

# Assistance Offered To Farmers Preparing for Assessment Appeal

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — A database developed by Carol LaGore of Keystone Farm Credit offers comparative sale analysis of farm properties that may assist farmers in determining if they have grounds to appeal property taxes effective January 1, 1997.

parative sales analysis indicates that your property has grounds upon which to appeal, then this database is capable of providing you with documentation that will be helpful in the appeal process.

One of the most effective methods for establishing the value of an individual's property is through comparable sales, which

can be obtained through an appraisal or through the database offered by Keystone Farm Credit.

The Keystone Farm Credit database is a well-documented program administered by a certified staff and is comprised of 131 private and public sales from Lancaster County. It is continuously updated to provide current and accurate information and is utilized by the Farm Service Agency because of its policy of incorporating only sales within the last two years.

This database was created to service Keystone loan officers and appraisers contains a range of typical market values of farms based on five zones in Lancaster County. The values are broken down into land, building, type of soil, and other variables.

This comparative analysis database contains nonresidential comparative sales for every county in Keystone's service area except for Delaware and Philadelphia counties. Due to the high volume of sales and to insure accuracy of this database, Keystone's two branches in Lancaster County are monitored bi-annually.

The reassessment appeal will take place in the Reassessment Department of the Lancaster County Courthouse and will consist of a 10-minute session. During this time the property owner will be able to present evidence to one member of the assessment board that indicates that the reassessment of their property is inaccurate. Information that a property owner may want to consider bringing to their appeal includes anything that the property owner considers as evidence of the value of the property. As LaGore sug-

gested, one must be prepared with documentation to most effectively present their case at the appeal.

The Keystone Farm Credit database provides information that is available to farmers for a small fee and will be a great resource for those preparing for an appeal. The database offers a method to determine if an appeal is feasible and a method by which to adequately prepare for the appeal process.

If you are interested in seeking the services of Keystone Farm Credit to aid you in preparation for an appeal, you may contact your local branch at Quarryville (786-7007) or Lancaster (291-1858).

To develop comparative sales analysis with Keystone, the property owner must be prepared with information that indicates the location of the property, basic building sizes, and assessed values. The services of the Keystone Farm Credit are available to any owner of nonresidential property and anyone choosing to utilize the services offered by Keystone Farm Credit should expect to pay a nominal fee.

LaGore also offered a word of caution: "The comparative analysis database may confirm or question the assessed value of a property." The best thing to do is to be prepared.

## Sugar, Vegetables On Tap For Tours

FREMONT, Ohio — What could be better than a complimentary meal, a relaxing wagon tour, and lots of useful information on how to improve your livelihood?

That's exactly what sugar beet and vegetable growers will get when they attend two tours August 7 in Fremont at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center's Vegetable Crops Branch.

From processing tomatoes to pumpkins and potatoes, the latest research results will be on display at the Vegetable Crops Field Day from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Both OARDC and Ohio State University Extension scientists will be on hand to answer questions about growing vegetable crops.

The program will include information on processing tomatoes, cultivar trials, pumpkins and potatoes. In addition, visitors can rest their feet by taking wagon tours of the various research plots.

OARDC Director Tom Payne will give opening remarks. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Sugar Beet Twilight tour will last from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., immediately following the Vegetable Crops Field Day.

"The purpose is twofold," said Ken Scaife, manager of the Fremont farm. "One is to ... bring the sugar beet growers together for a meeting to look at some of the research projects we have going on here. And secondly, to stimulate greater interest in sugar beet

production here in the northwest Ohio and the southeast Michigan growing region.

"The reason that we're running the two concurrently is so that any interested vegetable growers that will be coming to the 3 p.m. tour will have the opportunity to hear some of the opening comments by the Great Lakes Sugar Co.," said Scaife.

"Perhaps they can recruit some growers that used to grow for them or get some new ones."

In between the two events will be a complimentary meal sponsored by Great Lakes Sugar Co., George F. Ackerman Co., and Rohm & Haas Co. with refreshments provided by Grower Service Corp.

"We'll be looking at some sugar beet research that is being conducted," said Scaife. "Those are topics in weed management, cultivar evaluation, and stand establishment. These are all areas of research that are being conducted kind of in a cooperative effort among us here at the Vegetable Crops Branch, the Great Lakes Sugar Co. and their Growers Association."

