

Ag legislative action moves to state senate

BY CURT HARLER
HARRISBURG — When the state legislature reconvenes Monday September 15, the focus of farmer attention will be on the state senate.

At least five important agricultural measures are in the early stages of moving through the senate, most of which already have seen action in the house.

Top on the list is HB 1793, the ag district bill, which is in the senate agricultural and rural affairs committee.

HB 1793 would exempt ag districts of 500 or more acres from provisions of nuisance bill provisions.

While the bill has the strong support of most farmer groups, some observers see the bill's chances

for success in the brief fall senate session depending upon acceptance of the measure without changes by the entire senate.

Any changes requiring conference committee action might kill the bill before the present two-year legislative session expires on November 30, 1980.

HB 1608, currently in the senate appropriations committee, would exempt closely held farm corporations from estate tax provisions.

Like the other bills, this measure has strong support from the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association and other state farmer organizations.

HB 1794, Lancaster County Representative Noah

Wenger's right to farm bill, is in the senate ag committee.

This measure has a broad base of support from a variety of groups including the Pennsylvania Food Processors and the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation.

In addition to protecting farmers from nuisance ordinances passed by local governments against normal farming practices like spreading manure or using lime, it would protect food processors who produce and process 51 percent of a given commodity.

The Poultry Federation says chances for passage of HB 1794 look favorable in the upcoming session.

Inheritance taxes are the

target of HB 1176. That measure would amend the 1961 Inheritance tax act, and its main impact would be on farm sales after the death of the farm's owner.

Most important provision is a requirement to assess land on its value as a farm rather than on any potential speculative use for development as an industrial park or housing subdivision.

Still another tax-related measure is HB 311, currently in the senate finance committee.

HB 311 would allow installment payments of taxes on land sales to be spread out over the period of the sale of the land.

Basically the measure would allow a person transferring a farm to a second party to pay taxes on the income from the land as the money was received, rather than pay the entire tax burden at the time of the real estate transfer.

One bill, not directly related to agriculture but with an impact on farmers,

died over the summer recess.

That bill was HB 1, which would have limited spending by state and local government.

Passage of the measure was required by August 4, but the legislature had recessed July 8 so it was impossible to pass the bill in the time period required by the state constitution.

Thus died a measure which could have saved substantial sums of taxpayers' money.

Dum shows grand champion

BEAVER SPRINGS — Carole Elaine Dum, R1, Elliptsburg, showed the Grand Champion Holstein at the 34th annual Central District 4-H Dairy Show held at Beaver Springs. The district includes nine other Central Pennsylvania

counties which entered 95 animals into the Holstein Breed Show.

Carole is the official breeder and owner of Ben Lou Fury Ivan Luia, a 2-year-old, and received a special award as the owner and breeder as well as for

fitting and showmanship.

Animals which were awarded a blue ribbon for type qualified for the State 4-H Dairy Show to be held at the Farm Show Building, Monday, Sept. 22. Qualifying from Perry County were animals shown by Jennifer Kriebel, Irene Benner, Danny Albright, Carole Elaine Dum, Richard Kriebel, Darla Bratton, Nancy Ann Dum, Rodney Albright and Jeffery Holman.

Those receiving special fitting awards were Jennifer Kriebel, Irene Benner, Carole Elaine Dum, Darla Bratton, Nancy Ann Dum, and Jeffery Holman.

The following were cited for outstanding showmanship: Jennifer Kriebel, Kimberly Kriebel, Irene Benner, Danny Albright, Carole Elaine Dum, Rodney Albright.

Club leaders this year are Kenneth Benner, Millerstown; Hulda Dum, Landisburg; David Houser, New Bloomfield and Richard Kriebel of Millerstown.

Fair results

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SHOWMANSHIP

8-11

1. Sam Williams III.

12-14

1. Cheryl Miller; 2. Danielle Kell; 3. Michelle Mock; 4. Tina Campbell.

15 and over

1. Tony Williams; 2. Craig Williams.

FITTING

8-11

1. Sam Williams III.

12-14

1. Michelle Mock; 2. Cheryl Miller; 3. Tina Campbell; 4. Danielle Kell.

15 and over

1. Craig Williams; 2. Tony Williams.

BEEF

Lightweight

1. Dwayne Messick; 2. Doug Shope; 3. Josephine Popp; 4. Dale Fisher; 5. Brenda Fisher.

Mediumweight

1. Mike Messick, reserve champion; 2. Kurt Hess; 3. Keith Hess; 4. Kim Schildt; 5. Greg Taylor.

Heavyweight

1. Sally Messick, champion; 2. Rick Baker; 3. Cindy Baker; 4. Joe Messick; 5. Debbie Shope.

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

15 and up

Josephine Popp, champion.

12-14

Cindy Baker, champion showman.

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