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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
MAY 28, 1985

AN ACT

1 Making appropriations to the Department of Agriculture for  
2 conducting various plant and animal research and productivity  
3 programs.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania  
8 Agricultural Crop and Livestock Productivity Program.

9 Section 2. Legislative findings and declaration of policy.

10 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares that:

11 (1) The effect of acid rain on the agricultural crop  
12 industry of this Commonwealth may be detrimental to crop  
13 yield and quality.

14 (2) The agricultural animal industry of this  
15 Commonwealth is inadequately protected against diseases that  
16 are catastrophic to animal agriculture in this Commonwealth.

17 (b) Policy.--It is therefore the policy of this Commonwealth

1 to improve the productivity of the agricultural animal and crop  
2 industries of this Commonwealth through research to determine  
3 the effect of acid rain on agricultural crops and implementation  
4 of a comprehensive animal health program.

5 Section 3. State appropriations.

6 The following sums set forth in this act, or as much thereof  
7 as may be necessary, are hereby specifically appropriated from  
8 the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture of the  
9 Commonwealth for the payment of salaries, wages or other  
10 compensation and travel expense of the duly elected or appointed  
11 officers and employees of this Commonwealth, for payment of fees  
12 of contractual services rendered, for the purchase or rental of  
13 goods, services, printing, public advertising by or through any  
14 medium, equipment, land and buildings and for payment of any  
15 other expenses, as provided by law or by this act, necessary for  
16 the proper conduct of the duties, functions and activities and  
17 for the purposes hereinafter set forth for the fiscal year  
18 beginning July 1, 1985, and for the payment of bills incurred  
19 and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June  
20 30, 1986.

21 Section 4. Itemization of specific appropriations.

22 The following amounts, or as much thereof as may be  
23 necessary, are appropriated to the Department of Agriculture:

24	Federal	State
25 For research of the effects of acid		
26 rain on agricultural crops.		
27 State appropriation.....		400,000
28 For grants to large animal		
29 veterinarian schools to train		
30 veterinarians in epidemiology and		

1 health economics.

2                   State appropriation..... 300,000

3     For a Statewide agricultural

4 computer network facility for the

5 diagnosis and management of diseases

6 of livestock and poultry.

7                   State appropriation..... 275,000

8     For the diagnosing of diseases of

9 livestock other than poultry.

10                  State appropriation..... 153,000

11     For a diagnostic and field

12 investigation program of livestock and

13 poultry diseases.

14                  State appropriation..... 183,000

15     For research of avian influenza and

16 a biohazard facility.

17                  State appropriation..... 375,000

18     For poultry research and

19 development of disease surveillance

20 programs. No funds from this

21 appropriation shall be used for

22 marketing research or promotional

23 activities.

24                  State appropriation..... 500,000

25     For diagnostics contracts with

26 poultry laboratories.

27                  State appropriation..... 169,000

28 Section 5. Lapsing of unused funds.

29     The part of all appropriations in section 4 unexpended,

30 uncommitted or unencumbered as of June 30, 1986, shall

1 automatically lapse as of that date.

2 Section 6. Effective date.

3 This act shall take effect July 1, 1985, or immediately,

4 whichever is later.