The sugar event is sponsored by OARDC and Ohio State University Extension in cooperation with Great Lakes Sugar Company; Fremont, Findlay and Blissfield Sugar Beet Growers Association; and Sandusky Soil and Water Conservation District. For more information, call Scaife at (419) 332-5142. Commercial and education displays are welcome.

## LCI Urges Glickman

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has received a letter from LCI Chairman of the Board Dr. Dreyfus Froe II urging him to fill the position of animal and plant health inspection service administrator with someone who is experienced with animal health issues.

"We want to urge that the administrator's office be filled with a competent animal health professional experienced in and committed to the prevention, control and

eradication of livestock diseases. Our membership feels that this is especially important in the current situation of rapidly changing national and international commerce and livestock disease situations," wrote Froe in his letter.

In July, Dr. Lonnie J. King will step down as head of APHIS and begin a new position as dean of Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. King has served as administrator or acting administrator for APHIS since 1992.

**7TH ANNUAL TRACTOR, FARM EQUIPMENT AND GAS ENGINE CONSIGNMENT SALE**  
**September 28, 1996 - 8:30 a.m.**  
**Held At Rough and Tumble Museum Grounds, Kinzers, PA**  
**Sponsored By**  
**Waterloo Boys of S.E. PA and**  
**Chapter #8 International Harvester Collectors of S.E. PA**  
**Call (610) 383-5647 for more information**  
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 NOTE: All items to be advertised in Public Sale Bill must be consigned by August 1st, 1996. All other items can be consigned up until day of sale.

**Business Liquidation Auction**  
 Location: 110 Harris St., Jersey Shore, Pa. Take Thomas St. Exit off Rt. 220. Go to flashing light & turn left onto Allegheny St. Proceed to first street on left (Harris St.) near Tiadaghton Inn.  
**Fri. Eve., July 19, 1996 at 4:30 P.M.**  
 Hardware & Building Supplies  
 Complete liquidation of Hardware & Building Supplies to be found in a hardware store. Call for complete list.  
**Sat., July 20 at 9 a.m.**  
**Equipment-Tools-Building Materials**  
 Dynahoe Model A Backhoe/Front-End Loader w/353 3 cyl. Detroit Diesel Engine, approx. 60hp., equipped w/yard bucket, 24" hoe bucket & 14.9 x 24 Tires; Ford M600 Gas Tractor w/Sherman 2 Ton Rear Mtd. Fork Lift & Bucket Loader Attach.; Standard Machine Co. No. 1167 3 ph. 2 hp. 16" Round Knife Head Jointer Planer w/6 ft. Table; Cement Trowel; Compactor/Vibrators; Concrete Saw; Water Pumps; Transit & Builders Level; 1" Socket Set; 50 ft. Alum. Ext. Ladder; Gyp Jack; Builders & Bottle Jacks; Large Quantity of Scaffolding, braces, outriggers & planks; Acet/Oxy. Tanks & Gauges; 400 lb. Sand blaster; Rowley/Hernance Band Saw w/36" Cut; Cement Mixers; Tilt Bed Trailer; New Building Materials: Pressure Treated Lumber; Framing Lumber; Plywood; Wooden & Metal Moldings; Drywall Moldings, etc.; Tongue & Groove Flooring; Concrete Rebar, Ties, etc.; Office & Store Fixtures; Floor Safe; NCR Cash Register; Desks; Adj. Shelving; Some Collectibles;  
**Auctioneer's Note: After 47 years in the business world, Bob & Gloria Miller are retiring. Backhoe sold w/owner confirmation. Backhoe, Forklift & Planer sold at 1 P.M. This is a very brief listing. Call for complete listing.**  
**Terms: Cash, approved or travelers checks only. Out of State Buyers must have current bank letter of credit warranting funds. Sales Tax Collected.**  
**Owner**  
**Miller Construction & Supply**  
 Central Lumber & Coal Co.  
 Auction conducted jointly by  
 Scott Younklin AU-1666L 717-323-9011  
 George S. Kapp, Jr. AU-2174L 717-458-4384

