

House overwhelmingly passes two farm bills

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HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania House considered two farm bills this week passing both by nearly unanimous votes.

House Bill 1778, a measure which restricts alien ownership of Pennsylvania farmland to less than 100 acres, was passed by the House in December, passed without a single dissenting vote last week in the Senate, and returned to the House with minor changes.

The bill's prime sponsor, Lancaster's Rep. June Honaman, asked the House to concur with the Senate changes, they did so on Tuesday and sent the measure on to the desk of Governor Thornburgh where, according to Honaman, it should have very little trouble being signed into law.

HB 1608, sponsored by Noah Wenger, also a Lancaster Countian, was approved by nearly the entire membership on Tuesday. The bill would amend the Pennsylvania tax code to exempt family farm corporations from the annual one-percent levy exacted from the owners of all stocks and bonds.

When he introduced the bill, Wenger said the tax bore down unfairly on in-

corporated farmers because the value of their properties was rising faster than their ability to generate income from the land. The capital stock tax is imposed on the theoretical sale value rather than the actual income generated from the land.

Wenger said he also believes the stock tax hinders the formation of family farm corporations, even in cases where that

business tool may be useful in preserving valuable farmland.

Return of an old hand

Neil Buss, former deputy secretary of Agriculture with Kent Shelhamer, returned to the Hill last week to work full-time for the Senate Agriculture Committee. Buss had performed similar duties for the House Ag Committee when

Shelhamer was its chairman.

As a committee staffer, he'll have considerable influence on the shape of farm legislation considered by the Senate.

Buss is a Northampton County native, has BS and MS degrees from Penn State and a PhD in animal science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Gone Fishing

For votes, that is. The legislature adjourned this week until after the Pennsylvania primary, with the lawmakers scheduled to return to their desks on April 29. Big item on the Senate calendar is the Milk Security Fund measure, a bill which has yet to meet the challenge of either the Senate or the House.

Trees damaged by ice need immediate care

MILFORD, Del. — Ice storms can do considerable tree damage. Should one hit this winter, knowing what to do and how to do it could mean the difference between saving your favorite tree or chopping it up for firewood.

According to James McKeen, agricultural agent, the greatest storm injury is likely to occur on the faster growing trees. These include poplars, maples, willows, black locust, and Chinese and Siberian elms. Stronger species are oak, sycamore, and honeylocust.

If you're faced with the job of straightening a toppled tree or mending the wounds of broken or split branches, the following first-aid treatment is suggested.

Remove all broken branches, and do all cutting with sharp tools. You may need saws, knives, and wood chisels. Make cuts either at a good side branch or nearly flush with the mother branch. This avoids leaving dead-end stubs.

Make smooth, fast-drawing wounds surfaces. Remove splintered, rough,

or loose wood from all parts of any wound with a wood chisel or sharp knife.

Trim off all bark not solidly attached to the wood. Use a sharp knife, exposing uninjured bark on all edges

of the wound. Recent research has questioned the need for painting tree wounds.

After the wood has thawed, lift, straighten, and support trees, shrubs, or

evergreen trees with wire encased in a hose wherever it touches the bark. Supports should remain a full season. Cover exposed roots with soil and mulch with leaves or straw.

Still more broilers placed in state

HARRISBURG — Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending March 8 were 2,457,000 according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The placements were 12 percent above the corresponding week a year earlier and seven percent above the previous week. Average placements during the past nine weeks were four percent above a year earlier.

Placements in the 21 key poultry producing states were 82,309,000, six percent above the same week a year earlier and one percent above the previous week. Average placements during the past nine weeks were six

percent above a year ago.

Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under Federal Inspection during

the week ending February 27 totaled 1,916,000, with an average liveweight of 3.98 pounds.

Potato stocks off 25% from last year

HARRISBURG — Total stocks of potatoes stored in Pennsylvania by growers, local dealers and processors in March 1 were estimated at 1,650,000 hundredweight, 25 percent less than a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The seven eastern states had 20.1 million cwt on hand, 23 percent above a year ago and ten percent higher than the 1978 figure.

At the United States level, an estimated 127 million cwt. of potatoes for all uses were in storage in the fall producing areas. This was a five percent decline from last year's record holdings, but five percent above the stocks on March 1, 1978.

Disappearance of the 1979 fall crop on March 1, 1980 totaled 170 million cwt., eight percent short of the 185 million cwt. for the comparable period last season.

Squeeze tubers now

to assure blooms later

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — It will be a little while before it's time to plant gladiolus corms and dahlia tubers, but it's not too early to look over the ones you've stored away for the winter.

Many homeowners put corms, bulbs and tubers in baskets, bags and boxes in the fall and forget about them until planting time. If any happened to have soft spots when they were put away, you'll find a few more

bad ones when you get ready to plant them.

Sort through the corms and tubers and throw away any that show the slightest indication of decay.

If you find any with soft spots and cannot even see any decay areas, consider it a candidate for the trash pile. The short time it takes you to do the job now may save you a lot of disappointment later.

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FARM MACHINERY

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