

## Legislative roundup

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time are HB 1793 and HB 1794, the right to farm and land use bills. Both have strong PFA support.

The passage of HB 1608 will, in addition to saving existing farm corporations money, open the door to formation of more family farm corporations.

Although there was a move to add some modifications into the bill, including one to help small businessmen, no amendments were offered on the Senate floor.

The bill, when signed by the Governor, will become effective January 1981, so

farmers can start to benefit with the beginning of the new calendar year.

For a family farm with a gross worth of \$500,000 the elimination of the one percent capital stock tax will mean a tax savings of \$5000 per year.

The new law also will make it more inviting for operations not now incorporated to go the corporate farm route.

A farm corporation can be much easier for a farmer to pass to the next generation than most other methods.

This help in estate planning may also have the effect of saving some far-

mland since heirs, who can accumulate stock over the years, will not be forced to sell off parcels of land to meet sudden burdens of inheritance tax payments.

There are some stipulations an operation must meet to qualify for the tax break.

First, 75 percent of the stock must be family held.

Also, the farm operation must derive at least 75 percent of its income from production agriculture. This eliminates mills or farm supply operations which happen to have a farm.

The new law will not include operations like horse farms which are in the business of producing racing or show stock.

But, Wenger points out, this will not affect most dairymen who show cattle since they get less than 25 percent of their income from showing cattle.

Pennsylvania remains one of the few states with a capital stock tax. But lawmakers have returned home for the election recess knowing they have saved

## Berks Co. Farmers' Assn. meets



Karen Sattazan, Berks County Dairy Princess, stands with Jack Kodker, President and Jeffrey Miller, Membership Committee Chairman at the Berks Farmers Association banquet. See page B9.

## NEDCO-AMPI

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any proposals before its board.

Both a joint venture and the possibility of a complete joining of organizations are being checked.

If a total joining of forces is the most workable option, that may happen, Anderson said, adding that if a joint venture were the most workable option that could happen, too.

Any deal by NEDCO would have to be placed before the delegate body of 250 representatives of the member co-ops and voted on by the directors. It would not require voting by individual members of each member co-op, but members probably would vote to tell their representatives what to say.

Neither NEDCO nor AMPI had any comment to make on the number of mid-western alliances being formed by northeastern co-ops. Eastern is trying to conclude a cheese deal with Leprino of Colorado and Dairyland and Mid-Am Co-op are expanding involvement in a mutual cheddar operation.

Anderson, admitting the northeast is a confused dairy market, said AMPI works in

some active markets already so the competition was nothing new to them.

"Our effort is not to see how big we can get nor how many markets we can get into. We are looking at dairy farmers in the East and the mid-West. This probably is why NEDCO approached us," he said.

NEDCO said it has a lot of respect for AMPI but will make no move at all before it completes a careful analysis of the future.

AMPI has been touchy on the subject of expansions since a talk made by its general manager in which he made reference to further expansion of what already is the nation's largest dairy co-op.

AMPI was quick to point out it is not trying to jump from coast to coast nor to take over in the northeast. AMPI said it is simply trying to continue logical and economic growth.

While it could be interesting to know just who winked at the other first, the fact remains that a spark has been kindled.

Whether it continues to burn depends on what can be worked out between NEDCO and AMPI representatives.

## Sludge forum set

HERSHEY — Interested in applying sewage sludge to cropland?

On October 22, the latest techniques in application of sludge to agricultural land will be demonstrated at a forum here at Camp Milton, beginning at 9 a.m.

Sponsored by the Dauphin County Conservation District, the Pennsylvania State Cooperative Extension Service and Capitol Equipment, the forum will feature various speakers and a demonstration of a sludge applicator designed to inject semi-solid and dry sludge, papermill waste, packing house refuse and other materials.

"In the era of waste management, this technique provides a most useable

solution for landowners and townships while providing various nutrients to the soil horizon," commented Paul Swartz, Executive Assistant for the District.

Deadline for registration is October 10. For more information, contact the Dauphin County Conservation District at 717/652-7048.

Lawmakers will return after the election for a two to three week lame duck session.—CH

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