

## Lancaster receives \$1.93 million for RCWP

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture John Block announced yesterday he has selected the Conestoga headwaters area of Lancaster County for carrying out an experimental project under the Rural Clean Water Program to combat agricultural related pollution.

The Secretary said the U.S.

Dept. of Agriculture has earmarked 1.93 million dollars in RCWP funds for the 110,000-acre project area. Animal wastes, nutrients, pesticides and sediment have resulted in pollution problems in project area waters which are used by approximately 175,000 persons and 2,000 industries.

Approximately 400 farms in the

project area are designated as eligible for RCWP cost share help. Participation in the RCWP is voluntary and open to any owner or operator of privately-owned farm land whose activities contribute to agricultural non-point sources of pollution in the project area.

Practices which qualify for cost sharing are those that reduce pollutants entering a stream or

prevent their leaving their source. Practices that do more to increase agricultural production than to reduce pollution are not eligible.

Interested persons should apply to the Lancaster County Office of the USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services, at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

## European Community to honor U.S. beef quota

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block announced last week he had received assurances that the European Community would fully honor its commitment to allow

10,000 metric tons of high quality U.S. beef to enter the Community levy-free.

The quota, negotiated in the multilateral trade negotiations completed in 1979, came into

question as a result of Canadian government claims that the EC discriminates against it. A panel of the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade ruled in favor of Canada, enjoining the EC to

permit the Canadians to have equal access to the EC market.

At meetings with Community officials here yesterday, Block won assurances that the GATT action would not jeopardize the U.S. quota.

"Agriculture Commissioner Paul Dalsager reassured me the EC will honor its commitment so the United States will receive the entire 10,000 ton quota," Block said.

So far, the level of EC imports under the quota has been below expectations, Block said, and EC licenses for imports of U.S. beef to the Community for the first half of this year are only about 1,000 tons.

Block said this is due to the uncertainties regarding EC sanitary regulations, especially with respect to hormones; to slowness by the EC in issuing import licenses at the beginning of this year, and the fact that U.S. high quality beef is not well known in the EC market.

U.S. market development programs are underway to increase consumer demand for U.S. beef within the European Community, he said.

Block leaves for London today. He also will meet with agriculture officials in France, Germany, and the Netherlands before returning to Washington June 4.

## Livestock market and auction news

### Weekly Summary

Friday, June 5

Report supplied by PDA

**CATTLE:** 8072 Compared with 5046 head last week, and 7158 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market: Slaughter steers steady to 1.00 lower; Sl. heifers 1.00-2.00 lower; Sl. cows 1.00-2.00, spots 4.00 lower; Sl. bullocks steady to 1.50 lower; Sl. bulls weak to 1.50 lower. Sl. steers: High Choice & Prime No. 3-4, 64.50-67.50; Choice No. 2-4, 62.50-67.00, Good 57.00-62.00; Standard 52.00-57.50. Sl. heifers: Choice 56.00-63.75; Good 53.00-57.50; Standard 46.50-53.00. Sl. cows Utility & Commercial 43.00-47.00, few 49.00. Cutters 41.00-45.50, few 47.00; Canner & L. Cutter 38.00-42.00; Shells down to 30.00. Sl. bullocks; Choice 55.00-58.50, few 63.00; Good 51.00-55.50; Standard 49.00-52.75. Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2200 lbs. 52.50-59.00; Yield Grade No. 2, 900-1600 lbs. 48.00-54.00.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** Steers,

Medium-Large Frame No. 1, 300-725 lbs. 53.00-61.00, few to 74.00; Large Frame No. 2, 350-800 lbs. 48.00-59.00. Heifers, Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 350-725 lbs. 48.00-58.00; Bulls, Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 300-750 lbs. 52.00-59.50.

**CALVES:** 3185. Compared with 2352 head last week and 3132 head a year ago. Vealers weak to 5.00 lower. Few Prime 100.00-130.00; Choice 90.00-100.00, few to 114.00; Good 75.00-90.00, few to 100.00, Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 65.00-75.00; 65-90 lbs. 55.00-70.00; Utility 50-110 lbs. 45.00-55.00.

**FARM CALVES:** Hol. Bulls 80-125 lbs. 75.00-132.00, mostly 90.00-112.00; Hol. Heifers 80-150 lbs. 75.00-187.50, mostly 100.00-145.00. Beef Cross Bulls & Heifers 70-100 lbs. 81.00-127.00.

**HOGS:** 7853. Compared with 3182 head last week and 9462 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts .50-1.00 higher. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. 47.50-50.50 No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 46.00-48.00; No. 2-3 200-270 lbs. 43.00-

46.50; No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 37.50-45.00; Sows 1.00-2.00 lower. US No. 1-3 300-570 lbs. 35.00-39.75; No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 30.00-37.00. Boars 27.00-35.00, few Lightweights to 40.00.

**FEEDER PIGS:** 1798. Compared with 1024 head last week and 1868 a year ago. Feeder pigs 1.00-2.00 lower US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 16.00-28.00; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 26.00-39.00; No. 1-3 50-75 lbs. 36.00-44.00.

**GRADED FEEDER PIGS:** 2875. Compared with 1437 head last week, and 2092 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs mostly 2.00-6.00 lower, US No. 1-2 20-40 lbs. 78.00-93.00 few to 100.00, 40-50 lbs. 70.00-86.00, few to 95.00, 50-60 lbs. 61.00-82.00, 60-80 lbs. 52.00-62.00; US No. 2-3 30-40 lbs. 64.00-80.00, 40-60 lbs. 58.00-72.00, 60-75 lbs. 39.00-58.00.

**SHEEP:** 778. Compared with 336 head last week and 682 head a year ago. Spring sl. lambs unevenly steady. Choice 50-115 lbs. 65.00-78.00; Good 50-85 lbs. 55.00-68.00; Sl. ewes. 16.00-29.00, few down to 12.00



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