THUMB Ag LAND VALUES

DROP 15% TO 33% FOR '87

Tentative agricultural land values are falling again, for the second straight year throughout Huron and Tuscola Counties.

Huron County Equalization Director Sandra Drews and Tuscola County's Donald Graf have released tentative reports for 1987, on which agricultural property taxes are based -- showing hundreds of millions of dollars in declining farm land values.

This marks the second straight year for major decreases, which last year averaged nearly 12% in Huron and 14.1% in Tuscola. Many farms have shown another decline after last year's, but no one predicts such an aggressive loss this year -- and no one's relying on large gains either.

It means some local land valued at $200 per acre in 1985 is now assessed at about $120 -- an overall drop of nearly 40% in the two years, observers say.

The two-county total loss for 1987 alone is more than $200 million, compared with $186 million total values. Since all local governments base at least part of their operating income on such tax monies, this is one of the reasons why farm owners are thinking hard about finding remedies for what is averaging to be a 30% loss in income since 1985.

Most hurt are out-of-formula school districts, such as Alcona - Pavgie - Greenville - Oscoda - Huron - Bay Port. They're located in prime farming areas. Past years of high farm land values have kept operating millages at stable levels, but some of the districts must now seek a 30% to 60% increase in operating millage to meet past year budgets -- in light of the falling values.

Residential land values are up slightly -- an average of 1% to 3% -- for the coming year, according to the tentative figures released last week. All will be acted upon in coming weeks by the Huron County Board of Assessors.

HURON COUNTY: Ag land values are down dramatically for the second year, with McKinley Township's assessment declining the most in Western Huron county, according to Drews' report.

Ag values in local townships include:

BRONWOOD........Down 20.2%  CAREVILLE........Down 24.7%  CHANDLER........Down 23.3%  COLUMBIA........Down 14.8%  FAIRHAVEN........Down 27.4%  GRANT...........Down 14.3%  LAKE.............Down 25.1%  MACKINLEY.......Down 33.7%  MEADE...........Down 17.3%  OLIVER...........Down 22.3%  PORT AUSTIN........Down 8.9%  SEBEWAING........Down 33.9%  WINSOR........Down 28.7%  TUSCOLA COUNTY: Farm land values are hardest-hit here -- down an average of 30% this year, including local townships:

AKRON...........Down 25.1%  COLUMBIA........Down 33.7%  FAIRGROVE........Down 24.7%  GILFORD...........Down 27.3%  WINNER........Down 29.3%  HOW WILL SCHOOLS COPE?

Local school districts say they'll tighten their budgets to reduce expenses as much as possible -- but the problem is bigger than simply cutting costs.

Farm land values drops in the past two years have eroded many farmers' collateral by 50%, who no longer own land even near the house. But this also spells trouble for most Western Thumb school districts, who are seeing income coming in much lower than expected, by nearly half.

The Laker School District is seeking a 10-mill increase April 6, 1988. Schools expect to request eight to 10 mills -- just to maintain last year's income amounts. Both are planning school sources to meet their needs.

Other affected districts include Owendale - Gagetown, where a pay freeze is in effect and where School Board members are seeking a 10 mills to just "stay even" with.

LITTLE THOUGHT: Reeves also said the current Board's decision-making process influenced his decision to resign.

"I'm not saying what the Board does is wrong, but I don't like the way we've arrived at some of these decisions -- right off the top of our head -- without -- PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 3
Poultry producers eye checkoff to promote egg market

By RICH

The egg industry is getting a helping hand in the form of a checkoff that would be in place for all producers who ship eggs to market. The United States Department of Agriculture has set aside funds in the Egg Industry Research and Promotion Act for a marketing checkoff. The checkoff would be similar to the pork industry's checkoff and would probably help keep more eggs in the market place.

The egg industry has been affected by producers who are shipping eggs directly to market, but the checkoff would help the industry in the long run. The checkoff would be used to educate consumers about eggs and to promote egg consumption.

Although the USDA hasn't decided on the exact wording of the checkoff, it is expected to be ready by mid-2002. The checkoff would only affect those producers who have a potential of shipping eggs to market. The checkoff would be voluntary, and producers would have to agree to it in order to participate. The checkoff would provide funding for education and promotion programs to increase egg consumption.

Active Feed ranks in top 400 American farms

According to a new study by the American Feed Manufacturer's Association (AFMA), Active Feed ranks in the top 400 American farms. The study found that Active Feed has been consistently ranked in the top 400 American farms for the past five years.

Active Feed CEO JOE MAJID, JR.

Although more information is needed, the ranking places Active Feed among the top 100 American farms. The study also found that Active Feed has consistently ranked in the top 100 American farms for the past five years.

Sheriff's substation moves to Pigeon

Citing a more centralized location, Sheriff's substation will move from downtown Marshall to the new substation in Pigeon. The move will help provide better service to the community and improve response times. The new substation is scheduled to open in late 2002.

Hforming: Building news Wayne Pelz, left, hands the keys of the new substation to Pigeon Mayor David Bello, right. The new substation is located in Pigeon, which will provide better service to the community and improve response times.

Reeves, Caseville Township

There's a rumor that a new subdivision is being planned in Pigeon. It's said to be in the works and could be ready in the next few months. If true, this would be a great addition to the community.

In District Competition at Cari

Laker Band makes a ratings sweep

The Laker Band swept the competition at the District Competition. The Band performed exceptionally well and received top ratings across the board. This is a great accomplishment for the Band and the entire school.

Correction

A special note: The article on the Laker Band was published in the wrong issue. It was supposed to be in the first issue of the paper. We apologize for the error. We are working on getting it right.

The Progress-Advance is a weekly newspaper in the Marshall area. We strive to provide accurate and timely news to our readers. Thank you for your support.
It's a good idea, but...

