

Farm Owner Supports Ag Land Preservation

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land in accord with township and county plans for future growth and development.

The Lancaster County Deed Restriction Program combines individual land owner commitments with local government policy. It is within the agricultural preserve that voluntary land owner commitments to preservation or deed restrictions are most actively sought. However not every farmer agrees with Heisey. "The farmer is independent," Heisey said. "He doesn't like restrictions. If he gets into a financial bind, he wants to be able to sell his land to a developer. Often we find the town people are more sympathetic to our ag land preservation cause than the farmers."

But the prosperous building trade may be changing some of these farmer's resistance. "I believe the farmer now realizes that we are a doomed species if we don't do something about rampant development in our good farm land. In our local township we are contacting farmers one by one and asking them to join our petition so we have something to offer the zoning board and our township supervisors. It's really a form of evangelism," Heisey said.

In order to effectively preserve agricultural farm land both within and outside agricultural preserves, the Agricultural Preserve Board may accept voluntary donations of deed restrictions on particular tracts of farm land. A deed restriction or preservation easement as used in this program is a provision filed with the deed of the farm property limiting the use of that land to agricultural uses. The intent of the deed restriction is to prevent development of the land for more tentative uses such as residential, commercial or industrial.

The deed restriction carries with the land and may be donated for a term of 25 years or more. The donation of a perpetual deed restriction on qualified land may result in federal income tax benefits to the grantors, which will vary according to the nature and

value of the property and the circumstances of the land owners.

An important feature of the deed restriction program is that a restriction can be structured to satisfy a land owner's needs and desires. For example, it can allow for the construction of a home when a farmer retires. Furthermore, a land owner who places a deed restriction on his farm does not give up ownership of the land. He may sell or use the land in any way consistent with the intent of the deed restriction.

Recently a bill which would appropriate approximately \$50 million for the purchase of development rights in agricultural areas was reported out of the house agricultural and rural affairs committee in Harrisburg. This bill HB806 would put Pennsylvania at the forefront of efforts to protect farm land according to Representative Samuel Morris, D-Pottstown, Chairman of the committee and sponsor of the bill. This ag preserve bill is now in the appropriations committee awaiting further processing.

Morris's bill would finance the purchase of agricultural easements. The easement is the difference between the value of the land on the open market and its value for farming purposes. Counties are permitted to pur-

chase conservation easements under current law but are not provided with any state funds. By selling development rights to their land, farmers can make sure the land will be used for agricultural purposes in the future. What they realized through the sale of easements can also assist farm

owners in areas where development has caused property values to skyrocket.

Easements may be granted for a fixed number of years or in perpetuity. Morris noted that farmers interested only in protecting their land from future development can give easements to counties free of

charge.

The agricultural and rural affairs committee held a series of public hearings on the easement legislation last year. The bill has been endorsed by Pennsylvania farm organizations, the State Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and the Sierra Club.

Fowler Named at Penn State

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA — Richard E. Fowler, director of the Cooperative Extension Service at the University of Delaware, has been named the 1986 Distinguished Alumnus in the animal area of the Department of Dairy and Animal Sciences. He will be honored at a banquet following the annual Little International Livestock Show at the Ag Arena April 19.

Fowler graduated from Penn State in 1958 with a B.S. in animal science. As an undergraduate he served as manager of the Little I and competed on both the livestock and meats judging teams. He was a member of the Block and Bridle Club and the Coaly Society, an honorary society in the College of Agriculture.

Although he is at the University of Delaware, he has continued to be supportive of student programs at Penn State. He is an active member of the Penn State Stockmen's Club, which supports

programs and student events in animal production. The club was initiated in 1966 by Penn State alumni in the animal husbandry program, now called animal production.

The honor is not surprising as Penn State is in his blood. His father, Evan P. Fowler, was the first county agent for the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service in Montour County and retired after 35 years. His brother David is the Clarion County extension director and his brother Donald is the extension director in Fulton County. All are graduates of Penn State in animal sciences. One of Richard Fowler's sons is now in graduate school at Penn

State.

"It's a pleasure to honor alumni who have distinguished themselves in their field and have continued an interest in our students," says Harold Harpster, associate professor of animal science and chairman of the distinguished alumnus selection committee.

Fowler received his Ph.D. and M.S. in animal sciences from the University of Maryland and joined the University of Delaware as an assistant professor and extension livestock specialist in 1968. He became assistant director of extension with responsibility for agricultural programs in 1982 and has been director since 1984.