**PUBLIC SALE**  
**Sat. July 20 at 9:00 A.M.**  
 Wood working shop tools and misc. hand tools from the Late Harold E. Walker and Misc. household goods for Mary Jane Walker.  
**Located at 401 Berwick St. Corner of Berwick and Orange St. West York, Pa.**  
**TOOLS**  
 Shop Smith combination Lathe, Bandsaw and table saw, Craftsman 6" Jointer, Royal 10" surface planer, Craftsman 16" Scroll saw, Delta 1" belt and 5" disc sander, 4" hand jointer machine, Router, elec. hand saw, Sears 125 psi portable air compressor, bench grinder, elec. drill, Craftsman tool box on casters, 1 1/2 ton floor jack, saber saw, drill bits, industrial shop vac, 24 drawer cabinet for small nuts and bolts, metal work table, 4 drawer metal filing cabinet, pipe wrench, adj. wrenches, solder gun, jack stands, screw drivers, hammers, car creeper, hand truck, heat gun, elec. and air hand-grinder, 2 basement windows, come a long, and other hand tools.  
**Mary Jane Walker**  
**410 Berwick St.**  
**York, Pa.**  
**Refreshments, rights reserved**  
**Not responsible for any accidents**  
**Terms cash or approved checks**  
**Charles L. Wehrly and Son Auct.**  
**235-4146 Lic. #985L-1868L**  
**Wehrly's Clerks**

**FREIGHT STATION AUCTION**  
 39 Wilson Street, Middletown, PA 17057  
 Norman Courney RH116-L (717) 944-6537  
 Terms - Cash or Certified Funds  
**Mon., July 22, 1996**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**COIN COLLECTION:** 19th & 20th cent. U.S. coins - Morgan, Trade, Peace, Eisenhowers - dollars; Franklin, Standing & Walking Liberty, Barber, Washington - 1/2 Dollars; Mercury, Roosevelt, Buffalo, Jefferson, Indian Heads. Many Mint and Proof Sets; 1760 Piece of Eight; 1800-06-37-45-71 dollars; 1916D Merc. Dime; 1928 2-1/2 Dollar Gold Piece; 1869 2-1/2 Dollar Gold Piece; 1915 2-1/2 Dollar Gold Piece; 1880 Five Dollar Gold Piece; many others - one man's life-long collection  
**COLLECTIBLES:** Gaudy Ironstone, Weller; Roseville 9 pieces; Hull; Dollhouse Furniture - Tin & Plastic; Child's Tea Sets, Pots & Pans; Early Ice Cream Freezer; Fiesta; match & Stamp Albums; Dolls; Costume and Gold Jewelry; Iron Target; R.C.A. Dealer Disney Premium Items; Two R.C.A. dealerships Chairs; Vintage Clothing; Shoes, Purses & Hats; Fostoria, Cut & Pattern Glassware; Hanging Green Slag Lamp; Prints; McCoy; Old Sign "Kauffman's Restaurant;" Buttons; Games; Toys; Lamps; Mirrors; Photo Albums; Books; Star & A.B.C. Bottles in Cases; W. Nuttings; 5 Mantle Clocks - Caldwell of Philadelphia, Ansonia & Seth Thomas; Old Christmas Decorations; Flo Blue  
**FURNITURE:** Decorated Flour Chest by "Stacks" Palmyra; Maple Dinette Set Lewisburg Line 1930's; Duncan Phyfe Sofa; Small Arts & Crafts Book Case and Mantle Clock Both Pinned Through Sides; 9x12 Belgium Karastan Rug; Mahog Dressers; Armoir Chest, Poster Bed; Edison Upright Victrola; Pine Rope Bed; Bentwood - Sofas, Chair & End Tables; Dressing Tables; Oak C-Roll Desk; Walnut Vic. Organ Case; Cottage Pine Dresser & Washstand; Bottom of Bakers Chest; 2 Empire Chest of Drawers; 4 Decorated Balloon Backs; 4 Dec. Plank Chairs; Wing Back; Morticed Bench; Dovetailed Cradle; Oak Hall Rack; Rockers & Chairs; Pine Dry Sink with Zinc Liner; Fancy Brass Bed  
**SAMPLER:** 1840 Middletown, Dauphin, PA  
 By Mary Ann Frantz  
 - Food Catered by Eat's Deli -  
 10% Buyer's Premium  
**717-944-6537 24 hrs.**