

Dairy situation dominates Berks Farmers Assn.

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LEESPORT — The Berks County Farmers Association held its 33rd Annual Meeting Sept. 28 and approved proposed policy changes for 1983. All resolutions approved at this meeting will be presented at the state meeting for further consideration.

Presented to the membership at the meeting by Vice President Wilbur Lutz and explained and defined by President John Koch with the help of the committee chairmen, the following resolutions were approved.

1. We recommend that Act 195 (School teachers tenure) should be reviewed and overhauled.

2. We recommend a full deposit system for the bottle container bill.

3. We recommend that a slurry pipeline not be built. (too costly, pollution problems, land destruction, and wasted water) Although President Koch stated that this was already defeated, by the railroads, farmers wanted to go on the record as against it.

4. We recommend that we return to the old meat grading system.

5. We recommend that a corporation loss in beef, poultry, or feed not be used as a tax write-off.

6. We recommend Support Bill 1449 (price supports) on dairy and should have an alternate verbal agreement between state voting delegates.

7. We recommend the implementation of the Wisconsin Trusteeship method to supplement the milk security fund program.



The 1984 directors of the Berks County Farmers Association include, from the left, Earl Hafer, Wilson Rohrbach, Harry Shaak, Gertrude Moore, John Koch, Wilbur Lutz and Ralph Sanner.

(When the dealer's liability goes down to a certain point, goes into trusteeship and the farmer gets paid first.)

8. We recommend to initiate a

national emergency feed grain program for drought stricken areas.

9. We recommend in any future milk referendums provisions be

made for brand advertising with matching funds by dairy or co-ops, and this is to be used for advertising only dairy products.

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At Berks Farmers Association annual meeting, Don Mismar, right, presents certificate for outstanding membership to John Koch, president.



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