to a sufficient size.

Jim Sumner, of the Bureau of Markets, explained that at the State's present volume of milk production, it will take five years for the fund to accumulate to four million dollars.

Current legal provisions require dealers to bonded for \$200,000.

"The milk security fund will be more effective in covering the farmers' losses," Sumner said.

Hallowell admitted his

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Thomas remains neutral on deed restriction bill

BY DICK WANNER
HARRISBURG — Reno Thomas (D-Snyder County), objected strenuously this week to being pegged an opponent of House Bill 1983.

Thomas is chairman of the Pennsylvania House Agriculture Committee, and HB 1983, which is in his committee, is the bill which would give county governments the power to buy farmland at public auction, put deed restrictions on it, and resell it to the public.

"I don't favor 1983 any more nor less than I favor any other bill that comes into my committee," Thomas said.

mechanisms for voluntary land use controls.

It is modeled after New York State's ag district law which, according to some observers, has been successful there.

"Some of the features of HB 1983 could be amended into the agricultural area security bill," Thomas said.

"I think we have to give farmers the option to volunteer. If they mean what they say, then voluntary controls should work.

"I do feel that mandatory controls are out of place,

though, in our free enterprise system."

Thomas said that the land use problem is going to be with us for years to come.

"There are so many approaches, there have been so many attempts made at preserving farmland, and we just have to see what's going to work best. There is no unanimous backing for any one approach," he said.

"As the committee chairman, I must recognize everybody's anxieties in every measure that comes

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Not the first time Eastern Co-op president says no more Grandview deals

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Charges and countercharges are flying concerning Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative's heavy losses in Grandview Dairy bankruptcy late last month.

But one thing is certain. The Grandview incident is not the first time Eastern has entered into a similar deal and had trouble getting paid.

Eastern President Arden Tewksbury said Wednesday "Eastern will avoid any

similar arrangements in the future."

Farmers shipping to Eastern may lose as much as \$800,000 in bankruptcy of Grandview Dairy, a Brooklyn, New York operation.

Grandview declared bankruptcy on November 23, a Friday. Payment due date was November 25.

In previous cases, Eastern members were more fortunate with their Grandview sales.

A few years ago, Tewksbury said, Eastern had a similar sales agreement with Cumberland Farms of New Jersey.

"Our experience with Cumberland Farms goes back longer than nine years in Order I and Order IV," he said.

"We did have a note that was paid off in December of 1978," he continued.

The note was to be paid in

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Tobacco market active as price jumps a dime

BY DEBRA STRICKLER
LITITZ — At press time Friday morning, two local companies announced their offer of 75 cents per pound for local tobacco, an instant five cent jump over Thursday afternoon's price of 70 cents.

A week ago the buyers had entered the market at 65 cents. Little tobacco moved.

On Wednesday and Thursday the tobacco market was extremely active. Wednesday the general price jumped by a nickel to 70 cents a pound.

House of Windsor, Yoe, York County has been overbidding the other buyers by two cents.

By noon Friday, House of Windsor authorized buyers to enter the market at 75.5 or 76 cents a pound.

It is estimated that three quarters of the crop already has been purchased.

However it seems the best tobacco is still unsold.

There is an exceptionally high demand for this top quality tobacco, so buyers

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Final call for Farm Show

LITITZ — The annual LANCASTER FARMING Farm Show issue will be in farmers' mailboxes on January 5, just before the 1980 Show opens.

Our editors already have prepared material to give our readers the largest, most up-to-date, and most comprehensive coverage of Farm Show '80.

This notice is to remind our readers and advertisers the deadline for submission of Farm Show copy is just around the corner.

Our Farm Show issue will have advance publicity on all the action at the Show, a special pull-out section for

visitors to take to the Show, biographical information on the FFA's Keystone degree winners, a list of Show exhibitors, a map of the entire Show floor, articles and more.

Dates for this year's Farm Show are January 6 to 11 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

The Complex is located on Cameron Street, just off Interstate 81, two exits North of the Susquehanna River bridge.

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