

## Here's who represents you in the state legislature

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania legislature convened this week to begin another session of lawmaking

Most important to farmers are those lawmakers who sit

on the Senate and House agriculture committees

Who represents your area on the ag committees? Who should you write to with complaints or praise?

Senate committee members can be reached by

writing Hon. John Doe, Senate Post Office, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg PA 17120

House members can be contacted by writing Hon. John Doe, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania House of

Representatives, Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg PA, 17120

Here's who provides the agricultural leadership in the 165th state general assembly

In the Senate Edward Helfrick, a republican from the 27th district, was named committee chairman. He represents the area around Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Union, and Juniata counties

Ralph Hess, Lancaster and York County republican is vice chairman

Patrick Stapleton, the democrat representing the Indiana, Clarion and Indiana County area, who was majority chairman last session, now is minority chairman

Other members include Tim Shaffer, republican from Butler and Lawrence Counties, James Rhoades, republican from Carbon, Schuylkill counties, William Moore, republican from Adams, Franklin, Fulton, Perry, and Cumberland area, J Doyle Corman, republican representing much of Centre, Clearfield, Cambria and neighboring counties, Henry Messinger, democrat from Lehigh County; Michael O'Pake, democrat from Berks County, and James E Ross, representing Beaver and Washington Counties.

The House was somewhat shaken by former ag committee chairman Reno Thomas's failure to be re-elected

He is replaced by Roy Wilt, a Mercer County farmer, and a republican serving his seventh term in the legislature.

Lancaster County Republican Noah Wenger

again will serve as vice chairman.

Kenneth Cole, Adams and York County democrat, will be the minority chairman; David Wright, Armstrong, Clarion, Jefferson, Venango counties, will be minority vice chairman

Others on the house ag committee will be. Harry Bowser, Erie and Warren Republican, Harold Brown, Berks Democrat, Tom Callagrine, Berks Democrat, Harry Bowser, Erie Republican, Walt DeVerter, Centre County Republican, Carville Foster, York Republican

Also serving on the House Ag Committee are William W Foster, Wayne, Pike and Monroe Republican, Joe Grieco, Lycoming, Northumberland Republican, and Ed Haluska, Cambria Democrat

Also named were June Honaman, Lancaster Republican, Edwin Johnson, Blair Republican, William Klingaman, Lehigh, Schuylkill Republican, William Lloyd, Somerset Democrat, Roger Madigan, Bradford Republican

In addition, Merle Phillips, Montour, Northampton Republican, Joseph Pitts, Chester Republican, Steve Seventy, Allegheny Democrat, John Showers, Snyder and Union Democrat; Ted Stuban, Columbia, Montour Democrat, and Paul Wass, Indiana Republican, were named to the House ag committee

## Chester Farmers' Assn. holds member drive

DOWNINGTOWN — The Chester County Farmers Association held a kickoff rally for leaders of the 1981 membership team at Perkins Restaurant

Tom Wilkinson, of Lancaster, chairman of the committee, told his members that 874 paid-up members represented a gain in membership over 1980

The committee plans a whirlwind campaign to complete the membership campaign by Feb 4. It was estimated that there are nearly five hundred farmers in Chester County who are potential members of the Association

Farmers Association is member controlled with

County Association members also being members of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association and the American Farm Bureau," according to Gene McDowell.

McDowell further explained that the Farmers Association is a "general farm organization. Every crop and every livestock

operation is represented." The Farmers' Association works with the mushroom industry, the dairy industry, the cash crop industry and poultry industry."

Wilkinson pointed out that the Farmers' Association has provided many benefits for farmers. He listed an Agricultural Review Board to stop the condemnation of prime farmland, a farmer representative on the Governor's Tax Commission secured sales tax exemption for farmers on production items such as feed, fertilizer, and machinery, Ag employers division, farm management and also legal services

Members of Wilkinson's committee are Richard Steele, Pocopson, Arthur Yocum, Elverson, Janet Robinson, Oxford, Elmer Mast, Parkesburg, Richard Breckbill, Oxford; Ellis Brown, Downingtown, Tom Merroth, Downingtown; Barclay Hoopes, Landenberg, Francis Downs, Avondale; Mike Mower, Bill McAllister and Leroy Kolb of Spring City; Albert Bartels of West Grove, and Lewis Wilkinson, Landenberg

## Extension to offer dairymen's seminar

OWEGO, NY — A Dairyman's Seminar featuring 20 renowned professors from the agriculture school of Cornell, Penn State University, Georgia State, and Michigan State Universities, will be held February 24, 25 and 26th at the Owego Treadway Inn, Owego, New York

The seminar is sponsored by both the Extension Departments of New York and Pennsylvania

The theme, "Managing the Dairy Farm in the 80's" will be addressed first by the keynote speaker, Dr. David Call, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Science at Cornell, on Tuesday afternoon, February 24th at 1:10 p.m.

He will be followed by speakers, Sam Dum and Fred Hughes, both professors in Farm Management at Pennsylvania State University

On Tuesday evening Robert Milligan, Professor of Agriculture Economics at Cornell, will address the topic "Is there a Computer in your Future?" Computer Program demonstrations dealing with nutrition, dairy records, and business decisions will be conducted by professors Lyle Wadell and Wayne Knoblauch of Cornell, and Richard Adams from Penn State

On Wednesday morning, February 25th, Mike Connor, professor of Dairy

Science from Penn State will begin with "Tools for Reproductive Management in the 80's"

Roger Natzke of Cornell will follow with "Milking Systems of the Future" Larry Hutchinson, DVM from Penn State and John Shenk will conclude with "Management of Udder Health" and "Forage Testing with Infra-Red", respectively

The Wednesday afternoon program deals with "Managing Herd Replacements for Profit" Jeff Davidson, DVM from Cornell, W W Irish and Larry E Chase, and Richard S Adams from Penn State will take their turns speaking throughout the afternoon

The seminar will end after the Thursday morning

seminar about "Optimum Utilization of Farm Resources to Feed the Dairy Cow"

David Mertens, from the University of Georgia, John Specker, from Michigan State, and Bob Milligan from Cornell will each speak

Reservations for the seminar must be made by February 14 by contacting Richard Eschler, Cooperative Extension, 56 Main St Owego, New York 13827. Further information may also be acquired by calling the Cooperative Extension office at Towanda, Penna. 717-265-2896

Lodging may be reserved at the Owego Treadway Inn, exit 65, west of Binghamton, New York. The seminar is limited to the first one hundred applicants -JB

## Pa. potato stocks off

HARRISBURG — Total stocks of potatoes stored in Pennsylvania on January 1, 1981, were 2,500,000 cwt, 24 percent less than a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service


Current total stocks are 60 percent of this year's production of 4,180,000 cwt. compared with 55 percent on hand a year ago

An estimated 144 million cwt of potatoes for all uses were in storage in the fall producing states on January 1, 1981. This is 18 percent less

than what was on hand at the same time last year and a 26 percent decline from January 1, 1979.

Disappearance of the 1980 fall crop to January 1, 1981 was 10 million cwt, one percent above the same period a year ago. This total disappearance to date includes 16.1 million cwt. of potatoes that were dumped during grading, fed to livestock on potato farms, discarded without grading and loss due to shrinkage (moisture loss)

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