

Farm operators spend \$10.3 billion for energy products

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Farm and ranch operators spent \$10.3 billion on energy products in 1979, with more than one-half charged to gasoline and diesel fuel, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce's Census Bureau.

Data released from the 1979 Farm Energy Survey show gasoline accounted for 37 percent of the total energy expenditures, diesel fuel 23 percent, and elec-

tricity 21 percent. These were followed by LP gas, fuel oil, motor oil and grease, and natural gas -- each accounting for less than 10 percent of energy expenditures. Just over one percent went for gasohol, kerosene, and other energy products combined. These estimates include personal energy expenses for operators living on the place. Storage and source data are also included in the survey.

Comparing the data from the survey with the previous censuses of agriculture shows gasoline and diesel fuel purchased for farming had a combined expenditure total of \$5.3 billion in 1979, up 50 percent from the \$3.5 billion in 1978. Much of the increase between 1978 and 1979 can be attributed to a 49 percent increase in the price of gasoline and a 67 percent increase in the price of diesel from 1978 to

1979. The data also indicate steadily rising dollar purchases of diesel fuel by farm operators, reported at 44 percent of the

combined diesel and gasoline total in 1979, 42 percent in 1978, and 35 percent in 1974 (the latter only for farms with sales of \$2,500 or more).

Pa. Saddlebred Horse Assn. forms

LEBANON — A group of Saddlebred horse enthusiasts met Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Lancaster Riding and Tennis Club with the express purpose of forming a Pennsylvania Saddlebred Horse Association, in conjunction with the American Saddlebred Horse Association of Kentucky.

The interested members present elected officers and board of directors as follows: president, Dick Nucci, Lebanon; vice-president, Jack Guthrie, Allentown; treasurer, Phyllis Zuber, Lancaster; co-secretaries, Ann Boyd, Lancaster and Patti Nucci, Lebanon; directors, Bob Wentz, Leola; Larry Boyd, Lancaster; Patty Kent, Mohnton; Isabelle Robson, Glenmore, and John Chapman, Washington.

According to Nucci, the purpose of this Association will be to promote the recognition of the



American Saddlebred as a "Horse for All Reasons."

All Saddlebred enthusiasts are welcome to join the Pennsylvania Saddlebred Horse Association and are invited to write to the Association's secretaries, Ann Boyd, 458 Mt. Sydney Rd. Lancaster, PA 17601 or Patti Nucci, 801 Holly Lane, Lebanon, PA 17042 for more information.

Livestock market and auction news

Weekly Summary

Friday, Feb. 4

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE: 5251. Compared with 5761 head last week, and 5860 head a year ago.

Compared with last week's market:

Slaughter steers mostly 1.00-1.25 higher; Slaughter heifers stong to 2.00 higher; Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher; Slaughter bullocks .50-1.00 lower; Slaughter bulls steady to weak. Slaughter steers: High Choice & Prime No. 3-4 62.00-65.35; Choice No. 2-4 59.00-64.25; Good 58.00-60.00; Standard 49.00-55.00. Slaughter heifers: Choice 59.00-61.75; Good 53.00-58.00; Standard 46.00-52.00. Slaughter cows: Utility & Commercial 40.00-44.00, few to 45.50; Cutters 37.50-42.00; Canner & L. Cutter 32.00-39.50; Shells down to 20.00. Slaughter Bullocks: Few Choice 56.50-60.50; Good 52.00-56.50; few Standard 49.00-52.00. Slaughter bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2400 lbs. 48.00-57.50, mostly 50.00-53.75; Grade No. 2 900-1450 lbs. 42.00-48.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, medium Frame No. 1 300-700 lbs. 54.00-68.00; few Large Frame No. 2 500-800 lbs. 43.00-51.00. Heifers; Large Frame No. 1 400-650 lbs. 46.00-56.00; Medium Frame No. 2 300-750 lbs. 43.00-57.00. Bulls Medium & Large Frame No. 1 300-750 lbs. 45.00-58.75.

CALVES: 3643. Compared with 3607 head last week and 3683 head a year ago. Vealers steady to 5.00 higher. Few Prime 100.00-126.00; Choice 95.00-112.00; Good 78.00-95.00; 110-130 lbs. 65.00-80.00; 90-110 lbs. 55.00-66.00; 65-90 lbs. 50.00-59.00; few Utility 50-110 lbs. 40.00-50.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein Bulls 80-125 lbs. 60.00-101.00, mostly 65.00-88.00; Holstein Heifers 85-145 lbs. 50.00-104.00, mostly 60.00-78.00.

HOGS: 6901. Compared with 6577 head last week and 8077 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts steady to 1.50 higher; US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs 59.00-61.00, few to 62.50; No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 58.50-60.50; No. 2-3 200-275 lbs. 55.00-58.50; few No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 50.00-58.00; Sows mostly

steady to 1.00 higher; US No. 1-3 300-585 lbs. 49.00-57.00, few to 58.75; No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 44.00-49.00. Boars-41.00-48.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 972. Compared with 1346 head last week and 990 a year ago. Feeder pigs uneven. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 25.00-42.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 40.00-55.00; No. 1-3 50-85 lbs. 50.00-72.00.

3 GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES: 1260. Compared with 2280 head last week, and 1648 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder pigs uneven, mostly 1.00-7.00 higher, spots 12.00 higher. US No. 1-2 30-40 lbs. 124.00-150.00; 40-50 lbs 107.00-134.00; 50-60 lbs. 109.00-121.00; 60-70 lbs. 92.00-109.00; US No. 2-3 25-35 lbs. 102.00-124.00; 40-85 lbs. 89.50-102.00.

SHEEP: 610. Compared with 447 head last week and 544 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs steady to 2.00 higher, spots 5.00 higher. Choice 70-115 lbs. 58.00-69.00; Good 50-105 lbs. 52.00-58.00, few down to 41.00; Choice new crop lambs 40-105 lbs. 69.00-134.00. Slaughter ewes: 15.00-32.00.

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