### Loan rates announced for flue-cured tobacco

WASHINGTON - Secretary of Agriculture John Block announced the grade loan rates for the 1985 crop of flue-cured tobacco, based on the price support level of \$1.65 per pound.

Block said the loan rates will range from \$1.08 to \$2.16 per pound.

The Flue-Cured Tobacco Producer Association will deduct one cent per pound from the grade loan rates to help defray administrative overhead costs incurred by the association, Block said.

As in the past, loans are unavailable on tobacco graded

P5L, P5F, P5G, N1L, N1XL, N1PO, NO-G (no grade), N2 (second quality nondescript), W (doubtful keeping order), U (unsound) or scrap. Marketings of these low grades will be charged against the quotas of the farms on which they were produced.

In addition, Block said, loan

rates will be discounted 10 percent for any grade of supported primings that contains more dirt or sand than normal. Tobacco

containing excessive sand or dirt will be graded NO-G, no grade.

Tables containing the support rates follow:

#### Ag Department releases water steps

HARRISBURG - Adequate, accessible supplies of water for livestock and crops is essential to the Commonwealth's farmers, especially in time of drought emergency, according to Acting State Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Grubb.

"Farmers should make every effort to obtain their own temporary water supplies in the event of a drought or other local emergency, but when those efforts are not fruitful, there are several steps the farmer can take," he said.

When confronted with a shortage, farmers should contact the county emergency management agency coordinator in their area. Emergency personnel can make the necessary contact with fire companies, national guard units or other entities most capable of making water available. County emergency management offices are listed under the county government section of telephone directory.

In groundwater protected areas of the Delaware River Basin, which are currently under drought restrictions, permits are required for farm operations wishing to drill well utilizing 10,000 gallons of water or more per day. The withdrawal limit is based upon a 30-day average use. Counties with portions of their land currently under groundwater protection restrictions include Bucks, Berks, Montgomery, Chester and Lehigh. Emegency permits are available from the Delaware River Basin

Commission.

The Department of Agriculture is maintaining a list of certified well drillers for emergency situations, and is making the names available to interested parties on its toll-free hotline. The number is 1-800-247-3662 (AG-PENNA).

"By following these steps, farmers and other agricutural concerns requiring water for their operations can more readily sustain operation in the event of a temporary water shortage emergency," said Grubb.

Questions concerning water quantity should be directed to the Department of Environmental Resources at 717-787-5008.

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C3L	2.03	X3F	1.90	P4F	1.29
C4L	2.00	X4F	1.69		
C5L	1.90	X5F	1.53	P4G	1.17
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C4V	1.83	X4S	1.56	MSGK	1.36
C3KM	1.86	XAKI	1.52	NIK	1.27
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C4KF	1.75	X4KV	1.49	NIR	1.17
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C4G	1.63	X4G	1.48	NIGR	1.11
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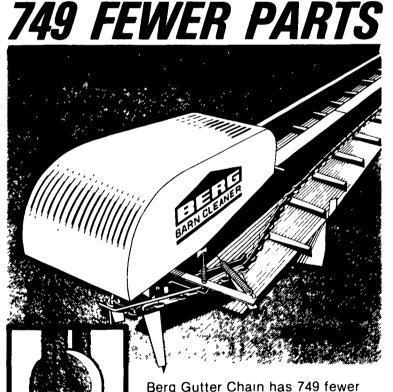
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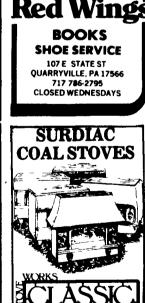
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