

Counties receive \$2 million in emergency food assistance

HARRISBURG — Nearly \$2 million in emergency food assistance is on its way to 24 counties, according to State Treasurer R. Budd Dwyer.

"We realize there is a pressing need in many of the counties for this financial assistance, especially during this holiday season," Dwyer said. "We're processing the requests for aid as expeditiously as possible."

Dwyer pointed out the funds for the emergency food assistance program comes from an \$8 million appropriation by the Pennsylvania Legislature to alleviate the conditions of the recent recession and to provide food for needy individuals. The emergency food program also supplements the

federal butter and cheese distribution program in the Commonwealth. Both programs are administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Under the emergency food program, Dwyer explained, allocations are based on a formula encompassing three factors — the numbers of people receiving unemployment assistance, medical assistance, and food stamps. Counties are responsible for submitting their individual applications for the funds, along with their proposed food distribution plans, to the state Department in Agriculture. Each county as the sole discretion to designate its allocation directly to

the regional food bank serving its area.

This week's distribution of \$1,922,400 brings the total to \$5,285,600 that has been distributed thus far under the emergency food assistance program in 42 counties. The funds distributed this week include the following 24 counties

and their respective allocations:
 Armstrong County \$74,400;
 Beaver County \$163,200; Berks County \$148,000; Blair County \$130,400; Cambria County \$112,000; Clearfield County \$79,200; Elk County \$23,200; Fayette County \$196,800; Forest County \$5,600; Franklin County \$70,400; Fulton County \$15,200; Greene County

\$41,600; Indiana County \$78,400; Jefferson County \$36,800; Juniata County \$15,200; Lackawanna County \$139,200; Lancaster County \$143,200; Lebanon County \$50,400; McKean County \$44,800; Northampton County \$124,000; Snyder County \$21,600; Union County \$16,000; Warren County \$35,200.

Dog licenses go on sale

HARRISBURG — Safety and protection of the family pet are two reasons to purchase 1985 Pennsylvania dog licenses, which went on sale Dec. 1, according to state Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell.

"Licenses are an inexpensive,

yet very effective way to keep the family dog safe and provide family members with peace of mind," said Hallowell. "The license tag is a sign that the owner cares about the welfare of his pet. This is especially important in light of the increased incidence of rabies

during the past year," Hallowell noted.

Licenses for 1985 may be obtained through county treasurers' offices and authorized dog licensing agents across the state beginning Dec. 1.

"Anyone owning a dog six months of age or older must obtain a 1985 license under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Dog Law Act 225 of 1982, which sets forth the responsibilities of dog owners in the commonwealth," Hallowell added.

Licenses fees are \$3 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$5 for all other dogs. Senior citizens 65 and older pay only \$1.75 for non-productive dogs and \$2.75 for all other dogs, but must present proof of age when applying.

Owners should also provide proof of spaying and neutering when applying for their pet's license. Dog owners mailing the fee to the county treasurer's office must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Names and locations of authorized agents may be obtained by contacting the treasurer's office in the appropriate county.

The 1985 license contains a registration number imprinted on a tag designed in the shape of the state of Pennsylvania, and may be a collector's item in years to come.

Questions concerning licenses or other dog-related subjects may be directed to the state dog warden in your area.

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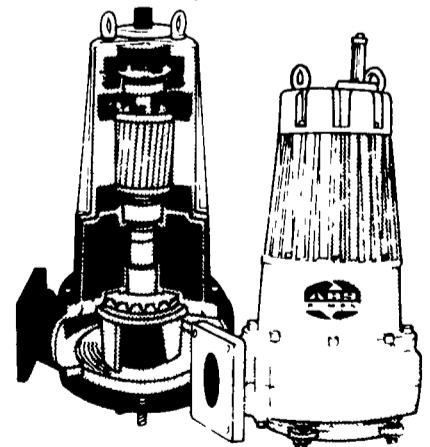


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