

Grange Claims Dissappointment In Endangered Species Decision

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—Both the National Grange and the Pennsylvania State Grange express extreme disappointment over the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on June 29th in favor of the Interior Department in the case *Babbitt v. Sweethome*. This adverse ruling further enhances the Grange's position to

force Congress to replace the current punitive Endangered Species Act with a non-regulatory, incentive-based approach.

The decision, which passed by a vote of 6 to 3, ruled that government regulators can ban destruction of the natural homes of endangered or threatened species on private property. The court

ruled that landowners violate a 1973 law if they change these wildlife habitats. Even unintentional harm can violate a law. Last year, a federal appeals court ruled that the Endangered Species Act bans only direct threats, such as hunting, trapping, or directly killing the species. The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling says the law pro-

vides comprehensive protection for an endangered species, thus making the government's interpretation for protecting the species' habitat legitimate.

The Grange and others cannot see a positive side to the court's decision. National Grange Master Robert Barrow said, "The ruling is an enforcement of a failed law. The decision is proof that reforming the Endangered Species Act is an even more urgent matter." He added that special interest groups and landowners should "work together to ensure that property owners are protected and, if in turn, they are willing to have an endangered species habitat on their property."

The Pennsylvania State Grange Master (President) Gordon Hiller

has also spoken out against the decision that would hold land, woodlot or any other property owner in violation of Federal Law when their farming or timber practices, even under the best management, did some degree of harm to an endangered species' habitat. Congress must act to reform such ludicrous laws in the interest of private property rights and sanity. There would be fewer endangered species of any kind if encouragement and incentives to propagate the valued species were in place. When misguided and misinformed regulators and courts threaten the production of quality food and fibre, the real endangered species is the "landowner," who can no longer contribute to the American Dream.

Bellwood-Antis Receives Grant

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—State Agriculture Secretary Charles C. Brosius recently announced the Bellwood-Antis FFA of Bellwood has been awarded a \$2,500 direct grant through the department's Agriculture and Rural Youth Organization Grant Program.

The grant will be used to sponsor 100 FFA members at the Western PA Leadership Conference to be held July 27-28, at the University of Pittsburgh's Johnstown campus.

The objective of the conference is to develop agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship in members at the conference. Activities will include small group workshops, public speaking and organized recreation.

An evaluation will be given to all conference participants, and results will be shared with the planning committee for the upcoming conference.

In addition to the survey, FFA chapter advisors will evaluate the motivational effect of the conference by observing attendees' participation in FFA events at the local, county and state levels.

Under the Agriculture and Rural Youth Organization Grant Program, youth organizations, such as 4-H and FFA, apply for direct grants of up to \$2,500 and matching grants of up to \$15,000.

Direct grants may be used to fund educational projects, programs and seminars; and matching grants may be used to fund capital projects and equipment purchases.

The Agriculture and Rural Youth Organization Grant Program

is designed to fund local efforts to increase the awareness of agricultural and rural issues. There have been three previous rounds of funding under the program, which began in 1992.

Pennsylvania Emu Farmers To Hold Open House

MILLVILLE (Columbia Co.)—The Pennsylvania Emu Farmer's Association (PEFA) is set to hold a "Meet An Emu Day" event state wide. Open houses are to be held on participating PEFA members farms on August 5, 1995.

The public is invited to contact and visit various member farms to learn more. Many farms will be serving emu meat, handing out free samples of emu oil based products, and literature explaining why emu is being raised commercially.

Participating farms in Pennsylvania include those located in Elizabethtown, Woxall, Columbia, Marysville, Glenmore, Berwick, Doylestown, Lewisburg, Bloomsburg, Jonestown, Troy, Muncy and more.

The emu is native to Australia and is being raised commercially in the United States as well as around the world. It is a docile, flightless bird, averaging 5½ feet in height and weighs approx. 100 lbs.

The emu hen will lay about 30 eggs per season and will produce an average of 25 years. Byproducts include a red meat (similar to beef), oil used for cosmetic products, and hide used for leather.

There are more than 10,000 families raising emu in 48 states of the U.S. The American Emu Association (AEA) currently has more than 6,400 members; PEFA is an affiliate chapter of the AEA.

For more information contact the Pennsylvania Emu Farmer's Association at (717) 437-9185.

Diagnostic Laboratory

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around the state, with data spread around so many labs.

When the state lab is fully functioning it is to be able to conduct all testing within the state, saving the economy at least \$20,000 a year, and possibly much more, since it's expected that testing should increase when the lab is up to 100 percent operation.

All three of the lab systems are to offer a full range of services, even if the testing isn't done on site, communications and transport between labs is make the entire system function as one unit.

And with the information centralized and available to all three labs, awareness of serious problems should come faster.

About 50 people, possibly 55 are to work at the new lab. Currently at Summerdale, which is slated to be sold after the new lab is completed, there are about 45 workers.

While general news reports are that the new facility is to cost \$6.7 million, construction of the building is to cost about \$4.9 million. The rest would account for equipment purchases.

The PADLS system isn't stopping with traditional production agriculture. It has already begun development of a support system for the state's large and growing aquaculture industry.

This past spring proved the need for state testing expertise for aqua-

culture in order to help the business sector.

New York state faced a trout season without many fish to stock in streams, which could have devastated license sales there.

A disease in the state's stocked trout — whirling disease — caused New York state to destroy thousands of fish that had been targeted for stocking.

Pennsylvania has a large trout-raising industry and had fish that could be sold to New York, but New York wanted assurances it wouldn't be buying fish that carried the disease.

Within a short time, people at Summerdale, working with Penn State scientists and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boating Commission developed a testing program and were able to test and document shipments of trout for sale to New York.

