

Reagan slams Carter, outlines own farm ideas

LANCASTER — Governor Ronald Reagan has labeled the Carter administration's farm policy "an unprecedented disaster" and pledged the goal of the Reagan agricultural program will be to make farming profitable again.

Reagan charged Carter's policies have pushed farm operating costs higher than at any other time in history, driving tens of thousands of farm families from the land.

"If government payments were made on the basis of the damage done by government, farmers all over America would be eligible for disaster payments right now," Reagan said.

He charged Carter has failed to deliver on promises he made to farmers. "If only farm families could pay bills with promises; could buy equipment and fuel with promises; if only they could clothe, feed and educate their children with promises... But what Candidate Carter in 1976 promised and what President Carter since 1977 has done are not the same — to put it in the most charitable terms."

Reagan made the remarks as he outlined the farm policy he will pursue as

President. The speech took place on a farm outside Des Moines owned by the Robert Lounsberry family.

The Republican presidential candidate pledged to begin his revitalization of the economy with emphasis on agricultural economics.

"The American people want policies based on confidence and optimism, progress and growth, not on the gloom-and-doom, aimless leadership we have seen for the last three and a half years."

He said the Reagan farm program will begin with an infusion of new ideas into the 1981 farm bill that will be considered by Congress next year.

"The first step is to have the federal government stop robbing American farmers through inflation," he said.

In addition, Reagan pledged to: appoint farmers and "those who understand farming" to government policy positions "so government can be a help — not a hindrance — to America's farmers."

He said he would devise a plan for aggressive expansion of agricultural exports with direct, personal, presidential support.

He will insist on

eliminating unfair trade barriers and take prompt action to prevent foreign dumping on U.S. markets; plus he will immediately review all regulatory programs with the objective of "freeing farmers from unnecessary... regulations." Reagan said he will

vigorously support soil and water conservation

programs "to give vitality to farm conservation practices"; seek tax law reform to eliminate the tax "that is forcing families to sell farms and family owned businesses when a death makes them

subject to estate tax"; and take necessary steps to insure that farmers' energy needs are met.

Reagan pledged the 1981 farm bill would seek to restore profits to the agricultural sector. "The entire thrust will be

to make farming profitable again," he said.

"Profits are essential to the farmer and to the consumer. They are vital to the future of the family farm, to our productive agriculture, and to feeding ourselves and the hungry around the world."

Small game season to open today

LITITZ — Pennsylvania's fall hunting activities will be marked by another surge with the opening of the early small game season on Saturday, October 18.

Squirrel and grouse will be the species that can be hunted on that date. Seasons on most of the other species of small game open two weeks later.

Squirrels are considered by wildlife managers to be the most underharvested small game species in Pennsylvania. Last year, hunters took about 2.25 million bushytails in the Keystone State. Grouse harvests, which had been in the vicinity of a quarter million birds annually for years, have surged upward recently, and last year topped the 400,000 mark.

A recent survey of the state's, district game

protectors showed that there should be fairly good populations of both grouse and squirrels this year, with local exceptions, of course.

The survey showed that district game protectors reported they had excellent squirrel populations in seven counties, good supplies of bushytails in 36 counties and fair numbers of squirrels in 24 counties. Judging from field reports, the best squirrel hunting this year should be in eastern, southcentral and northwestern counties.

District game protectors in four counties reported that grouse populations are at excellent levels; game protectors in 41 counties feel the numbers of the state game bird are good; 16 expect grouse hunting to be only fair; four counties report poor prospects and two counties show no grouse populations.

The best grouse hunting probably will be found in western, northcentral and northeastern counties.

Six squirrels are permitted to be taken daily by hunters, who may have 12 bushytails in possession after the opening day of the season. Hunters may take

two grouse per day, with a possession limit of four after the first day of the season.

The initial season for squirrel and grouse will end on Saturday, November 29. An extended or winter season for squirrel and grouse will open on Friday, December 26, and close on Saturday, January 10.

Along with the early

season squirrel and grouse hunting, shooters often have a chance at woodcock and Wilson's or jacksnipe. The season on these migratory game birds runs from October 18 through December 20.

The daily limit on snipe is eight, with a possession limit of 16. Five woodcock may be taken daily, with no more than 10 in possession.

U.S. vets report

receipts of \$1.5 billion

LANCASTER — The Nation's 15,551 veterinary service establishments had gross receipts of \$1.5 billion for agricultural services performed in 1978, according to the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The Southern States had the largest receipts in 1978 with \$450 million, followed by the North Central with \$447 million, the West with \$389 million, and the Northeast with \$263 million.

The leading States for Veterinary Service establishments were

California and Texas with \$220 million and \$96 million in receipts, respectively, from all agricultural services.

Veterinary service establishments are defined as economic units primarily engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine, dentistry, or surgery for livestock and animal specialties, for others on a fee or contract basis.

Gross receipts for agricultural services performed exclude receipts from product sales and activities other than agricultural services.

Receipts for 1978 increased substantially from those shown for the 1974 census; however, significant improvements in the coverage of the 1978 Census of Agricultural Services affect the comparability with previous census date.

Beattie to retire

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programs operating in Brazil and India through the Agency for International Development.

At Penn State, his international interests have been reflected in active participation in programs in the Bahamas and Uruguay.

He is a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946, attaining the rank of captain.

Dean Beattie is married to the former Helen Louise Crane, of Hyattsville, Md. They have two grown sons.



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