

FmHA triples rural housing loans

YORK — "The Farmers Home Administration has nearly tripled its investment in affordable housing for rural Pennsylvanians during the past four years," a U.S. Department of Agriculture official told Farmers Home employees in remarks prepared for a state meeting at the Yorktowne Inn Friday.

Gordon Cavanaugh, national FmHA Administrator, congratulated the group on its



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achievements in all FmHA programs.

"You are now helping more than twice as many farm families stay in business, more than twice as many rural communities provide basic services for their residents; and your actions have helped to create or save nearly 1600 jobs in rural areas since I became Administrator in 1977."

Citing the growth in FmHA housing assistance from \$43 million to fiscal year 1977 to \$126 million in

1980, Cavanaugh said, "Your efforts in helping those rural families and individuals who do not have adequate housing get and keep safe, decent homes has been particularly outstanding."

"As our agency has moved in all its programs from a policy of first-come, first-served to an all-out effort to reach those individuals and communities who need our help the most, Pennsylvania has responded with an increase of 250 percent in the number of people served. And you have done this with less than a 20 percent increase in staff," he said.

FmHA, a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, annually invests nearly \$300 million in rural development loans and grants to Pennsylvania through 35 county and five district offices, plus the state office in Harrisburg.

Penn State offers winemaking book

UNIVERSITY PARK — Fall is often a time for amateur winemakers to test their skills. So if you're a wine hobbyist, you may want to obtain the revised and expanded version of the book entitled "Winemaking as a Hobby," published by the College of Agriculture at Penn State.

The publication gives detailed information on the various procedures the hobbyist should follow in obtaining an excellent quality wine. Included are numerous illustrations and photographs. The book contains 88 pages.

"High quality wines can be made by the amateur," says

the author, Donald L. Ace. Penn State extension specialist. "In fact, many home-produced wines often are superior to commercial products," he adds.

This Penn State book on winemaking describes wine types, equipment and chemicals, the winemaking process, bottling, storing and aging, chemical testing, rules for serving, and grape species and varieties. The current edition was published in 1977.

"Winemaking as a Hobby" is available for \$2.75, tax and shipping included, from Winemaking, Box 6000, University Park, PA 16802. The price includes shipping

and Pennsylvania sales tax. Checks or money orders should be made payable to The Pennsylvania State University.

When ordering by mail, allow at least two weeks for delivery. At the campus, copies are available in room 234 of the Agricultural Administration Building.

The book includes a special section devoted to the amateur who is interested in the process in winemaking by recipe.

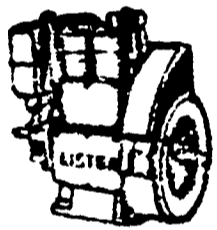


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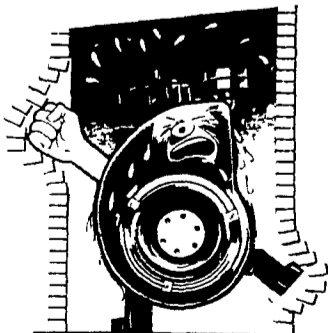
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