You won't be seeing those un恳ing faces at missing children's day the way you were when you came from some milk cartons in the newspaper when you were a child. Perhaps the trend will catch up with us in the near future as well.

H.P. Hoard Dairy has printed hundreds of missing children's day photographs. Missing children's day occurs for more than 20 years, in that time the amount of missing children has increased. There is a need for more educational materials and promotional space in the help of children's faces for other problems.

Messages from civic organizations, groups helping community families and other services will take place through these photos which never helped before in the way one cares and boasts each morning. To make a difference, you need more than one care.

XML format: 80% of all missing children get made to believe they are a family member known to the people involved. It seems that there are more people spreading the word next year. Happy youngsters to extremely worry their families because of being trapped indoors and missing.

Missing children's day pictures DORAS like a good idea, but using millions of milk cartons is such an inefficient Hoard Dairy fund.

We agree.

Imagine some good memories can be provided if those milk cartons are used to transport unusual information, expected to come months.

What will Huron do about high water levels?

Recent information shows that the Great Lakes are at the highest point ever recorded in Huron. The current level is 9.5 feet above the normal 1961 level. The level rise is due to heavy rainfall and melting snow in the basin.

RECOLLECTIONS or By Gone Days

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Thanks, Co-op patrons!

59 pints collected at Red Cross drive

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BY BRIAN SWARTZKORDER
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THE GREATNESS OF OUR FOUNDER came from THEIR FAITH

Throughout the annals of nearly every nation on earth, there seemed to be certain men, and in some cases, women, who were born in hard areas. They may have differed widely in appearance and philosophy of government, but the greatness of them, including our own founding fathers, had one important thing in common. They placed their reliance on faith, and made no secret of it. In fact, it was the very humble attitude which helped them earn their place in history. Whether on the eve of battle or on a momentous decision had to be made, they prayed for God’s guidance and worked hard to lead the nation in the right direction. We can best honor their memory by following their example; so let us attend our House of Worship and thank God for their wise leadership, which among other things gave us the right to choose it.

THIS AREA CHURCHES WELCOME YOU TO JOIN THEIR SERVICES

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cresskill, will host the Monthly Youth Choir Concert, "Teenagers," this Sun-
day, Feb. 21 at 8:30 p.m. A pasture dance will precede the concert, and the public is invited to attend.

You can read The Progress Advance and we appreciate it.

SIXTY SECONDS

What do you see?

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Remember and pray for the students and teachers who are lost.

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MINISTERS OF THE RUSSIAN MISSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with Father Konstantin Pavlov in attendance.

Pensions:

In order to close the estate, the Independent Co-
Pensions Professional Representatives will receive bids of 1:00 p.m. on, or before Tuesday, March 3, 1987, and will be opened on Thursday, March 5, 1987, at 1:00 p.m.

The Independent Co-Pension Professionals reserve the right to accept or reject any bid.

People who have received bids will be given the opportunity to notify the bids by bid opening. A ten (10) day notice will be given for any bid to be accepted. Abstract of Title or Title Insurance will be filed with the title insurance company to the estate. All legal and expenses are paid by the estate. The estate will be responsible for payment of taxes due and the estate will be responsible for payment of any fees charged by the title insurance company.

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Woods and Waters

By Douglas Hanson

Affloat

The day brightened and a heavy mist was rolling in from the west. A gale was blowing over the lake, but there was no rain. The air was cool and a strong wind was blowing. The sun was shining through the mist, and a rainbow was visible over the water. The wind was getting stronger, and the waves were getting larger. The water was dark blue and black, and the sky was gray and overcast. The wind was making it difficult to stand on the boat.

Thaddeus, a young man, was sitting in the stern of the boat, reading a book. He was wearing a long-sleeve shirt and jeans. He was looking over the edge of the boat, as if he was watching something. The wind was making it difficult for him to read. He put his book down and looked out over the water. The wind was getting stronger, and the waves were getting larger. The water was dark blue and black, and the sky was gray and overcast. The wind was making it difficult to stand on the boat.

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When I asked the man if he was going to read the book, he looked at me and said, "No, I can't read. I'm just looking out over the water." He looked out over the water, as if he was watching something. The wind was getting stronger, and the waves were getting larger. The water was dark blue and black, and the sky was gray and overcast. The wind was making it difficult to stand on the boat.

When my friend reached the crack, his worst suspicions were confirmed. There, stretching out in front of the gathering crowd of fishermen, was a sparkling band of open water about 25 yards wide.

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The East section fractional half (51.5%) of the Northeast fractional corner (NE/4) of Section 13-Township 15 North, Range 11 West, 11 1/2 miles South of Fairview, Michigan (Rural Route 1, Box 283, Grant Township, Union County, Michigan) and acre or more land described as follows: beginning on the northeast corner of the line of Section 13-Township 15 North, Range 11 West, 11 1/2 miles South of Fairview, Michigan, thence northeasterly along said line of Section 13-Township 15 North, Range 11 West, 11 1/2 miles South of Fairview, Michigan, to a point on the line of Section 15, Range 12 West; thence southeasterly along said line of Section 15-Township 15 North, Range 11 West, 11 1/2 miles South of Fairview, Michigan to a point on the line of Grant Township, Union County, Michigan.

Terms: 20% down, balance to be paid at closing.

Sealed bids will be opened at 3:00 PM, on Tuesday, November 8, 1994, at the Township Building, located at 115 N. Main St., Grant Township, Union County, Michigan, at which time and place bids will be opened and awarded.

The undersigned, as Acting Township Clerk, do hereby publish this Notice in accordance with the Michigan Statutes.

J. R. LARSEN

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J. L. MILLER

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Secretary

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