

PFA hails fruit, vegetable legislation

CAMP HILL — The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) has hailed a major, legislative victory for fruit and vegetable producers which will enable them to recover an estimated \$64 million lost every year on payment due for produce sold to produce buyers who are insolvent or go bankrupt.

Congress approved an amendment to the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA), last week, which will require produce buyers to maintain enough assets in a statutory trust to cover their obligations to produce sellers. The legislation is now awaiting President Reagan's signature.

PFA president Keith Eckel of Lackawanna County, himself a vegetable producer and dairyman, said, "This much-needed reform takes an unnecessary risk out of the business of growing fruits and vegetables. It will help produce sellers like myself collect from a buyer who is slow in making payments or who fails to come up with the rightful payment."

Eckel represented PFA and is nationwide affiliate, the American Farm Bureau Federation, in supporting the PACA amendment in testimony last November before House and Senate agriculture subcommittees.

During that testimony Eckel noted that even though PACA presently requires payment to sellers within 10 days of sale, payments from buyers have been slowing down in recent years. According to Produce Reporter Co., a credit agency for the industry, the number of cases in which buyers pay for produce within 10 days has declined during the last seven years from 55 per-

cent to 31 percent. Conversely, the instances in which buyers pay for produce more than 30 days after receipt have increased from 26 percent to 50 percent during the same period.

"In too many instances in the past the farmer has been left holding the bag for unpaid fruits and vegetables," Eckel said.

Bankruptcies among produce

buyers have also increased in recent years. "In such cases," Eckel said, "the seller has no way of recapturing money owed because the court takes control of all assets which are distributed to creditors such as banks and lending institutions first. The total cost of such bankruptcies and bad business practices is at least \$64 million annually."

Eckel added "It's evident fruit

and vegetable producers have needed additional protection for the last several years. The unwritten traditional 'trust relationship' between sellers and buyers has been broken with increasing frequency. We urge President Reagan to quickly enact this reform so that there farmers are spared any further financial harm."

NFU makes proposals

world, Carpenter said.

Carpenter also outlined specific proposals for the 1985 Farm Bill. There is no recovery yet for far-

CHICAGO, IL. — National Farmers Union President Cy Carpenter Wednesday told U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block, at a listening session here, that "the time has come for this country to develop a farm policy that is as concerned about 'distribution' as it is with 'production'."

Carpenter appeared at the first of two listening sessions designed by Block to help formulate the 1985 Farm Bill.

"Our first challenge in the years ahead is not to achieve quantum leaps in bushels per acre. Our immediate challenge is to establish a policy which is sensitive and responsive to the nutritional necessities of hungry people at home and around the



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