

Special Provision For 2001 Crop Loan Deficiency Payments

POTTSVILLE (Schuylkill Co.) — A provision in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) extending eligibility for 2001-crop year loan deficiency payments (LDPs) should be welcome news to Pennsylvania farmers that produced "contract" commodities on farms without Production Flexibility Contracts (PFC), as well as for all farmers who sold or disposed of their crops before applying for the payments.

"The new Farm Bill allows farmers who produced oilseeds and contract crops, such as corn and wheat, on non-Production Flexibility Contract farms to apply for 2001-crop year loan deficiency payments," said Ron Troxell, county committee chairman. "In addition, farmers who

lost beneficial interest in crops before applying for 2001 LDPs may now do so."

"To ensure program equity to all producers of eligible commodities, these provisions are also being extended to producers who grew commodities on PFC farms," said Troxell.

Troxell also said subject to certain conditions, a producer will be allowed to receive an LDP on eligible commodities from non-PFC farms even though the farmer has already marketed the commodity. The conditions include that the producer seeking payment was the actual producer of the commodity and had beneficial interest in the commodity at the time of the marketing. The amount of the payment will be based on the date the producer

marketed, fed, or otherwise lost beneficial interest in the commodity.

For 2001-crop year only, LDPs are also authorized for producers of eligible crops grown on PFC farms who lost beneficial interest before submitting an LDP application. However, three conditions must be met.

The conditions are that the producer did not previously receive a marketing assistance loan or LDP on the applicable commodity; the commodity would have otherwise been eligible for a loan or LDP; and, the producer has not exceeded 2001-crop year payment limitations. LDPs for 2001 crops produced on PFC Farms are also authorized for eligible producers who grew contract commodities and oilseeds and retained beneficial interest.

NFU Supports South Dakota District Court Ruling On Beef Checkoff

WASHINGTON, D.C. — National Farmers Union said this week that it echoes concerns behind a recent district court's ruling that the mandatory \$1-per-head beef checkoff is unconstitutional.

"Producers are forced to pay for activities that are contrary to their beliefs, and therefore, their First Amendment rights to free speech are being compromised," said NFU President Dave Frederickson. "Many producers believe U.S. beef promotion, as opposed to the current generic promotion of beef, would serve them best. Currently, there is not a process for producers to voice their concerns."

On June 21, Judge Charles Kornmann of the South Dakota District Court ruled that the beef checkoff unconstitutionally assesses producers to fund programs that may not be in a producer's best interests. The ruling resulted from a case brought by producers and livestock auction owners against the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Cattlemen's Beef Board.

"U.S. checkoffs are producer-funded, therefore they should be U.S. producer-controlled and U.S. producer-friendly," Frederickson said. "Checkoffs should assist U.S. cattle producers by strengthening the domestic beef

industry's position in the marketplace. Concerns will continue to be raised about the checkoff program until sufficient firewalls have been enacted to make certain the original intent of the Beef Promotion and Research Act is fulfilled."

Frederickson said his organization's producer-formed policy supports voluntary checkoffs rather than mandatory assessments. NFU policy also maintains that checkoff funds and programs be controlled solely by boards of domestic producers elected by producers that are assessed the \$1-per-head fee.

Poultry Groups Urge Congress To Leave Most Of APHIS In USDA

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Chicken Council and United Egg Producers have urged Congress to leave the principal functions of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture rather than transferring the entire agency to the proposed Department of Homeland Security.

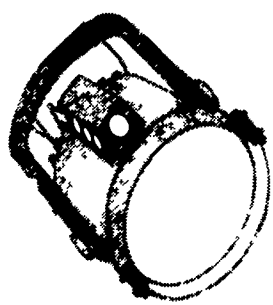
"Most APHIS activities are involved in service to agriculture and have little or nothing to do with homeland security as we understand it," C.W. "Bill" McMillan, a consultant who was assistant secretary of agriculture for marketing and inspection services (including APHIS) in the Reagan Administration, said in testimony for NCC and UEP to the House Committee on Agriculture. "These functions should remain within the department that is most oriented to agriculture, that is, the USDA."

