

## Bedell, Daschle plot house action on farm income, emergency credit

SIoux CITY, IA — Improved farm income and affordable emergency credit will be primary objectives in legislation which will be before the House Agriculture Committee when Congress reconvenes in January, according to Iowa Congressman Berkley Bedell and South Dakota Congressman Tom Daschle.

Daschle and Bedell, two senior members of the House Agriculture Committee and leaders in the 1985 farm income and emergency credit battles, outlined their "1986 Emergency Farm Income and Credit Package" at joint appearances in Sioux Falls and Sioux City Tuesday.

"Despite passage of the 1985 Farm Bill, it is almost assured that Congress will take up farm legislation again when it reconvenes. We believe any attempt to address the problems in agriculture would be useless without provisions to maintain farm income and relieve the indebtedness," the two said.

Bedell said the farm income package is patterned after his amendment to the 1985 Farm Bill, a proposal which evolved into the major 1985 Farm Bill battle on the House floor. Under Bedell's

voluntary set-aside program, producers would be given the opportunity through a referendum to vote on a program offering higher prices (\$4.50/bushel for wheat and \$3.25 for feed grains).

If 60 percent of farmers elect to establish the voluntary program, USDA would be required to offer higher farm income to producers who voluntarily agree to participate. Participants would sell their grain on the domestic market for a higher price through marketing certificates. Producers choosing not to participate in the program could plant as much as they want, but they would have to sell their grain at world market prices.

Daschle, author of the 1985 emergency farm credit legislation later vetoed by President Reagan, cited the need for emergency legislation to restructure outstanding indebtedness held by farmers and ranchers and provide for a reduced interest rate. The Daschle-Bedell program uses the framework of the FmHA guaranteed loan program to create a working partnership between state and federal governmental agencies and local lending institutions.

Under the Daschle-Bedell proposal, FmHA would provide an immediate 90 percent loan guarantee to lenders agreeing to restructure and refinance existing agricultural debt. The FmHA guarantee would apply to the amount of debt written off by the lending institution in formulating the restructuring package. In this restructuring package, lenders would be permitted to amortize this debt cancellation over 15 years, instead of the current requirement that debt cancellation be immediately charged against

its asset account.

Daschle said he estimates his credit package could result in an average reduction of 10 percent to 25 percent in debt loan for a typically debt troubled family farm, and an effective reduction in their existing interest rate.

"Those two procedures provide the most attractive combination of improved farm income and affordable emergency credit, and at the same time provide for immediate cost savings for financially pressed farmers and ranchers throughout the Midwest," Bedell and Daschle said.

## NE Vegetable growers meet

SCRANTON — Dr. Alan MacNab, Extension vegetable disease specialist from Penn State University, will be one of the speakers on the program at the Northeast Regional Vegetable Growers meeting on Wednesday, February 5, starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Milwaukee Methodist Church.

Other speakers on the program include Dr. Robert Tetrault, Extension entomologist from Penn State and Tom Jurchak, Lackawanna County Extension agent. James Garrahan, pesticide

coordinator for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, will provide training for growers who need recertification or permits for applying restricted use pesticides.

Other program topics include vegetable disease identification; varieties for 1986; plant spacing and fertilization.

Lunch will be served at the church but no reservations are needed. For further information call the Lackawanna County Cooperative Extension at 963-4761.

## 1985 Additions

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\* Roy E. & Arlene Slabach of RD 2, Stevens, original purchase in 1874 by his great-grandfather Henry Slabach.

\* Sally & S.R. Slaymaker, II, of RD 2, Gap, original purchase in 1779 by his great-great-great-great-grandfather Henry Slaymaker.

\* Edgar & Anna Snavely of Ridgeview Road, Elizabethtown, original purchase in 1858 by her great-grandfather Abram Eshelman.

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Donald & Rosene Bollinger and Harold & Amy Bollinger of RD 1, Newmanstown, original purchase in 1730 from the Penn Brothers by Jacob Becker.

### LEHIGH COUNTY

Alton & Florence Harter of RD 3, Slatington, original purchase in 1880 by his great-grandfather Nathan Haerter.

### LYCOMING COUNTY

Sidney & Constance Brion of RD 1, Liberty, original purchase in 1861 by his great-grandfather William Brion; and Clive & Ruth McCarty of RD 2, Hughesville, original purchase in 1851 by his great-grandfather Benjamin McCarty.

### MERCER COUNTY

\* Walter & Lois Barber of RD 2, Grove City, original purchase in 1868 by his great-grandfather Adam Barber.

\* Samuel & Merriam McCurdy of RD 1, Jackson Center, original purchase in 1860 by his great-grandfather James McCurdy.

\* Robert H. McDougall of RD 3, Grove City, original purchase in 1835 by his great-grandfather John Galloway.

### SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

Carl B. Gerber of RD 1, New Ringgold, original purchase in 1884 by his great-grandfather Charles Behler.

### SOMERSET COUNTY

Lewis & Barbara Berkley of RD 3, Berlin, original purchase in 1858 by his great-grandfather Joel Berkley.

### SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

\* LeRoy & Louis Aldrich, Aldrich Homestead Farm, RD 1, Montrose, original purchase in 1841 by his great-great-grandfather Andrus Aldrich.

\* Harland & Virginia Mead of RD 2, Kingsley, original purchase in 1885 by his grandfather William Mead.

\* Francis, Helen & Michael Redding of RD 5, Montrose, original purchase in 1856 by Francis' great-grandfather Patrick Redding.

### TIOGA COUNTY

Dale Dunmore of RD 2, Millerton, original purchase in 1845 by his great-great-grandfather George Longwell; and Jonathan & Thana Lawton of RD 5, Wellsboro, original purchase in 1876 by his great-great-grandfather Thomas Orr.

### WAYNE COUNTY

Letitia Schmitt of RD 2, Hawley, original purchase in 1852 by her great-grandfather-in-law Jacob Schmitt.

### WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Howard & Amelia Bortz of RD 1, Avonmore, original purchase in 1850 by his grandfather's brother Samuel Bortz; and Matthew & Sarah Walker Orvosh of RD 2, Saltsburg, original purchase in 1830 by her great-great-grandfather Alexander Walker.

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