

## Public meeting slated on seasonal farmworkers

STATE COLLEGE — Three agencies of the U.S. Department of Labor with law enforcement duties to protect migrant farmworkers will hold a joint meeting August 12, 1980, in the assembly hall of the Hetzel Union Building, Pollock Road, on the campus of Penn State, State College.

7 p.m., is open to the public. It will focus on the enforcement of such laws as the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Farm Labor Contractor Registration Act, the Occupational Safety and Health act, the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, and the Wagner-Peyser Act. These statutes are administered by the Wage and Hour Division of the Employment Standards Administration; OSHA; and the Employment and Training Administration. Each agency will be represented at the meeting by specialists assigned to farm labor programs.

According to Charles M. Angell, regional administrator for the Employment Standards Administration, the meeting at Penn State will be one of at least 10 such gatherings scheduled this year across the country to facilitate coordination of law enforcement efforts with farm labor groups and agricultural employers.

A similar forum is planned for Annapolis, Md. in November.

Angell said the meetings are mandated by federal regulations published in June that established national and regional Farm Labor Coordinated Enforcement Committees within the Labor Department. Representatives from each department agency that has responsibilities for protecting migrant farmworkers serve on the committees.

Minutes of the August 12 session will be submitted to the national committee in

Washington, D.C. to evaluate public response to the Labor Department's efforts to coordinate its enforcement of laws affecting farmworkers and their employers.

Major provision of these laws include minimum wage and child labor protections

under the Fair Labor Standards Act, provides certain protections as regards to terms and conditions of employment of migrant and seasonal farmworkers by farm labor contractors under the FLCRA, and housing health and safety standards under the OSHA law.

Under the Wagner-Peyser Act, the Employment and Training Administration is responsible to assure that state-operated Job Service agencies assist migrant farmworkers by inspecting temporary housing prior to occupancy and by providing job placement and training services.

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## State ranks second in ice cream

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania ranks second in the nation in the production of ice cream and third in milk sherbert production according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service's 1979 manufactured dairy products survey, released this week by State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell. The state ranks fourth in the production of ice milk.

The survey showed that Pennsylvania manufacturers produced 73.7 million gallons of ice cream during 1979, up three percent from 1978. California was the only state in the nation to top the commonwealth, manufacturing 89.1 million gallons.

Ice milk production in Pennsylvania during 1979 totaled 15.4 million gallons, down 16 percent from 1978. Milk sherbert production, at 2.8 million gallons, was down eight percent from last year's production. Pennsylvania's production of ice milk during 1979 was the fourth largest in the nation, following California, Ohio and Illinois, while milk sherbert production was the third largest following

California and Ohio. Other frozen products manufactured totaled 999,000 gallons, an increase of 22 percent over 1978.

Creamery butter production increased to 48.8 million pounds, up 27 percent from 1978. Creamed cottage cheese production in the commonwealth totaled 46.2 million pounds, up less than one percent from the previous year. Lowfat cottage cheese production, however, was up 11 percent at 17.0 million pounds.

Pennsylvania's total production of cheese during 1979, excluding cottage cheese, totaled 93.9 million pounds, down two percent from the previous year. Mozzarella cheese production, at 25.4 million pounds, was down three percent. Other types of Italian cheeses, with 14.3 million pounds produced in 1979, showed an increase of seven percent from last year. Swiss cheese production was 8.9 million pounds, down 13 percent from the previous year.

Production of dry and condensed milk during 1979 and the changes from 1978

were: whole unsweetened condensed, 42.2 million pounds, up 41 percent; skim unsweetened condensed, 56.4 million pounds, down 20 percent; and nonfat dry milk for human food, 20.9 million pounds, up ten percent.

During 1979, 3.28 billion pounds of whole milk were used in manufactured dairy products in Pennsylvania. Of this total, 33 percent was used for frozen products, 32 percent for butter, ten percent for cheese and 25 percent for other milk products.

## Holly

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Demand, with a maximum BOD limit of 37 mg/l; and phosphorus levels are limited to 2.0 mg/l average and 4.0 mg/l maximum. Both of these limits have been exceeded, he stated.

Yohn noted the Holly plant showed a "marked improvement from the second week in April through the month of May. "We were encouraged by the way they were progressing with their engineering plans."

But, he added, there were problems with the effluent discharge in June. He recently sent an assessment of penalties to the DER attorney, John Embick.

"Holly is making progress to improvement," Yohn stated. "So far, there has been no equity action taken to close the plant because of their violations. But, if we continue to have problems, additional action could be taken by the department."

Any further delay in schedule, he added, will result in additional penalties of \$500 per day.

Once the completed information is received from Holly, DER will then begin to process the permit application.

After receiving the DER permit, Holly then will have 30 days to begin construction. The construction must be completed by the end of February, 1981, said Yohn. And the plant must be in full operation within 30 days of completion of construction.

Yohn noted that DER will be watching Holly closely, monitoring the plant's discharges for 3 months after it is in full operation and calling for any additional modifications that may be needed.

"We'll have a lot of help from other interested citizens and groups," he added. "Sportsmen in the area watch Mountain Creek because it is a trout stream and a Fish for Fun area." — SM

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