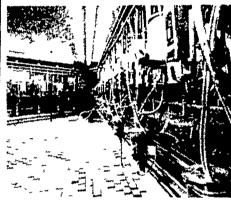
Bradford meets reps



Bradford County Extension members who met with state legislators at a banquet in Harrisburg as part of the fourth annual State Capital Day included, from left, Jeff Hale, Wysox: Roger Madigan, State Representative 110th District: Frank O'Connell, Senator 20th Senatorial District; and Gary Green, President of the Bradford County Extecutive Committee

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Farm labor force slumps 18%

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania's farm labor force was estimated at 87,000 workers during the week of January 11 to 17. This is 18 percent below last January's 106,000 farm workers, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting

Farm operators and unpaid family members throughout the commonwealth numbered 69,000, while hired workers totaled 18,000 during January This represents a 22 percent decrease in hired workers from last January and a 13 percent decrease in the family sector

The average work week for

during the survey period was 44.6 hours Other unpaid family workers averaged 40.6 hours and hired workers averaged 39 8 hours National averages are 313 hours for farm operators and other family members, and 35.8 hours for hired workers

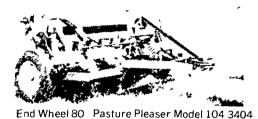
Family workers include family members who work 15 hours or more without receiving cash wages Hired workers include all persons working one hour or more for cash wages during the survey

Farm wage rates, for all methods of pay, converted to an

Pennsylvania farm operators hourly rate, averaged \$3.73 in Pennsylvania, up from \$3.45 at the same time last year The national average, \$4.12, was up 43 cents from 1980 Commonwealth field workers averaged \$3 64, compared with \$3.62 last year at this time Livestock workers took home an average of \$3.14 per hour, compared with \$2 80 last year

Nationally, the total number of workers on farms January 11-17 was 2,989,500, a decline of 32,000 from last January Family workers and operators totaled 2,068,900, a decline of 43,000 The number of hired workers rose 11,000 to 920,600 from last January

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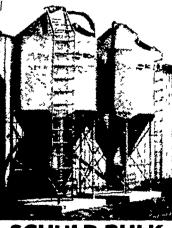
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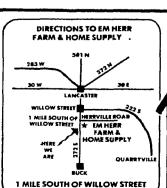


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