

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Gov. Tom Ridge on Thursday signed into law legislation that allows retailers to package potatoes in variable weights up to amounts of three pounds.

Agriculture Secretary Charles Brosius praised the move in a news release, stating, "The Ridge administration is committed to increasing profitability of farmers in Pennsylvania. This legislation will enable potato growers to meet the demands of a changing market and will mean increased sales.

The legislation, House Bill 2008 sponsored by Rep. Bob Allen R-Schuylkill, makes it legal for retailers to sell potatoes in packages of less than three pounds.

The existing law made it illegal to sell packaged potatoes in lots other than three, five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 100 or multiples of 100 pounds.

According to Tom Lyon, district manager for the Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers Inc., Harrisburg, the law preventing the sale of packaged weights in other than prescribed poundages had been originally created to provide

the consumer with reliable amounts of potatoes, instead of having some sell potatoes in 10-pound bags, while others sold them in nine-pound, eight-pound, or some other closely related weights.

The industry-driven law was done to prevent customer confusion and to eliminate the temptation to trick consumers into purchasing lower weights in similar sized bags to higher-weight packages.

Actually, the law change Ridge signed maintains the integrity of the original law, while allowing retailers to sell potatoes in lots less than three pounds in a manner similar to how cheese or meat is retailed — at a cost per pound in variable weight packages.

The new packaging is intended to help the sale of potatoes because smaller families and senior citizens require and want smaller amounts, instead of having to purchase three, five or 10 pound bags of potatoes.

Any packages of potatoes weighing more than three pounds still has to be sold in the prescribed

weight increments. The only exception are unpackaged potatoes, which customers can currently select from bins and package themselves. There is no limit on the weights the customer selects.

According to Brosius, the change in regulations will benefit potato growers, retailers and wholesalers, as well as customers.

Lyon said he wasn't sure about the projected impact of the new packaging regulations on customer use and sales, but agreed that anything that can be done to satisfy customer demand will help the industry.

He said that with some of the varieties of potatoes — especially smaller, specialized varieties — the packaging allowances makes good sense.

Public Auction Register

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MAY

SAT. MAY 18 - Spring Consignment Sale 3685 Schalk RD #1 Manchester, Md. Tractors, tractor parts, trucks, trailers, farm equip, misc., mowers, coins. Nevin Tasto, auct.

SAT. MAY 18 - 9AM 11th annual Palmyra Municipal Equip. Auction town of Palmyra Highway Dept. Rt. 21N, Palmyra, NY. Just off Rt. 21 N., over the canal on the northeast side of the Village of Palmyra. Take exit 43 on NY thruway to Rt. 21 N. to Palmyra, 20 miles E of Rochester, 50 miles W. of Syracuse. Roy Teitworth, Inc., auct.

SAT. MAY 18 - 9AM Estate

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SAT. MAY 18 - 9:15AM Repossession Sale. Approx. 350 Repo's & Off lease vehicles. Keystone Public Auto Exchange.

SAT. MAY 18 - 9:30AM Car, antiques, household goods, etc. Located along Rt. 625 1/2 mi. N. of Knauers, midway between Bowmansville & Reading, Brecknock Twp, Berks Co. By Esther Hammond. Horning Farm Agency, Inc.

SAT. MAY 25 - 9AM Consignment auction. farm

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SAT. MAY 25 & MAY 27 - 9AM Tools, tires, truck, trailer, households, antiques, tools, tires. 4756 Coontown Rd., Chambersburg, Pa. From square in Chambersburg take Rt. 30 W for 2 miles, turn left onto Rt. 995 for 5 miles, bear left onto Gultner Rd., go 1/2 mile then turn left on Coontown Rd. to auction. Mr. & Mrs. E.F. Fetterhoff Sr., owners. Brian J. McGinn, auct.

SAT. MAY 25 - 10AM 40+ antique/classic automobiles, Model T, A Early V8 bodies, 500+ early parts, 25+ parts cars. 4366 Madonna Rd., Street, Md. O'Neills Auction Co.

MON. MAY 27 - 9AM Antiques, collectables. Memorial Day. Located at the Mt. Joy Fire Hall on New Haven St., just off of Rt. 230 in Mt. Joy, Pa. H. Edward Johnson, auct.

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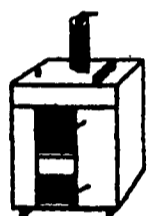
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