NOTICE

Avian Influenza Quarantine order

WHEREAS H5N2 Avian Influenza has been found in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey; and

WHEREAS there is significant evidence that the H5N2 avian influenza virus may have been carried throughout the Northeast states; and

WHEREAS this outbreak poses serious risk to the integrity of the Pennsylvania poultry industry and the economy of this Commonwealth; now therefore

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, pursuant to authority granted by the Act of 1929, April 17, P.L. 533, the Act of 1913, July 22, P.L. 928; the Act of 1929, March 28, P.L. 110 and amendments to said Acts and the Administrative Code of 1929, April 9, P.L. 177, No. 175, hereby promulgates the following Order for the prevention, control and eradication of avian influenza caused by H5N2 influenza virus.

For the purposes of this Order poultry shall mean chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, pigeons, chukars, guinea, exotic fowl and game birds raised in captivity.

1. No truck and no coop, cage, crate or other conveyance may enter a farm or livestock auction in Pennsylvania for the purpose of delivering or removing eggs or live poultry unless that truck and/or the coops, cages, crates or other conveyances are in a sanitary condition. For the purpose of this Order, sanitary condition shall mean that the truck, coop, cage, crate or other conveyance of eggs or live poultry has been cleaned and disinfected prior to its arrival on the farm or livestock auction and that egg packing materials must be of new, unused or sanitized materials. Further, while such coop, cage, crate or other conveyance is on the property of the livestock auction, they shall be maintained in a sanitary condition. The operator of the truck shall maintain a record of the dates of cleaning and disinfection and shall have in his possession a copy of that record, including receipts for such service if performed commercially.

2. Transportation of live poultry to Pennsylvania livestock auctions and sale of live poultry at livestock auctions is permitted only upon the condition that the livestock auction agree to accept only live poultry delivered in clean and sanitary trucks and cages, coops, crates or other conveyances and accept responsibility to maintain such cages, coops, crates or other conveyances in a sanitary condition. Such livestock auctions must also allow random inspection by the Department of the live poultry for evidence of avian influenza.

3. Importation of poultry and eggs from infected counties in states in which avian influenza exists shall be restricted to those flocks and premises which are officially monitored and determined to be free of avian influenza. Shipments of live poultry and fertile eggs from the latter infected counties must be accompanied by a health certification statement that verifies that the flock of origin has been inspected within 10 days of shipment and 20 birds from each flock on the premises are either serologically negative (AGID Test) or virus culture negative for avian influenza virus. Table eggs imported from infected counties must be sanitized and shipped in sanitary packing materials.

4. All poultry flocks, premises, or areas located within the Commonwealth known to be infected with, exposed to or suspicious of avian influenza caused by Type A H5N2 virus shall be placed under Special Quarantine or General Quarantine. It shall be unlawful for any owner or person, without a special permit in writing from an officer or agent of the Department of Agriculture, to sell, exchange, lease, lend, give away, allow to stray, remove or allow to be removed, any poultry or any poultry product, goods, materials, containers, vehicles, cars, conveyances or other articles on property named or described in an order of quarantine.

A. Permits for interstate movement of poultry and other birds, poultry products and any other articles related to the production, marketing or disposal of those poultry products from flocks, premises or areas

quarantined because of avian influenza shall comply with Part 81 of Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the requirements of the state of destination. Permit may be issued only by an official representative of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

B. Permits for intrastate movement of poultry and other birds, poultry products and other articles related to production, marketing or disposal of those poultry products from flocks, premises or areas quarantined because of avian influenza may be issued subject to the following restrictions.

(1) Poultry and other birds, poultry products and other articles infected with or contaminated by Type A H5N2 avian influenza virus may be moved only for the purpose of, and only directly to an approved site for sanitary disposal. Such movement shall be under the direct supervision of an official representative of the Department of Agriculture.

(2) Permit may be issued for movement of poultry and poultry products quarantined because of the presence of H5N2 influenza antibody if H5N2 influenza virus is not known to exist in the flock or on the premises.

(a) In the absence of clinical signs of influenza permit may be issued for the movement of sanitized eggs 30 days following the last isolation of H5N2 virus from the premises.

(b) In the absence of clinical signs of influenza permit may be issued to move live birds direct to slaughter 30 days following the last isolation of influenza virus.

(c) Disposal of dead poultry, eggs, refuse, litter and other potentially contaminated articles originating from premises quarantined because of avian influenza shall be only according to instructions issued by the Department.

(d) Vehicles, equipment, coops, crates, cartons and other conveyances of poultry and poultry products and associated materials from premises quarantined because of avian influenza shall be managed so as to prevent spread of avian influenza and shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to engaging in further transportation of any articles upon public highways.

