

Jersey Shore Livestock Market, Inc.

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RETURN TO FARM CALF 50.00-112.00.
 GOOD VEAL: 30.00-49.00.
 COMMON VEAL: 8.00-29.00.
 CHOICE STEERS: 62.00-65.50.
 SELECT STEERS: 52.00-61.00.
 COMMON STEERS: 39.00-51.00.
 COMMERCIAL COWS: 35.00-41.00.
 CANNERS-CUTTERS: 27.00-34.00.
 SHELLS: 20.00-26.00.
 SELECT HEIFERS: 50.00-62.00.
 COMMON HEIFERS: 42.00-49.00.
 GOOD FEEDERS: 60.00-72.00.
 COMMON FEEDERS: 35.00-59.00.
 BULLS: 44.00-52.00.

Pennsylvania Livestock Auction

Waynesburg, Pa. Thurs., Feb. 5, 1998

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CATTLE: SL. COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 32.50-40.00; CUTTER & BONING UTILITY 28.00-34.00; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 25.00-29.50; SHELLS 25.00 & DOWN. BULLS: YIELD GRADE 1 1500#-2000# 37.00-48.50; YIELD GRADE 2 1000#-1400# 30.00-40.00.
 FEEDER STEERS: M&L-1 300-500# 50.00-88.00; 250-280# 66.00-92.00, M 600-900 LBS. 54.00-74.00. HEIFERS M 1&L-1 300-500# 40.00-82.00; L-1 400-650# 38.00-79.00. BULLS M&L-1 300-620# 42.00-87.00.
 CALVES: VEAL. PRIME 40.00-80.00; CHOICE 38.00-72.00; GOOD 35.00-48.00.
 FARM CALVES: #1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-120# FEW 35.00-69.00; #2 HOLSTEIN BULLS 80-100# FEW 20.00-40.00; BEEF X BULL&HFRS./HD. 20.00-55.00.

HOGS: BARROWS & GILTS #1-2 210-255# 35.50-48.00; #2-3 255-280# 33.00-39.00; SOWS #1-3 300-500# 27.00-38.00.
 FEEDER PIGS: 1-3 15-20# 5.00-17.00/HD.; 1-3 25-35# 10.00-34.00/HD.
 LAMBS: HIGH CHOICE 80-100 LBS. 72.00-108.00; CHOICE 70-90 LBS. 74.00-127.50; FEEDER LAMBS GOOD 80.00-100.00; SHEEP 20.00-48.00; FAT SHEEP 30.00 & DOWN.
 GOATS: LARGE 70.00-100.00/HD.; MEDIUM 30.00-57.00/HD.; SMALL 10.00-29.00/HD.
 HORSES: 35.00-60.00, PONIES 20.00-41.50.

Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md February 4, 1998

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SLAUGHTER COWS: 29 HEAD. UTILITY 35.00-39.00; CANNERS 30.00-35.00; SHELLY 30.00 DOWN. BULLS: NONE.
 FED STEERS: 55 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 1300-1550 LBS. 64.00-66.00; CHOICE #2-3 1200-1550 LBS. 61.25-64.00; LOW CHOICE 58.00-61.00; SELBCT 53.00-57.00.
 FED HEIFERS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 110-1400 LBS. 64.00-65.75; CHOICE #3&4 60.00-63.00; LOW CHOICE 900 LBS. TO 52.50.
 VEAL CALVES: 79 HEAD. CULLS 85-110 LBS. 28.00-35.00, 60-80 LBS. 20.00-28.00.
 FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-120 LBS. 95.00-110.00, FEW TO 120.00; 85-95 LBS. 40.00-95.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS FEW 90-110 LBS. 80.00-105.00; BEEF X BULLS FEW TO 70.00.
 BUTCHER HOGS: NO TOP WEIGHTS OFFERED. #1&3 300-340 LBS. 39.00-42.00.
 STOCK CATTLE: FEW OFFERED.

Agriculture Secretary Hails Ridge Budget Increase

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. hailed Gov. Tom Ridge's 1998-99 budget request as a strong indication of the Ridge Administration's support for Pennsylvania agriculture.

