

Fitzpatrick to head USDA transportation agency

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has named Martin F. Fitzpatrick as director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Transportation.

Fitzpatrick had been legislative director for Senator Roger Jepsen (R-Iowa) since 1979.

USDA's Office of Transportation coordinates the activities of researchers, economists, engineers, rural development and export marketing specialists and traffic managers.

"I feel it is essential for agencies of government to work with each other and with the affected public

to achieve their mutual goals," Fitzpatrick said. "This agency, which I view as the voice of rural and agricultural transportation in the federal government, will do just that."

Fitzpatrick joined Jepsen's staff in January, 1979, as legislative director and assistant for agricultural committee work. He organized transportation hearings in Iowa, and helped establish the Iowa-Houston Grain Transportation Committee to facilitate transportation of grain to export ports.

From 1977 to 1979, Fitzpatrick was organizational director for the

Republican Party of Virginia, and before that he was on the staff of Representative George O'Brien (R-Ill.), focusing on agricultural matters.

Fitzpatrick was born in Joliet, Illinois, in 1952, and attended Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, where he majored in public policy management. He was selected for inclusion in "Who's Who in

American Universities," and was active in student government and fraternity affairs.

Fitzpatrick lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

LMA tells task force marketing reform needed

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Livestock Marketing Association is submitting its case for marketing law reform to the Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief.

LMA also called for Congressional passage of its Livestock Marketing Reform Act in a recent letter to Task Force Executive Director Dr. James C. Miller, III.

The Task Force, chaired by Vice President George Bush, was formed in February to reform federal regulation. The business community was asked to provide the Task Force with specific examples of regulations that could be changed to increase benefits or decrease costs.

It is LMA's position, General Manager C.T. 'Tad' Sanders, wrote, "that the layers of regulations and decisions... under the Packers and Stockyards Act require action of the United States Congress, in the reform of a 'Livestock Marketing Reform Act'."

The passage of this bill is necessary, Sanders continued, "to cut through (these) regulations and decisions to meet the needs

and serve the public interest in relation to the role of the livestock marketing sector of the industry."

Sanders provided Miller with a chronological summary of the nationwide campaign on behalf of the proposed legislation. A draft of the measure is being circulated in Congress prior to its introduction.

The proposed bill would replace

the current stockyards section of the P&S Act with legislation better geared to current marketing practices. The measure also provides for strict financial safeguards for livestock producers, and criminal penalties for a variety of marketing frauds.

LMA represents over 1,700 businesses in the marketing sector throughout the U.S. and in Canada.

Lebanon ASCS takes crop acreages

LEBANON — The Lebanon County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office is receiving 1981 crop reports from Lebanon county farmers for fall seeded crops to June 15, 1981 and for spring seeded crops to August 1, 1981.

The producer, upon reporting acreages of corn, wheat, barley and grain sorghum, is eligible for support loans, reserve program loans, target price protection, crop history and disaster coverage on all acres seeded for harvest. Disaster eligibility includes crops

which are fully or not covered by Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

The office will receive reports on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed May 25th) and on Friday, June 5 and Friday, June 12 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Heidelberg producers may file their report at the Heidelberg Township Building, Schaefferstown on Wednesday, May 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

John Stick, chairperson, urges all farm operators to report their acreages.

Potato stocks down 78 percent

HARRISBURG — Potatoes stored in Pennsylvania on May 1 totaled 130,000 hundredweight (cwt.), 78 percent less than a year ago according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Current total stocks are three percent of this year's production of 4,180,000 cwt. compared with ten percent on hand a year ago.

In the 15 major fall potato producing states, potato stocks on May 1 estimated at 40.2 million

cwt., down 33 percent from a year earlier and 38 percent less than two years ago. In the three eastern states, estimated holdings are 3.79 million cwt., 55 percent below a year ago and 33 percent less than in 1979. Maine's stocks are estimated at 3.50 million cwt., 55 percent below a year earlier.

Disappearance to May 1 in the 15 major fall states totaled 214 million cwt., five percent below the same period a year ago. Total disap-

pearance to date includes 22.6 million cwt. of potatoes dumped during grading, fed to livestock on potato farms, discarded without grading, and lost to shrinkage (moisture loss). April disappearance totaled 28.2 million cwt. compared with 33.0 million cwt. for April 1980.

Potatoes processed to May 1 in the seven major states totaled 82.6 million cwt., four percent below the same period last year.

Yearling heifer brings \$2000

FREDERICK — A yearling heifer, sired by Mucho Galant out of an Extra daughter, topped the seventh annual Free State Invitational Simmental Sale at the Frederick Fairgrounds, recently.

Richard Swan of Cumberland, Md., paid \$2000 for the heifer. She was consigned by Clyde Grossnickle of Middle Creek

Farms in Myersville.

At the sale, which followed the annual meeting of the Maryland Simmental Association, 20 purebred females sold for an average of \$1,072. Fifteen three-quarter Simmental females sold for an average of \$813, 10 half-Simmentals for an average of \$702 and seven bulls for an average of \$810.

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elimination of stamps for boarders, and more effective measures for recovering improperly issued stamps.

— Program benefits prorated on a daily basis so that persons in the program for only a few days would get benefits only for that amount of time rather than the full month.

— An overall "cap" on spending for the program of \$10.8 billion for fiscal 1982.

— A block grant for Puerto Rico at 75 percent of current costs, effective April 1, 1982.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry also recommended approval of three nominees for top-

level positions at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The three are Frank W. Naylor Jr., as Under Secretary for Small Community and Rural Development; Mary C. Jarratt, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Food and Consumer Services; and A. James Barnes, General Counsel for USDA.

The Committee's recommendation now goes to the full Senate for a vote.

A fourth nominee, Kenneth A. Gilles, Administrator-designate of the Federal Grain Inspection Service, was also scheduled for consideration but was unavoidably detained elsewhere on business. His hearing will be held at a later date.



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