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CHARLESTON, IL--Payment-in-kind (PIK), the tobacco subsidy program, and "victims and beneficiaries" of U.S. food policies will be among topics of the eighth annual Illinois public policy conference at Eastern Illinois University.

Theme is "United States Agricultural Policies: Victims and Beneficiaries." The conference will be on Thursday and Friday, April 14-15 in the University Union. Sponsor is the Political Science Department.

The round-table PIK discussion is scheduled for Friday at 2 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon Room. Participants will include Bruce Daily and Bill Furry, Coles County farmers; Julian Thoman, County Executive Director of the Coles County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service; and Tom Stoutenborough, Extension Advisor in Agriculture, Coles County Extension Service.

Thursday's opening sessions will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Effingham Room (ethnic origins as an explanation for local ownership patterns), and in the Charleston-Mattoon Room on political action committees and agriculture.

Other morning topics will include Illinois rural county administrators and their sensitivity to the farming populations, and agriculture and foreign policy.

The first afternoon subject at 1 p.m. is the tobacco subsidy program. Other afternoon topics include impact of urbanization on the farmer, nutritive value and the cost of school lunch alternatives, and policy alternatives under conditions of crop shortages.

At 7:30 p.m. in the Effingham Room, Nicholas Demerast, a national

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board member of the American Agriculture Movement and a cattle farmer, will speak on "The Politics of Agriculture Policy-Making."

Friday's program opens at 9 a.m. and will include:

Workshop on structuring rural polls, Federal transportation policy and agriculture, the Missouri Model, political economy of food policies, agriculture in Amish communities, and the PIK round-table.

Registration is \$5 for the conference and may be done at the opening session. Dr. Larry Thorsen, Chairman of the Political Science Department, said interested persons are welcome to attend a session of their choice.