

Bill Would Establish Pa. Turnpike Farmers' Markets

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WEST LAWN (Berks Co.) —
Produce farmers may have something to smile about if a proposed bill to set up farmers markets along the Pennsylvania Turnpike passes. Rep. Sheila Miller (R-129th) has introduced legislation, H.B.

2880, into the General Assembly, to allow for the establishment of markets on select sites of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The bill, called the Turnpike Farmers' Market Access Act, referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs on June 8, would allow Pennsylvania pro-

duce farmers to tap into an "extraordinary amount of interstate traffic on Pennsylvania's turnpike," according to a release from Miller's office. In a telephone interview with *Lancaster Farming*, Miller said she received a lot of support for the

bill from the state's turnpike commission. The bill would provide an agreement between the commission and the Pa. Dept. of Agriculture to provide for the operation of markets at turnpike service areas, tollbooth areas, and other areas along the turnpike "deemed safe and feasible by the commission, by persons who have received a permit from the department, with the approval of the commission, to operate a turnpike farmers' market on a dairy or seasonal basis for the term of the permit." The agreements shall be for terms "of not more than five years and may be renewed for terms of not more than five years." The commission would have to establish a fee for the permit. Plans would be made for farmers to select sites through a pass system, as service agencies receive, for access to the turnpike. Prices of items would be established by the sellers. Bill Troxell, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association, said growers might be interested in becoming involved with the produce markets, but more information needs to be available. Troxell said that he had seen a farmer's market stand at one time near an exit of a major highway in New Jersey which was successful. Miller said the program was modeled after the New York state system, in which several interstates allow farmers' markets. "We just came up with the idea and molded it for Pennsylvania," she said. If the bill passes, Miller's plan is to have at least two markets up and running in 1995. One of them would be on the exit beyond the western tunnels and the other, near Philadelphia, possibly somewhere along the northeast extension. Miller has met with the state farm bureau and the Grange to obtain input from farmers on the proposed bill. Farmers could benefit in a big way from the turnpike markets, according to Jonda Crosby, core team member of the Regional Infrastructure For Sustaining Agriculture (RISA). "Will it fulfill a purpose?" said Crosby. "It has a potential. The question is, will people stop and purchase produce on the turnpike? Even if it is just 20 people (that the markets reach), that's 20 people who haven't had an outlet for produce," she said. Crosby indicated that RISA, a partnership involving Rodale, Penn State, and other agencies and institutions, would be interested in promoting the legislation. The bill has until Nov. 30 this year to be considered. Miller said she would reintroduce legislation in January if necessary.

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MEDIUM 65.00-67.00, COMMON
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MEDIUM 41.00-47.00, COMMON
35.00-39.50.
BULLS: BUTCHER 58.74, BOLOGNA
55.00-57.00.
FEEDERS: GOOD 600 LB.
70.00-74.00, MEDIUM 400-500 LB.
60.00-68.00, COMMON 60.00 DOWN.
CALVES: 85-115 LB. (BULLS)
95.00-117.00, 85-115 LBS. (HFRS)
140.00-195.00, 80 LB. UNDER 70.00
DOWN, 120 LBS. OVER VEAL 250
95.00-114.00.
LAMBS: GOOD 78.00, MEDIUM
65.00-75.00, COMMON SHEEP
30.00-34.00.
HOGS: NO. 1 200-240 LBS.
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