

Dear editor:

In the August 9 issue of the Lancaster Farming there is an interesting editorial discussing the advisability of a national "Right to Farm"

law. Robert B. Delano, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation approves such a law which includes the right to own property for farm use, the

right to develop markets and have free access to them, the right to use technology etc.

The editorial rightly questions this proposal on the grounds that it will (like most laws) raise all kinds of questions but, in my opinion, misses the point at issue.

We have forgotten our heritage when we say we need legislative to guarantee the right to farm. All we have to do is to go back to the constitution which states that our right to "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness' is an unalienable right which comes from God. No one may take it away. The pitfall of enacting

legislation guaranteeing that right is this: these rights are already guaranteed by the constitution and our government, whose officials have already taken an oath to uphold the constitution. If the government grants any rights, they can also take them away.

If we acknowledge that the government is acting correctly in giving us the right to farm, for example, we have admitted that the

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government not God, is author of these rights.

The right to own and control property or to farm is already a natural right held by every citizen. We should beware of passing any laws which give that right to the government, for what the government gives us, they can also take away.

I am convinced that too few people read the constitution. When the newscasters stated that

drafting only men might be termed unconstitutional, I asked myself, on what ground?" The constitution does not mention women (nor does it mention the word democracy.) Read the constitution and guard agains surrendering any of your basic or unalienable rights to Washington! Eternal Vigilance is the price of liberty.

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## Roth re-elected director of Animal Breeders Assn.

LANCASTER - Harry Roth, operations manager for Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, Lancaster, was re-elected to a three-year term as director of the National Association of Animals Breeders at their annual meeting held in Dearborn, Michigan.

A member of the Atlantic staff for 16 years, Roth is in charge of all production, processing of semen and sire selection.

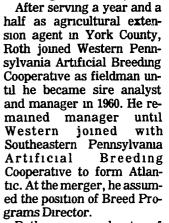
Since 1970 Roth has been a member of the NAAB Dairy Sire Evaluation Genetic Improvement Committee and is currently active as a member of the NAAB Research Committee on Genetic Abnormalities. He serves as chairman of the NAAB Ad Hoc Committee on Embryo Transfer investigations. He is a member of



Atlantic's research committee.

Active in dairying in Pennsylvania, Roth was honored in 1979 when the Penn State Dairy Exposition was dedicated to him. He is a director of the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show, and chairman of the Pennsylvania Invitational Judging Contest.

A Pennsylvania native, Roth grew up on a dairy farm and had 10 years experience in 4-H work. He's a 1954 graduate of Penn State University where he was a member of the Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Team, president of the Dairy Science Club, member of the Ag Student Council, chairman of the Dairy Exposition and a member of Delta Theta Sigma fraternity.



Roth is vice-moderator of Grace Brethren Church and a member of the Deacon Board. He and his wife Ruth have three daughters.



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