

Tobacco buyers fought for this year's crop

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 offering a record 75 cents a pound.
 House of Windsor buyers also needed tobacco to meet their quota, so they overbid the 75 cent price, offering 75½ to 76 cents for select crops.

Last Friday and Saturday, buying was extremely active as most of the county's growers sold.

A spokesman at Bloch Brothers, Lancaster, said the buyers filled their quotas last Saturday. They no

longer have buyers on the market.

As of Thursday afternoon, the Lorillard Corporation still had buyers on the market.

However, there were few crops left to be purchased.

At press time, Lancaster Farming could not obtain this year's average selling price.

Comments from tobacco buyers indicate that this year's average price was close to 72 cents.

Witmer Rohrer, a Lorillard buyer, noted that he purchased more crops on Friday and Saturday at 75 cents than he had at the 70 cent price.

"Once the ice was broken, it only took three or four days for the crop to be bought," he commented.

Donald Rohrer, a House of Windsor buyer, bought the majority of his tobacco at 76 cents. Rohrer said he was interested in only the finest quality, carefully stripped, tobacco for his company.

The majority of House of Windsor tobacco is processed for chewing.

Arnold Lueck of the Lancaster Extension Office explained that more of this area's crop is being sold for chewing, rather than the traditional cigar filler.

Lueck said he was suprised to hear of the 70 cent and higher prices.

"I knew the growers were determined to hang in there this year. They need more money for the crop since costs are going up," he commented.

Tobacco likes warm and dry growing conditions. This

Mid-Atlantic no-till meeting scheduled for January 3

COCKEYSVILLE, Md. — First-hand farmer reports on home-grown fuel production, planter modification and manure-fertility will feature the afternoon session at next week's six-state Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference at Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn north of Baltimore.

The sixth annual farmer education meeting will get underway Thursday morning, January 3.

Registration will begin at 8

o'clock and the program is scheduled to begin promptly at 9:30. It will run until 3:30 p.m.

Sponsoring organizations include the Extension Service at land-grant universities in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. Co-sponsorship and financial support are again being provided by related agribusiness firms serving the six-state area.

Tickets for the noon luncheon may still be purchased from most county Extension offices in the participating states. Because of space limitations at the conference site, advance purchase of luncheon tickets is essential, notes W. Jackson Corbett,

general conference chairman. Corbett is a Howard County extension agricultural agent at Columbia, Md.

To find the meeting site, go five miles north of the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) on U.S. highway I-83. Turn off at Exit 20A toward the Hunt Valley Inn.

Educational and commercial exhibits concerning no-tillage crop production will be on view upstairs in Maryland Rooms 1, 2 and 3 during the following hours: 8:15 to 10 a.m., 11:30 to noon, 1 to 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Thursday's no-till program sessions and the noon lunch will be held downstairs in the Hunt Valley Ballroom.

Trail dispute

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by the Department of Interior.

Commissioner Myers pointed out the area is unique in the amount of development as opposed to other sections of the East Coast the trail passes through.

Much of the trail passes parks like Shenanhoah, the Great Smokies, or the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

"Residents distrust the purpose of the National Park Service. They fear the Park Service will tie up many more acres of private property," he said.

Both sides have softened their original positions.

The advisory commission which Myers chairs is comprised of 13 members. Three are CANT members.

Others on the Commission include State Senator John D. Hopper, Camp Hill; a representative of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, a hiker, several concerned citizens, a representative of the National Park Service and a member of the Tri-County Planning Commission which serves the area.

The proposal to relocate the trail off to the side of the

roads was shot down 4 to 7, with the three CANT members and their attorney providing the four 'yes' votes.

"We are not taking this lying down," Brymnesser said. "The townships spent a lot of time putting the proposal together."

Since that December 4 meeting, the township supervisors planned to go to Washington, D.C. to talk to the higher-ups about the trail.

Although the initial field scouting was done by the Appalachian Trail Club of Maryland, the Department of Interior has the final say in where and how the trail will be relocated.

The Interior Department has \$90 million to spend to assure the trail runs in areas which will, presumably forever, be in an outdoorsy setting.

So far, the reception from landowners has been frosty. A meeting Thursday, January 3, will attempt to reach further understanding and compromise between farmers and the trail supporters.

The meeting is to be held on the second floor of the Carlisle Courthouse at 7 p.m. — CH



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