According to Dr. Card and others within the system, more aquaculture testing is to be developed to help Pennsylvania businesses export products.

The goal is the first complete diagnostic service to aquaculture.

A "bellwether" is a leader, named after the leader of a flock of sheep that had a bell tied to it. Dr. Card said that with his farming background, that term was the best he could think of to describe the new state lab and its role in the PADLS.

PUBLIC AUCTION of US POSTAL EQUIPMENT and MISC. SUPPLIES of ALL TYPES Thurs., Aug. 10, 1995 AT 9:00 AM

Location: 1910 N. 5th Street, Reading, Pa.
ADVANCE 5000 SWEEPER w/BATTERY CHARGER (like new), 4 GRAVELY'S w/snow plows, LAMBERT Snow Blower, Sears Riding Mower, Craftsman 10" Radial Arm Saw, IBM Computers, and 3268 Printers, Wang Lap-Top, and skid lots of used computers, printers and lots of computer related supplies etc. Platform and Balance Scales, Safes, Brass Comb. Locking box fronts, Transmission Jack, Motors, Elec. Joggers, Webber Label maker w/labels, Canvas Sacks, Drafting Tables, Oscilloscopes, Metal & Wood cabinets (some on wheels), Floor & Window fans, Typewriters, Halogen & Florescent lights, Tables & Shelving, Vise, Towel Dispensers, Dock Bumpers, Coin Sorter, Furnace air Filters, Rubber Belting, Xerox 1048 Copier, 55 Gal. Drum Vac./sweeper, Arc Welder, String tying machine, Lots of Fire Extinguishers, Room Dividers, Smoke Eaters, Strapping Machine, Standing Blackboard, Wire & electrical supplies, Telephones & Port. Phones, Xerox Laser Printer, Clothing & Foot Lockers plus many, many others items too numerous to mention. Many items are multiple quantity. This is a great AUCTION for anyone in service, collecting or fix and repair and/or retail. Many items are ready to use and some like new. There are approx. 270 lots to be sold to the highest bidder. Merchandise will be sold in lots and **LOAD-OUT TO BE IMMEDIATELY AFTER AUCTION.** **PREVIEW JULY 9, FROM 2:00 PM TIL 5:00 PM AT AUCTION Location.** Sale By:

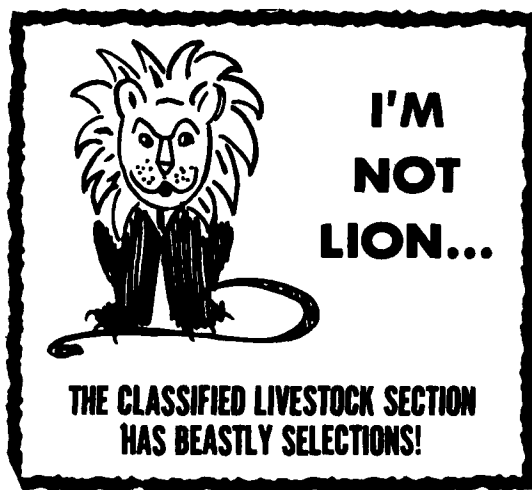
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PARADISE SALES BARN, PARADISE, PA
Directions: Approximately 8 miles east of Lancaster PA,
turn left on Meadow Lane.

Very nice Trailer w/Thermo King Freezer unit
Nice 1740 case Skid Steer Loader

White Forklift - Cat Forklift
Misc. Tools, Parts, etc. • App. 10,000 lbs of new nails
Misc. I Beams and Angle Irons • Lg. lot of Spouting and accessories
Sm. lot treated lumber and doors
Lg. lot of new Brick in all shapes, colors and sizes.

For Detailed list contact:

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Public Auction Register

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

JULY

SAT. JULY 22 - 8:30AM
Estate of Mary E. Moll. Valuable and desirable antiques and collectibles, collection of 125+ dolls, household furnishings, butchering. Held at 303 Market St., Route 304, New Berlin, PA, Union Co. 60 miles N. of Harrisburg, 8 miles W off Rt. 15 at Winfield, Pa. Earl W. Eash, Wayne S. Shively, aucts.

SAT. JULY 22 - 9AM - Real estate, tools, guns, tiller, mower, carts, antiques, collectibles, household. Located in Liverpool Twp., Perry Co. at RR 1, Box 478, Liverpool, PA. From Liverpool take Rt. 17 W. approx. 2½ mi. to Toad Hollow Rd. Take Toad Hollow Road ¼ mi. to auction. The Benjamin F. Strawser, Sr. Estate. Nevin Fahnestock, auct

SAT. JULY 22 - 9:30AM
Estate Auction, farm machinery, household & antiques. Held at 3526 Maple Grove Rd., Man-

chester, Md. From Man- chester, take Md. Rt. 30 S. approx. ¼ mile turn left onto Maple Grove Rd. and proceed ¼ -mile to auction on left. Estate of Mr. & Mrs. C. Herb Davidson. Nevin E. Tasto, auct.

SAT. JULY 29 - 9AM Antiques & Collectibles, large amount power shop equip, large amount hand tools, hardware, lumber. From square in Littlestown, Pa. take S. Queen St. to 24 Lumber St. Mrs. Lloyd (Alma W.) Crouse, owner. Redding Auction Service.

SAT. JULY 29 - 9:45AM
Repossession Sale, approx. 200 repo's & off lease vehicles. Keystone Public Auto Exchange.

MON. JULY 31 - 5PM Nice tractor, Thermo King Freezer unit, 1740 Case Skid Steer Loader. Paradise Sales Barn, Paradise, Pa. Approx. 8 miles E. of Lanc, Pa. turn left on Meadow Lane. By Moses B. Glick. Mel Hoover, auct