The testimony of NCC and UEP made it clear that they support establishment of a Department of Homeland Security and commented President Bush for "taking the first steps to create a unified, focused agency to deal with this critical mission."

However, the poultry associations told members of the House Agriculture Committee that the question before them is "how this mission can best be achieved, and what functions and agencies of the federal government should be contributed to the new department to maximize its effectiveness."

"Some of the border functions provided by APHIS should be made immediately available to the new Department of Homeland Security, where those functions can be coordinated with the immigration and naturalization Service or the Customs Service," McMillan said. "There are many intra-governmental mechanisms through which

assignment or even partial transfer of expertise and resources can readily be accomplished without necessarily altering a well-established and still essential regulatory structure."



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pany is dependent on weather and milk prices much like dairy farmers are.

"When milk prices are up, (machines) go out the door," he said.

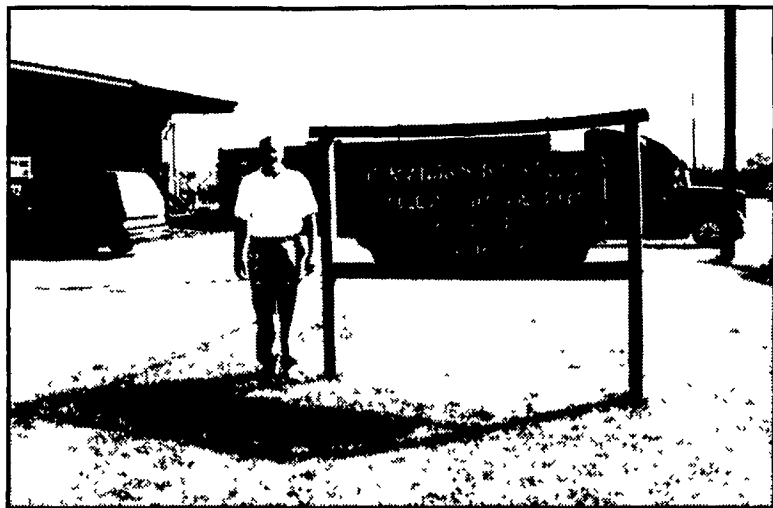
The company maintains a fleet of four semi tractor trailers and several straight-body trucks for delivering the goods. They also hire independent haulers when possible, Cummings said.

Various types of bale wrappers, mowing machines, and other haymaking equipment

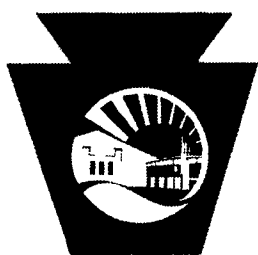
make up a large part of the inventory at Cummings and Bricker. The company has also begun to distribute more feed mixing machines, Cummings said.

While servicing the trend toward bigger equipment for bigger farm operations, Cummings said his company continues to move smaller machines as well.

Cummings & Bricker has 5,000 square feet of floor space reserved for the 2003 Pennsylvania Farm Show, scheduled for Jan. 11-18.



Jim Cummings distributes farm equipment from Maine to South Carolina and as far west as Indiana.



Pennsylvania Farm Show 2003

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Meat Production Workshop Scheduled

BURLINGTON, Vt. — The Value Added and Diversified Specialty Meat Production workshop will provide producers and processors with farm-to-market strategies for improving quality, maximizing yield and obtaining the best financial results.

The workshop will be conducted July 30 from 8 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. Cost is \$45. The event will take place at the University of Vermont, Carrigan Hall, Burlington, Vt.

For more information contact Cecilia Golnazarian (802) 656-0147; or e-mail at cgolnaza@zoo.uvm.edu.

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#1 dwelling is a 3 bedroom brick rancher w/kitchen and dining room, living room, laundry and attached 2 car garage. Also full basement New furnace 1 yr ago.

#2 dwelling is a 2-1/2 story, 2 apartment house Each apartment has 2 bedrooms, kitchen and living room and full bath. New siding and windows appr. 3 yrs. ago.

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