

Ag Impacts

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ford County amounted to \$48,462,000. Dairying dollars totaled \$33,867,000; meat and animal, 8,492,000; field crops, 3,919,000; poultry, 282,000; vegetables, 169,000; horticulture, 67,000; and government payments, 815,000.

"The main issues in farming today," said Fox, "are, farm labor, rules and regulations, antibiotics, BST (a growth hormone), animal rights, water quality, nutrient management, and LISK."

"And, farmers also have to be concerned about the right to farm, nitrate-n-testing, the bottle law, land use and preservation and newspapers," Fox added. "She stated that newspapers, one of the

best forms of bedding for cattle are being looked at in Bedford County. We need storage space and a machine for chopping in order to make it more feasible," she said.

As for the future of farming in the county, Fox told the group that there are a number of determining factors. "There is the Eastern influx of farmers from the Lancaster area," she stated. "A lot of plain people have found this area very attractive. At first, they were not welcomed because they do not mix socially with the other farmers."

"But that's improved," she continued. "These eastern farmers have brought a lot of new

and innovative ideas to the farmers here and they also bring a lot of money. Many of them have sold farms in Lancaster for a million dollars and they buy one here for \$300,000."

Fox sees a lot of part time farmers in the future as well as a group of "back to nature," farmers. And, she is particularly looking forward to what the future might bring in aquaculture.

"We are going to see more automation," Fox feels. "Europe is looking to automation to save the farm and that is what we are probably going to have to do here."

"We can be proud of the education level of our farmers here in Bedford County," Fox said. "Many of them have college degrees. There are a number of farmers who have sons or daughters who have gone to college and come back to help run the family farm. They're sharp, they keep me on my toes," she confessed.

"One of the most important factors facing the local farm community is land use planning," Fox continued. "Woodbury is the area that is most aware of this and that is because of the efforts of farmer, Dan Smith. Smith was forced out of New Jersey because there was no land use planning. He realizes how vital it is and is making the local people aware of the same issue."

Mark Thomas, vice president of the Chamber asked what this group might do to secure the future of agriculture in Bedford County.

"Get the word out," advised Fox. "Plan farm/city tours or banquets, promote interaction, make yourselves aware."

The Bedford County Chamber of Commerce is a 170-member organization.

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Susan Fox, Bedford County Extension Interim Director, talked to members of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce on the subject of agriculture recently.

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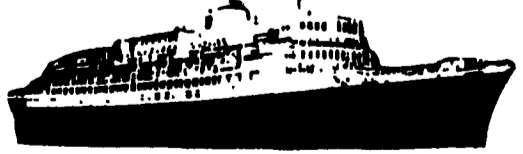


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