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## AGENCY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Thomas P. Salmon, Governor

FROM: Martin L. Johnson, Secretary 

SUBJECT: Implementation of Food Commission Recommendations

For purposes of discussing implementation I have rearranged the recommendations under four major headings as follows:

- (1) Planning and Education
- (2) Food Production
- (3) Food Storage
- (4) Food Marketing

Each of these recommendations is discussed in more detail below.

(1) Planning and Education:

Organization - Citizen Board and Department of Agriculture, State Planning Office, Agency of Development and Community Affairs, Agency of Environmental Conservation, Department of Education.

Recommendations: Include under this heading 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 12, 15, 17, 29, 30, 32, 34, 42, 49 and 50

(2) Food Production:

Organization - Citizen Board and Department of Agriculture, Agency of Environmental Conservation.

Recommendations - Include under this heading 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 25, 28, 38, 43, 44 and 51.

(3) Food Storage:

Organization - Citizen Board and Department of Agriculture,  
Agency of Development and Community Affairs.

Recommendations - Include under this heading 6, 7, 27, 37, 40  
and 41.

(4) Food Marketing:

Organization - Citizen Board and Department of Agriculture,  
Agency of Development and Community Affairs

Recommendations - Include under this heading 5, 8, 9, 11, 26,  
45, 46, 47 and 48.

I have omitted recommendations with respect to taxation because this problem transcends the food problem and tax reform must be approached through a different type of organization and for reasons that are not entirely associated with food. I have omitted unit pricing (31) because I understand there is already federal legislation requiring this information. I have omitted three recommendations having to do with food assistance programs (33, 35 and 36) since these recommendations have more to do with Human Services programs than with agricultural programs. I have omitted recommendation 39 with respect to the Extension Service programs since that recommendation appears to be more of an indictment than a suggestion.

I am impressed by the number of recommendations that can be initiated or fully implemented at no real cost to the State. Many can be initiated simply through the establishment of policies, the reordering of priorities and supporting directives from program managers.

I would suggest that as a first priority that the no-cost recommendations be implemented as soon as possible.

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