

Bradford-Sullivan energy group meets

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WYSOX — The Bradford-Sullivan County Energy Group has officially organized with a beginning membership of 43 landholders accounting for over 11,000 acres. Reportedly this is the largest energy group in the state to organize for the purpose of using their combined acreage to negotiate for better oil and gas leases than those currently being offered by leasing companies.

Paul Mazza of State College, lawyer for the Legal Service of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association, was present at the organizational meeting held recently at the Wysox Presbyterian Church to explain the fine points of the oil and gas lease. He invited the 100 landholders present to carefully consider what particulars they want on their own individual leases. He will begin acting immediately as a negotiator between the group and leasing

companies and will keep each member informed of progress.

Mazza told the crowd that signing up large tracts of contiguous acres for the group is ideal, but not always possible. Any landowner, regardless of location, is invited to join the group because no one knows for sure yet where oil and gas may be found. Landholders who are already leased will find the group beneficial, he stated, because they will be ready with a good leasing plan when it is time to renew their contract.

A strong energy group may be very important in the future, Mazza stated. The major energy consumers in this country are farmers, Mazza continued. And they hold a major source of energy under their lands if natural gas is found in great amounts as predicted. Acting as a group, farmers should be able to demand their future costs for energy be lower than the price it is

sold for to other states.

Gary Green, Warren Center, spokesman for the group and chairman of the energy group steering committee, stated organization was the result of being alerted by the PFA early in the year against signing oil and gas leases without legal advice. Later, the Bradford-Sullivan County Farmers Association passed a resolution to support the energy group concept and appointed a steering committee to organize it. Green commended Committeeman Donald J. Brown of Rome for his supreme efforts in bringing more than 7,000 acres to the group, mostly from Orwell township.

During an interview a few days following the meeting, Green said the 11,000 acres already in the group could be called "only a good beginning." He said there are still many landowners who do not understand the value of such a

group effort and are holding back to "wait and see".

Green stated certain learning brokerage firms have been calling county presidents of PFA and negatively blasting the idea of group negotiating and the efficiency of Paul Mazza to manage it.

"It seems to me," Green stated, "that if our energy group is causing such a furor among the leasing companies, we must be doing something right. An individual by himself doesn't have the power to demand anything from the oil companies."

"Grouping ourselves together to ask what we want instead of signing without question with the oil companies decide to give us is undoubtedly one of the best moves farmers have made to protect their rights and their land."

For more information on the group, contact any committee member or call Gary Green, 717/744-2786.

Should you feed corn through hogs?

GETTYSBURG — It looks like we will be producing a record corn crop this year. This coupled with the large wheat crop finds local storage space to be very limited. This will result in lower corn prices, according to John Schwartz, Adams County Extension agent.

"Selling at harvest doesn't look very attractive because of the very low offering prices. Yet holding may not be a very good alternative for many. The high cost of money adds heavily to storage costs," Schwartz explains.

"It is obvious that more hog producers will be looking at feeding hogs as an alternative to marketing corn. Hogs show the greatest potential to use large volumes of cheap corn in a short period of time.

"Hog feeding profits are slim so top notch feeding management is going to be essential for maximum profitability to the swine producer this fall and winter."

Schwartz recommends: Push a pencil first and figure what the value of corn would be marketed through hogs.

If feeder pigs are being purchased, feed a diet containing the normal concentration of vitamins since newly arrived pigs often eat very little feed the first week.

Adding 10 to 20 percent oats or barley to the diets for the first week of newly purchased feeder pigs may aid in reducing diarrhea. Antibiotics as well as copper sulfate (1 pound per ton) may be added to the diets for improved gains. After one week the pigs should be placed on normal grower diet.

Corn should be adequately supplemented with a high quality protein source, such as soybean meal, as well as minerals and vitamins.

Keep protein levels up around 16 percent (0.70 percent lysine) for growing pigs and 14 percent (0.60 percent lysine) for finishing pigs.

While cost of feeding these protein levels may seem high when purchasing supplement, dropping the levels will result in poorer feed conversion, slower gains and in some cases stall out in the finishing phase. With high interest rates and reasonably price soybean meal it is not very economical to drop the protein level below 13 percent.

Properly adjust feeders. A poorly adjusted six hole feeder that wastes as little as 3 percent feed will waste a ton of feed per year.

Watch environmental temperatures. Growing pigs save 0.1 pound of feed per pound of gain for each 10°F increase in temperature from 35° to 70° Fahrenheit. A similar trend exists in finishing hogs. Remember that above 65-70° Fahrenheit, finishing and growing pigs begin to sharply decrease feed intake, while gain

and efficiency are lowered.

Manage to prevent disease problems. Ventilation should be adjusted to control humidity in swine buildings during cold weather and temperature in warm weather. Inadequate adjustment of ventilation may result in pneumonia, especially during times of variable temperatures.

Pigs that have had pneumonia require about a week longer to be ready for market and consume 50 more pounds of feed. Thus increasing production costs by \$5.50 per pig.

Consider hedging when hogs exceed \$52 CWT on futures markets. With 40 pound feeder pigs at \$1.00 per pound, soybean meal \$225 per ton, labor at \$4.00 per hour and \$5 head profit, corn would be worth \$2.92 when market price is \$52 CWT.

Outlook on apples proves favorable

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — There's good eating news...and realistic price news...on the apple front this year as the state's harvest of the ever-popular tree fruit moves along in high gear.

George Roche, marketing specialist with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, says, "Consumers can expect prices to be stronger than last year, but you'll be getting the best color in years and excellent quality in 1981 crop apples."

The reason for stronger prices to consumers is simple, apple production nationally is down 8% this year from last year, but Maryland's production is off 17% and Pennsylvania's is down 21%. The Virginia and Delaware crops are about the same as last year's, Roche points out.

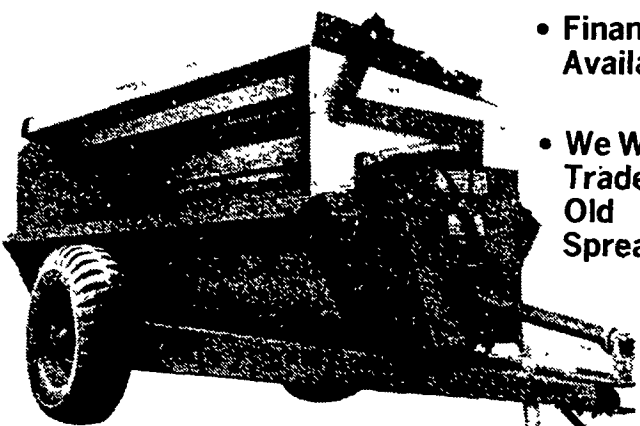
For 1981, the Maryland crop is

estimated to be coming in at 75 million pounds, down from 90 million in 1980. Roche says when it comes to varieties of apples, it appears that Maryland's crop of red delicious fared much better than the Pennsylvania crop. Rome Beauty, a favorite baking variety, is in reduced supply both from Maryland and Virginia orchards.

Chief culprit in the reduced supply of Eastern Apples is the weather had late frosts nipping many apple trees at blossom time this past spring and a later summery dry period in some of these states.

Also putting pressure on the supply of apples for consumers in this region is strong demand from juice processors and export customers. In recent years, the United States has been enjoying and overseas markets for the fruit.

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Wanted- Dumping station with electric motor. For Sale- Sauder D2 manure loader, Lanc. Co. 215-445-5928 5-8 a.m. & p.m.

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For Sale- Building Lot in Ski Village, all types of rec. available near Zion Grove, Schuylkill Co, make offer, 201-657-0565

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