

Seven Public Meetings, Four Hearings Set For Nutrient Regs

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—Notice was given this week by the Pennsylvania Conservation Commission that seven public information meetings and four public hearings will be held on the proposed regulations for nutrient management on farms within the state.

The proposed regulations would require those farms with over 2,000 pounds (liveweight) of livestock per acre of land suitable for the application of manure to develop and implement a nutrient management plan. Farms that do not meet these criteria are encouraged to develop nutrient management plans under these regulations as well. These proposed regulations are mandated by the Nutrient Management Act (Act 6 of 1993).

Public Information Meetings

The State Conservation Commission will hold seven public information meetings for the purpose of discussing the proposed regulations and answering questions. No formal recording of questions or comments will be done at these meetings. The meetings will be held on the following dates and times: Jan. 30, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Somerset County Vo-Tech, RD #5, Vo-Tech Road, Somerset; Jan. 31, 6:30-9:30 p.m., The Leslie N. Firth Learning Center, The Home of Mercer County Extension, PO Box 530 (Route 19, 1 mi. north of Mercer), Mercer; Feb. 1, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Wysox Fire Hall, On Lake Road, off the

intersection of Routes 6 and 187, Wysox; Feb. 8, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Brynwood Inn, Routes 15 and 45, Lewisburg; Feb. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Shippensburg Senior High School, 201 Eberly Drive, Shippensburg; Feb. 13, 12:30-3:30 p.m. and 6:30-9:30 p.m., Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road Lane, Lancaster.

Public Hearings

The State Conservation Commission will hold four public hearings for the purpose of accepting comments on the proposed regulations. The hearings will be held at 7 p.m. on the following dates: March 4, Somerset County Vo-Tech, RD #5, Vo-Tech Road, Somerset; March 5, The Leslie N. Firth Learning Center, The Home of Mercer County Extension, PO Box 530 (Route 19, 1 mi. north of Mercer), Mercer; March 6, Brynwood Inn, Routes 15 & 45, Lewisburg; March 11, Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster.

Persons wishing to present testimony at the hearings must contact Karl Brown at the State Conservation Commission, Room 304, Agriculture Building, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110, (717) 787-8821, at least one week in advance of the hearing to reserve a time to present testimony. Oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes for each witness, and three written copies of the oral testimony must be submitted at the hearing. Each organization is requested to design

ate one witness to present testimony on its behalf.

In lieu of or in addition to presenting oral testimony at the hearings, interested persons may submit written comments, suggestions, or objections regarding the proposal to the State Conservation Commission, Room 304, Agriculture Building, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Comments must be received by March 29, 1996. Comments received by facsimile (fax) will not be accepted. In addition to the written comments, interested persons

may submit a summary of their comments to the State Conservation Commission. The summary will be provided to each member of the State Conservation Commission in the agenda packet distributed prior to the meeting at which the final regulation will be considered.

If you are a person with a disability and wish to attend any of these meetings or hearings and you require an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to participate in the proceedings, please contact David Reed at

(717) 772-5649, or the AT&T Relay Service at 800-654-5984 (TDD users) to discuss how your needs may be accommodated.

Copies of the Proposal

Copies of this regulatory proposal and additional information may be obtained from Karl Brown, State Conservation Commission, Room 304, Agriculture Building, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110, (717) 787-8821.

Governor Honors Md. Century Farm Families

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — In only the second ceremony of its kind in Maryland, Governor Parris N. Glendening honored 18 families from across the state whose farms have remained in the same family for a century or more.

Glendening presented the families with a certificate from the Maryland Department of Agriculture, recognizing their longevity in farming and a sign declaring their operation to be a "Maryland Century Farm."

"These farm families represent not only a strong tradition, but our hope for the future. They have demonstrated a clear commitment to keep their farms as family-run businesses," said Glendening.

Maryland established the Century Farm Program to honor those families whose farms have been in the same family for more than 100 consecutive years, contain at least 10 of the original acres, and gross more than \$2,500 annually from the sale of farm products.

Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Lewis R. Riley presided over the ceremony that included families from Carroll, Cecil, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

"This is a continuous program and we are still accepting applications. We made 35 awards in 1994 and 18 more this year. If you think your farm might qualify, please fill out an application," Riley said.

Applications may be obtained from the Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, from local cooperative extension service offices, or over the internet (<http://www.mda.state.md.us/mda>).

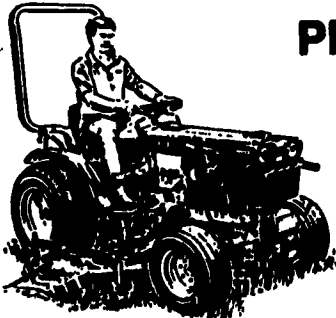
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- Harford County — George, Betty and Thomas Grier.
- Kent County — Walter Harris, Louise Lusby, and Harry and Elizabeth Williams.
- Queen Anne's County — James Thomas Rhodes, Sr. and William, Ellen, Wendy and Allison Walmsley.
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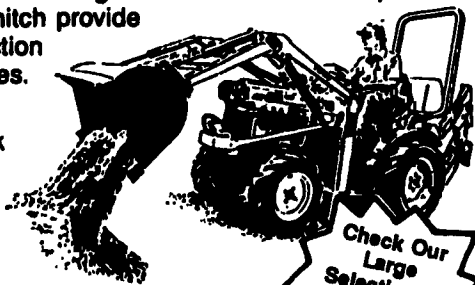
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