C. Quarantine of premises and poultry flocks infected with H5N2 avian influenza may be released when:

(1) All poultry carcasses and parts thereof, eggs, litter, refuse have been properly disposed of and

(2) The premises, buildings and equipment cleaned and disinfected and rid of insect and rodent vectors in accordance with protocol established by the Department and

(3) Culture swabs of the premises, buildings and equipment are H5N2 virus negative and

(4) No live poultry are taken onto the premises for at least 30 days after Department approval of cleaning and disinfection.

(5) Quarantine of premises and poultry flocks placed because of suspicion of H5N2 avian influenza may be removed when investigation including laboratory testing of tissues and, or environment samples reveals no evidence of H5N2 virus or antibody.

D. Violation of flock or premises quarantine may result in imposition of fines, revocation of permits and forfeiture of any right to indemnity from the Department for condemned poultry or other articles.

5. Movement of Pennsylvania poultry and poultry products into interstate commerce shall be according to provisions established by the U.S.D.A. Code of Federal Regulations (9CFR, Part 81) and the states of destination.

6. Surveillance shall be conducted throughout Pennsylvania to detect the presence of avian influenza. It shall be the duty of the consignor and the consignee of poultry and poultry products originating from Pennsylvania poultry flocks on request to submit designated specimens of poultry tissues for diagnostic purposes. It is also the duty of every person having knowledge of the existence of avian influenza in Pennsylvania to report that information to the Department.

7. This Order is effective on May 17, 1986.

Public Auction Register

Closing Date Monday 5:00 P.M.
of each week's publication

MAY

FRI. & SAT. MAY 23 & 24 - 6PM & 10AM Respectively. Antique Tool Auction. Ridge Fire Co., Spring City, PA. Rt. 23 S. of Pottstown, between Rt. 100 & Rt. 724. Barry Hurchalla, Auct.

SAT. MAY 24 - 9AM 1972 Chevy 1 ton Utility Truck, 8' Reading Tool Space Capsule, Contractor's Tools & Hdw. Located: along Pricetown Rd. at Breezy Corners, S. of Rt. 73, between Blandon and Oley, Berks Co. FOR: Ronnie Blankenbiller. Kenneth P. Leiby, Auct.

SAT. MAY 24 - 10AM Anderson Windows.

Doors, Insulation, Lumber, Bldg. Material, New Furniture, Hdw., Tools, R&R Salvage, Theodore Rd., Bayview, MD. United Auctions, W. David Farmer, Auct.

SAT. MAY 24 - 9:30AM Consignment Machinery Auction. Penns Valley Livestock Auction, Int. Rt. 45 & 144, Centre Hall, PA. Ron Gilligan, Auct.

SAT. MAY 24 - 10AM Antiques, Dishes, Collectibles, HH, Gun, Tools, John Gallun Residence, Port Allegany, PA. Off Rt. 6 at Mill St. red light in Port Allegany, cross RR and river, turn left on back road to Wrights, PA. Si Pepperman, Auct.

AUCTIONS

May 24th- 10:30 3177 Acres, 14 Tracts, CHESAPEAKE SALE NO. 3 8 Tracts in Virginia, (Pittsylvania, Campbell, & Halifax Counties). 6 Tracts in Warren County, North Carolina- Prime Timber Tracts.

MAY 31st- COMPLETE CORPORATE LIQUIDATION OF ALL ASSETS OF SOUTHSIDE SUPPLY CO., INC. Chase City, Va.- Sawmill/Planer and Related Equipment Selling at 10:30 a.m. Sale Site: Endley St. in Chase City- Commercial Timber and Timberland Selling at 12:30 a.m. Sale Site: Corner of E 3rd and Boyd Streets- 2785 ACRES, 26 TRACTS- Lunenburg, Charlotte and Mecklenburg Counties- From 13 to 601 Acres and 5 Tracts in Chase City.

June 7th- TWO REAL ESTATE AUCTIONS- 10:30 a.m. Nottoway County 204 Acres- 9 Tracts- Just West of the Town of Crewe. Approx. 50% Farmland, 50% Timberland (timber will be cut) Tracts from 5 to 93 Acres. 2:00 p.m. Brunswick County- 218 Acres, 5 Tracts from 12 to 106 Acres- Approx. Half in Productive Crop and Pasture land and Half in Planted Pines and Young Timber, including 2-Story Frame Dwelling, Barns, and 2 Ponds.

June 14th- Beef Herd and Farm Equipment Dispersal- RETREAT FARM, Old Church, Va.

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7 P.M.

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