

Thone says transportation is major ag concern

By D.L. Horton

Gov. Charles Thone said Friday that as the newly appointed chairman of the National Governor's Association agriculture committee, he will make strong recommendations on agricultural exports.

"With this year's expected bin-buster crop, farmers need a vigorous export policy," he said.

One of every three bushels of current production is

exported, Thone said. It will be necessary to maintain this ratio to ensure good prices to Nebraska farmers, he said.

Thone, who was also appointed to the President's Export Council, said transportation is agriculture's number one problem because it affects the amount of grain exported. He said progress was made through the use of unit trains carrying grain to the West Coast for export.

He said he will designate a soil and water conservation task force headed by Gov. Robert Ray of Iowa to address those problems.

Thone said he will try to emphasize research and promotion of such projects as gasahol production that will directly benefit Nebraska producers. He added that encouraging changes in the use of some products, such as using corn fructose as a sweetner, will also benefit Nebraskans.

Thone said his committee's power is in its ability to present a consensus of opinion on agricultural problems to

the federal administration.

The National Governor's Association has only advisory powers but has been gaining more significance, according to Thone. He said that because both former President Carter and President Reagan are former governors, they are more sensitive to states' concerns.

The agriculture committee will closely watch the multi-billion dollar legislation to be considered by Congress in October or November, Thone said.

Although the bill will be the new "Farm Act," he said there will be no dramatic switch in federal farm policy. He said the bill will deal with broad areas such as production incentives and restrictions.

Thone said he expects an emphasis on the free-market approach to production in keeping with the Reagan administration's economic policy. He added that agriculture had been taking that approach before this administration.



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Permits are transferable

The Daily Nebraskan incorrectly reported that parking permits would be on sale last week. Permits will be sold today through Wednesday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The \$35 permits will be sold from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students must present their student ID or registration receipt and their vehicle registration. UNL faculty and staff must provide proof of employment in addition to their vehicle registration.

This year's permits will differ from those of past years. There will be a small identifying decal for the rear window, but the actual permit will hang from the rear-view mirror, allowing the use of the permit in more than one car. The buyer can register each car that might be used during the year, obtain extra decals free and transfer the permit from car to car.

LTS charge ups fare for shuttle rides

Traveling by shuttlebus between UNL's East and City campuses will cost five cents more this year due to a fare increase.

"We expected our costs would go up about \$4,000 this year due largely to the rate per hour charged by the city of Lincoln for providing the buses and bus drivers," said Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Armstrong said the inter-campus bus is operated by the Lincoln Transportation System, not the university. Therefore, he said a price increase presented to the university must be passed on to the riders.

One-way fare on the campus shuttlebus will be 20 cents this year. The city bus fare is 50 cents. As before, twenty shuttlebus tokens may be purchased for \$3 in the union, providing regular riders a discount rate one-third that of the regular city fare.

Ray Coffey, university business manager, who analyzes bus service costs and evaluates the service's quality, recommended the increase. He made the recommendation after comparing projected costs with the income from the previous 15-cent fares.

Armstrong said a 25 person load is common for the shuttlebus.