

Leesport Livestock

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CATTLE 305. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers about steady. Slaughter cows steady \$2.00 lower. Few Choice 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. 62.50-64.50, Good 58.00-62.75, Few Good & Choice Holsteins 53.25-58.85, Standard 46.25-52.25. Few Choice Slaughter Heifers 58.00-61.25, Few Good 52.50-57.35, Few Standard 46.00-49.50, Breaking Utility & Commercial Slaughter Cows 36.75-40.00, Few Beef Breeds 43.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 34.00-38.25 Couple 41.50, Canner & Low Cutter 30.50-34.50, Shells down to 24.75. Few Choice Slaughter Bullocks 55.35-57.25, Few Good 52.00-54.75. Yield Grade No. 1 1100-1925 lbs. slaughter bulls, 43.50-51.10, one at 53.60.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers Large and Medium Frame #1 400-700 lbs. 50.00-59.00, Few Large Frame #2 500-700 lbs. 40.00-47.00. Bulls Medium Frame #1 400-650 lbs. 44.00-50.00.

CALVES 173. Two Prime Vealers 91.00 and 102.00, Few Choice 77.00-83.00, Good 60.00-70.00, Standard & Good 75-110 lbs. 48.00-58.00, Utility 55-85 lbs. 40.00-46.00.

FARM CALVES. Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs. 60.00-88.00, mostly 70.00-85.00.

HOGS 269. Barrows & gilts steady to weak. US No. 1-2 215-245 lbs. barrows & gilts 47.25-48.35, Couple Lots to 48.75, No. 1-3 205-265 lbs. 46.50-47.60. Sows. US No. 1-3 295-765 lbs. sows 39.00-42.50, Medium 225-400 lbs. 32.00-38.50. Boars 29.00-35.00.

FEEDER PIGS 387. US No. 1-3 25-50 lbs. feeder pigs 82.00-94.00 per hundredweight, No. 1-3 55-87 lbs. 60.00-67.00 per hundredweight.

SHEEP 60. Choice 65-125 lbs. 53.00-60.00, Couple 65.00, Few Good 50-70 lbs. 37.00-45.00. Slaughter ewes 9.50-12.00. **GOATS** 38: Large 18.00-34.00, Medium 9.00-19.00.

HARRISBURG — "Preserving the family farm in Pennsylvania is one of the most important jobs we have here in the legislature," state Sen. Noah W. Wenger, in announcing the passage of two bills he authored that would provide tax relief to family farms.

The legislation, Senate Bill 1005 and House Bill 1872, amended by Wenger in the Senate, would change the state's Tax Reform Code and the Local Tax Enabling Act, respectively. The changes would exempt family farms from having to pay a realty transfer tax when the farm is transferred from a sole proprietor family member to a family farm corporation.

"Currently," Wenger noted, "the law requires a 2 percent state and local realty transfer tax be paid when an owner of a farm forms a family farm corporation."

To ensure that the legislation is used for the purpose intended, the senator said a requirement has been built in that specifically states that none of the family farm corporation's stock can be sold to a non-family member.

"If that ever happens within a period of ten years from the time the farm is incorporated, the tax exemption status is lost and the corporation will have to pay the

Farm tax relief passed

transfer fee," reported Wenger. According to Wenger, Senate Bill 1005, recently passed by the Senate, now goes to the House for further consideration. The local tax change legislation, amended into House Bill 1872, has passed both the Senate and the House and

now awaits gubernatorial approval.

"I am confident," Wenger concluded, "that these bills will soon become law and that we will be able to offer the family farm a much deserved break in the payment of taxes."

"With such a vast quantity of food being produced on Pennsylvania's many family farms, it is essential that we in the legislature ensure their stability so that all residents of the Commonwealth can benefit from their future prosperity."

Committee urges action on foreign animal, poultry diseases

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The USDA Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases has recommended the U.S. Department of Agriculture be given authority, in an extraordinary emergency, to enforce quarantines in multi-premise areas within states with disease outbreaks to contain their spread, according to C.W. McMillan, assistant secretary of agriculture for marketing and inspection services.

At present, federal quarantines may be enforced only on boundaries of single premises or at state borders.

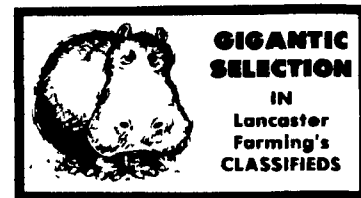
The committee also recommended USDA be given additional

authority for the safe disposal of carcasses in foreign disease emergencies. In addition, it recommended that pesticide treatment be required on aircraft arriving from countries with pests not present in the United States.

"Foreign diseases and pests present an extremely serious threat to U.S. livestock and poultry," said McMillan, who chairs the committee. "The department values the advice we get from this committee on how to keep out these diseases and pests or suppress and eradicate them if they enter the country."

McMillan said the need for a broad-based committee on foreign animal and poultry disease

originated in the 1940's when the United States helped Mexico fight an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. Members represent a broad spectrum of livestock and poultry production and marketing interests, and disease specialties. The committee includes farmers, ranchers, veterinarians, industry leaders, and teachers and researchers in the animal health field.



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