

State program will help farmers bear reassessment

LANCASTER — By joining the state Clean and Green program Lancaster County farmers will be able to avoid paying higher taxes caused by tax reassessment, county commissioners told farmers this week at the Farm and Home Center.

However, farmers attending the meeting were skeptical of the value of the program. They said

that tax reform is necessary to balance the tax burden, and said that increasing municipal and school taxes could put them out of business.

Reassessment will not solve the problem, James Hess, Quarryville R2, said. "It's not going to equalize the tax burden...Farmers are paying a disproportionately larger share of school taxes than the

average homeowner," he said.

Commissioner James Boyer told farmers a study showed that taxes would increase or decrease slightly under the Clean and Green program after assessment.

He said that because farmland has appreciated faster in some areas than in others, farmers will be paying higher taxes unless they get some relief.

"I'd rather not reassess than let that happen," he said.

Under the Clean and Green program farmers are given reduced assessments for farmland if they agree to keep their property as farmland, forest land or open space.

The assessment would be based on the use of the land and will help farmers resist the pressure to develop the land.

To qualify under the farmland section, the tract would have to be at least 10 acres of, if less, produce at least \$2,000 of a commodity.

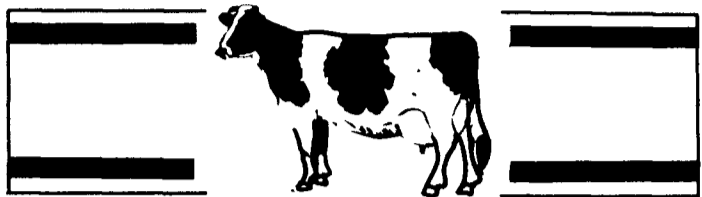
The land must be at least 10 acres, be open to the public for outdoor recreation at no charge and not be used commercially in order to qualify as an agricultural reserve.

To be a forest reserve, the land must be at least 10 acres, be stocked with trees and produce "25 cubic feet per acre of annual growth."

Farmers must enroll all the farmland in a tract and if a farmer owns two adjacent farms, he must enroll both in the program. To get the lower assessment for next year, a farmer must enroll by July 1.

The commissioners are considering the two tax measures: reassessment and increasing the tax assessment ratio, which is the percentage of a property's value subject to tax.

Homeowners would probably bear the burden of the reassessment since industrial properties have not increased in value as much as residential tracts, Boyer said, and farmers would join the Clean and Green program.



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The banquet, planned for April as the climax of DPI's annual fund drive, is usually attended by about 2,500 people coming from many areas of the country, including some of the AI quarantine zones.

Also canceled is the 1984 Delmarva Chicken Festival, previously set for June in Salisbury, Md.

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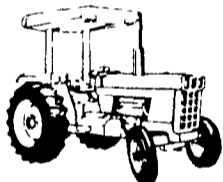
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