

## Grubb sees state role in marketing, health issues

YORK — State Ag Secretary Richard Grubb slipped away from budget hearings in Harrisburg temporarily February 27, to address the York Ag-Business seminar.

"This is a pleasant interlude in the budget hearings," quipped the Secretary, special guest speaker for the annual Chamber of Commerce farmer-businessmen confab.

Speaking to the present general

depressed farm situation, Grubb noted an optimism of Pennsylvania farmers, saying he hears the philosophy of "we've been there before — we'll gut it out."

He cited a fairly stable ag economic situation in Pennsylvania, checking off such reasons as diversity of commodities, favorable soil and climactic conditions, proximity to large population centers, and overall lower debt loads than in

other regions of the country.

Grubb sees two specific areas where the state must play a partner in boosting agriculture: marketing and animal health.

Toward the first goal, he anticipated a state budget of \$300,000 to work with the Commerce Department in promoting overseas development of markets for Pennsylvania food products. "Value added" items, especially beef, pork, vegetables and fruits,

have proven popular in export orders.

In more localized marketing efforts, the state is helping fund some 60 retail and tailgate outlets, enabling producers to sell their products direct to consumers.

In dealing with improved livestock and poultry health, Grubb sees the Commonwealth's present laws more a bust than a boon.

"We have fifty-year-old, ar-



Secretary of Agriculture Grubb says Pennsylvania farmers are optimistic about tough times and plan to "gut it out" until the economy picks up.

chaic, laws for animal health problems," he lamented, calling for a complete review of the state's capabilities for dealing with livestock health emergencies and on-going concerns.

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babies. Infants are especially prone to nitrate problems, since their bodies more readily convert nitrates to nitrites, which interfere with the oxygen level in the body. Blue Baby Disease is a direct result of infant nitrate contamination. Bottled water should be used for infant feeding and formula needs where water sources are high in nitrates.

A last-minute speaker change put Charles Strehl, York City director of environmental services on the program. Strehl recounted the city's efforts to handle sewage sludge and recycle it through safe farmland application.

"Sludge is the by-product of clean water," Strehl explained, and must be biologically treated to destroy any disease-causing pathogens, before land application.

York city and surrounding municipalities generate between 200 to 300 tons of liquid sewage daily, or 15 tons of dry solids. Land application was the accepted method until the late 1970's, when reluctance by farmers to use the material in summer, and tighter DER regulations, compounded with other factors to convince city planners to construct a sludge incinerator. That brought other eventual problems, including escalating fuel costs and ash disposal.

Newer technologies, including improved water removal techniques, have since reduced quantities of sludge and hazards of its use, making the product again feasible for use on area farmland.

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