"Gov. Ridge's recommendation makes for the best agriculture budget in many years. The Governor has advanced initiatives that will allow Pennsylvania's producers and agri-businesses to be successful at home and competitors in the global economy," Hayes said. "This proposed budget will significantly increase our ability to meet the needs of our agricultural community as well as ensure the safety of our citizens and their environment."

Hayes noted that Gov. Ridge recommended more than \$3 million to support the implementation of nutrient-management regulations, which took effect Oct. 1. Nutrient-management plans manage animal wastes in a manner that is economically and environmentally feasible.

Ridge's budget calls for planning and implementation grants which will provide funds for farmers to prepare certified plans. "This public policy will help protect a person's opportunity to farm and help protect a neighbor's wa-

ter supply," Hayes said.

There has been a \$432,000 increase in funds for agricultural promotion, education and exports, including support for international-trade events.

"Exports are an important and growing part of Pennsylvania's agricultural economy. The increased level of support will provide the tools to successfully compete on a global scale and to promote Pennsylvania's agricultural products around the planet," Hayes said. He noted the value of Pennsylvania agricultural exports is more than \$976 million.

An additional \$100,000 has been proposed for the school cafeteria food-safety program, and to expand training in food safety for school personnel and others who provide food to the public. Another food-safety component of Ridge's request is for a bottled water protocol.

Livestock, open dairy, junior dairy and 4-H shows held at the

Farm Show Complex are recommended to receive an increase of \$38,000, along with FFA programs.

"These competitive expositions and activities are important for our livestock producers and for our youth to promote their animals and increase their market value," Hayes noted. Agricultural research initiatives also are part of the budget, with \$3 million proposed. This is an increase of \$500,000.

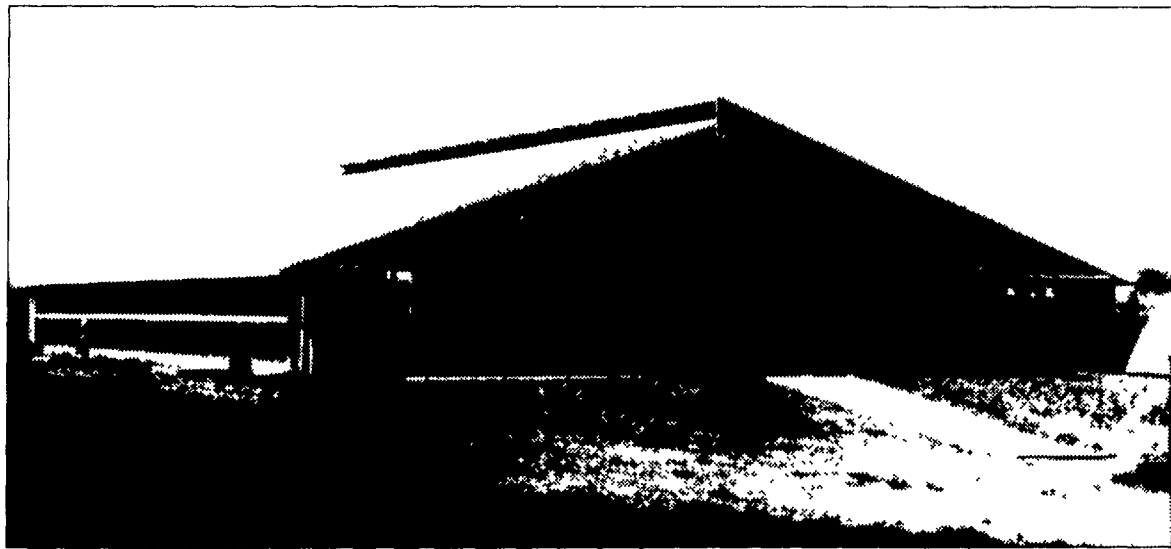
"New and effective research is fundamental in helping the agricultural community meet the challenges of profitability as we prepare for the next century," Hayes said.

New research projects would explore the suppression of agricultural odors, new nutrient-management systems and a market analysis of export opportunities for agricultural products and services produced in Pennsylvania.



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