

# PFU rates congress members

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Farmers Union mid-term Congressional ratings show that 32 House of Representative members received a 100 percent rating. This includes three representatives from Pennsylvania with a perfect rating for agriculture. However on the Senate side, the National Farmers Union rated no senator higher than 92 percent.

Pennsylvania Congressmen with perfect ratings are Rep. Bob Edgar, Rep. Joe Kolter and Rep. Frank Harrison, all Democrats.

These voting records are mandated by NFU policy statement, which declares that "members of the Farmers Union have a right to know the voting records of their members of Congress on issues on which the organization has clearly indicated a position." NFU issued the first of its voting records in 1919 and has done so year-by-year continuously since 1948.

In releasing the voting records for 1983, the first session of the 98th Congress, NFU Legislative Director Robert J. Mullins said, "two major issues will dominate the second session," the fiscal 1985 budget and efforts to reduce the federal deficit, both of which will impact on the ability of the agricultural sector to begin an economic recovery."

M. James Brown, President of the Pennsylvania Farmers Union,

said, "we in agriculture should continue to monitor the Pennsylvania delegation to Congress and work to help re-elect those members which have been supportive of Pennsylvania family agriculture." Brown also pointed out that agriculture is Pennsylvania's leading industry and deserves our Congressional support.

The Pennsylvania Congressional delegation received the following ratings: U.S. House of Representatives: Rep. Thomas M. Foghetta, (D) 83 percent; Rep. William H. Gray III, (D) 83 percent; Rep. Robert A. Borski, (D) 83 percent; Rep. Joe Kolter, (D) 100 percent; Rep. Richard Schulze, (R) 33 percent; Rep. Gus Yatron, (D) 83 percent; Rep. Bob Edgar, (D) 100 percent; Rep. Peter Kostmayer, (D) 83 percent; Rep. Bud Shuster, (R) 25 percent; Rep. Joe McDade, (R) 75 percent; Rep. Frank Harrison, (D) 100 percent; Rep. John Murtha, (D) 83 percent; Rep. Robert Walker, (R) 25 percent; Rep. George Gekas, (R) 33 percent; Rep. Doug Walgren, (D) 66 percent; Rep. William Goodling, (R) 33 percent; Rep. Joseph Gaydos, (D) 91 percent; Rep. Thomas Ridge, (R) 75 percent; Rep. Austin Murphy, (D) 91 percent; Rep. William F. Clinger, Jr., (R) 50 percent.

U.S. Senate: Sen. John Heinz, (R) 58 percent and Sen. Arlen Specter, (R) 75 percent.

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very heart of the soils riches. They are carrying the other elements that have been supplied at great cost, and are electrically attached to them. The sand and gravel will more likely remain in place and give the appearance of soil that is not lost, but they are more or less sterile and devoid of plant food elements.

I haven't mentioned that some of the essential plant elements like Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Sulfur are not Cations. They are usually combined with Oxygen into an anionic form such as NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, PO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, or SO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>. They can combine and

attach to the other cations which already exist in the soil, or are supplied in lime and fertilizer. Their individual chemical properties make them compatible with the other soil elements, and also make them available to the crop.

### Protect it

Plant roots also have a negative anionic charge, making them attractive to the positive charges of the compounds containing the essential plant elements. Even the anionic Nitrogen may first be changed to a Positive charge by becoming elemental Nitrogen, N<sup>+</sup>. And Phosphorus can unite with a host of other elements

before becoming available to the plant. Phosphorus is rarely taken into a plant as the element P. It is nearly always combined in some other compound.

Thus chemistry lesson is much oversimplified and understated. It is only intended to awaken your awareness of the wondrous nature of the soil we tread on every day. Nothing has been said of the nature of the living organisms that inhabit the soil, nor of the multitude of factors that make it a living, productive and beautiful thing. Love it, cherish and protect it, and glory in the finite use of it. Above all, don't desecrate it by neglect or misuse.

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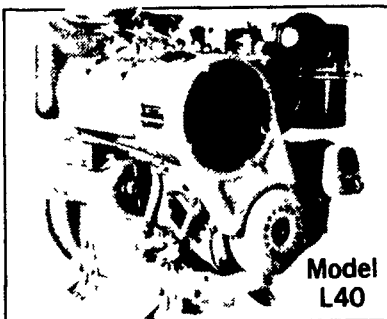
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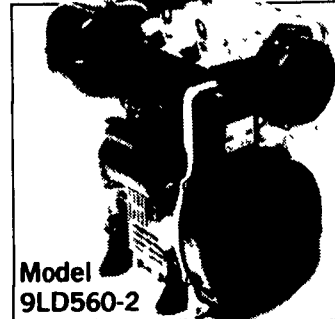


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