

# Glickman Announces New Funding, Technical Assistance For Small Farmers

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced two new steps to help small farmers and ranchers

find better ways to market and export their products.

## Feds Promise To Give Growers \$8.8 Million To Fight Plum Pox

HERSHEY (AP)—To fight an outbreak of plum pox virus in Pennsylvania orchards, federal officials are promising to spend \$8.8 million, with \$5.1 million designated for four affected orchard owners and two nurseries to replace income lost through destruction of infected trees.

Growers said the emergency money, together with plans that show less orchard destruction than first feared, leave them more hopeful about the future of Adams County peaches.

"I think there's a chance to get through it," Jim Lott of Gardners said Wednesday, after an update on the virus at the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania meeting in Hershey.

The money is to be released under a declaration of extraordinary emergency signed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman last week. It is intended to make up years of lost peach sales for affected growers.

Lott and others also caution that not enough is known about the unusual disease's spread to say they've beaten it.

The virus poses no threat to people. But it causes deformities on stone fruits, such as peaches and nectarines, and eventually saps production from those trees.

Last fall, the virus was discovered in 18 Adams County fields belonging to four growers in the first recorded outbreak of plum pox in North America.

There has been no evidence of the virus at orchards in Lancaster County.

In the middle of spring, federal inspectors plan to begin a round of tree surveys to determine how far plum pox has spread. The fall tests, while helpful in getting an early handle on the infestation, are widely believed to have been too cursory for officials to state for sure that the virus is contained.

Lott said he expects to take a bulldozer to the affected fields.

State Plant Virologist Ruth Welliver said most of the 18 infected fields must be destroyed.

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"There is no higher priority for USDA than working to ensure the long-term survival and economic well-being of America's small- and medium-size family farms," Glickman said. "Expanded export opportunities and improved marketing offer tremendous opportunities to boost small farm incomes during this time of depressed prices."

Glickman announced that USDA will provide \$500,000 to help small farmers develop new ways to market their products,

including direct selling to restaurants and institutions, agri-tourism, and pick-your-own farms. Under USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, the University of Vermont, University of Nebraska, University of Georgia, and Utah State University will select and assist specific new marketing projects that will benefit smaller farms.

In addition, USDA will offer technical assistance to help small farmers and ranchers form cooperatives to export crops and livestock to international markets. Loans are avail-

able to help finance the development of value-added processing at existing cooperatives.

Glickman made the announcements at a meeting of USDA's Advisory Committee on Small Farms. The 19-member committee is composed of small-scale farmers, ranchers, and woodlot owners who advise the Secretary on policies and programs to assist America's smaller farms.

USDA has also assisted America's small- and medium-size farmers by targeting emergency assistance for hog, sheep, lamb, and dairy farms.

"We're only taking out blocks where we have a positive for plum pox virus," Welliver said Wednesday. Barring additional discoveries of the virus this spring, other fields in the two-township quarantine zone can stay.

"It could create a hardship . . . but there's no question in my mind that we're going to get through this," said M. Everett Weiser, an affected grower who has been growing fruit and vegetables in Adams County since 1945.

"We're just not of a nature to give up."



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