

PFA recommends new stands on dairy issues, taxes

HERSHEY - The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) has recommended new positions on dairy and federal tax reform issues.

At their recent annual meeting, PFA delegates voted to recommend that their national affiliate, the American Farm Bureau Federation, change their dairy policy to support whole-herd buyout and dairy diversion programs funded by producer assessments if government surplus dairy purchases remain high. American Farm Bureau had adopted policy at their last annual meeting opposing any further dairy assessment programs.

PFA delegates also recommended that Farm Bureau national policy be changed to

oppose provisions of President Reagan's tax reform plan which would eliminate: investment tax credit; ACRS accelerated depreciation; capital gains treatment on sale of business assets; and immediate deductions for pre-production expenses. That policy, like the dairy recommendation, will be taken to American Farm Bureau's annual convention, Jan. 12-16 at Atlanta, Ga.

In other action, delegates adopted policy calling for:

- the establishment of a state Animal Health Commission to coordinate animal health, research, diagnostic and indemnity programs for agriculture;
- the right to a local vote on the installation of private jails in a municipality;

- final authority for enforcement, licensing, regulation, and control of pesticides and herbicides to rest with the state agriculture department;

- support of any action by Congress to reserve the Farm Credit System;

- PFA to take an active role in the planning of high-speed rail systems.

- and, mandatory seat belt use.

In other business, Voting Delegates re-elected dairyman D. Eugene Gayman of Chambersburg, Franklin County to his fifth consecutive term as PFA vice president. Delegates also re-elected five directors and elected three new directors to serve two-year terms on PFA's State Board of Directors.

Delegates re-elected David Jayne of R. D. #1, Laceyville, representing Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming and Lackawanna counties; Roy Christman of R. D. #1, Hamburg, representing Berks, Montgomery, Chester, and Delaware counties; Charles Benner of R. D. #4, Middleburg, representing Snyder, Northumberland, Union, and Montour counties; Guy Donaldson of Gettysburg, representing Adams, Franklin, Cumberland, and Fulton counties; Mrs. Martha Rhoades of R. D. #1, Emlenton, representing Jefferson, Clarion, and Armstrong counties.

Newly elected to the State Board of Directors are: Karl Kroeck of Knoxville, Tioga County, representing Bradford, Sullivan,

Potter, Tioga and McKean counties; Paul Yoder of Salisbury, Somerset County, representing Blair, Somerset, and Bedford counties; and Donald Unangst of Fredonia, Mercer County, representing Butler, Lawrence, Beaver and Mercer counties.

In other business, PACMA, the marketing cooperative of PFA, returned one board member and elected two new members to three-year terms. Earl Newcomer of R. D. #1, Washington Boro, Lancaster County, was re-elected to represent PACMA members in central and northcentral Pennsylvania. R. Stewart Ramm of Lock Haven, Clinton County, elected to represent vegetable growers and John Guthrie of Apollo, Armstrong County was elected to represent cattlemen.

Inter-State picks

new director

SOUTHAMPTON, PA. - Adams County dairyman Samuel K. Stoner was named a director of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, according to President Robert B. McSparran.

Stoner, East Berlin, Pa., was selected by Inter-State's District 24 members to replace Director Roy A. Weaner Jr. Weaner is retiring from the board following 20 years of service.

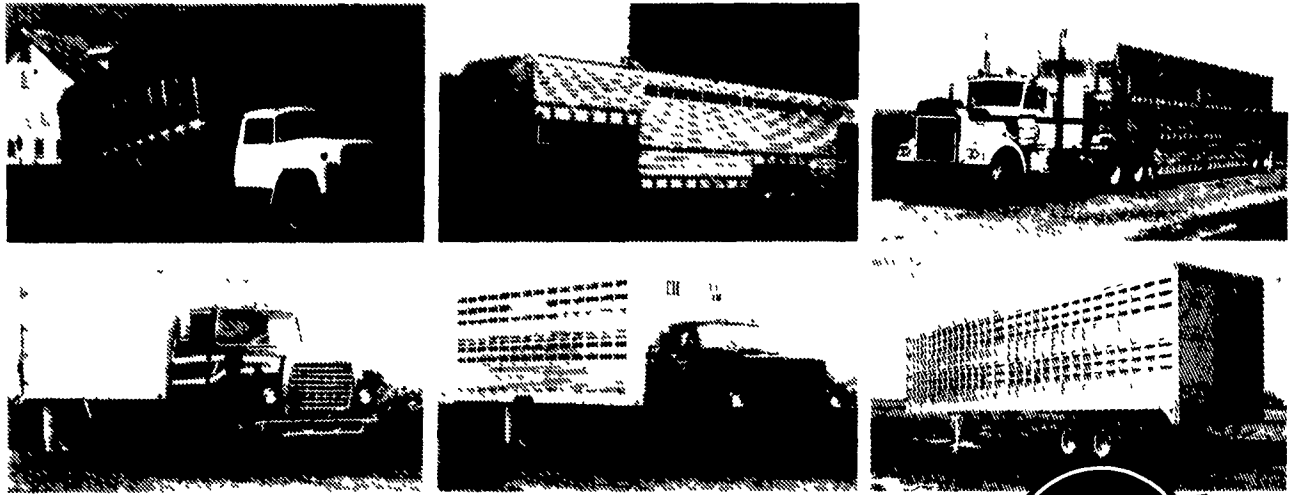
Stoner, 45, farms in partnership with his brother, Gerald. Inter-State members since May 1974, the brothers milk 70 Holsteins and farm 150-owned and 150-rented acres of land.

A graduate of both Messiah College and Bucknell University, Stoner is currently president of District 24. He has also served as an Inter-State delegate, local president and is a member of the Resolutions Committee. He is a member of the Reading Township Planning Commission, the local Young Farmers, the Adams County Farmers' Association and is a deacon at Morning Hour Brethren in Christ Church.

As a new director, Stoner said he believes strongly in working for the financial stability of the cooperative. It is important, he said, to "keep the financial picture looking good."

Stoner and his wife, Elizabeth, are the parents of three sons, Larry, Allen and Nathan.

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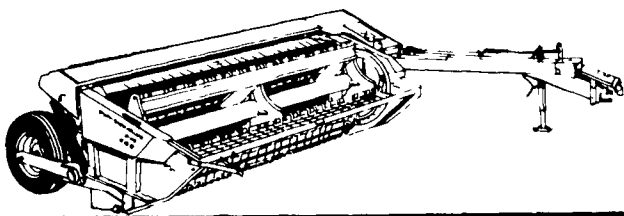
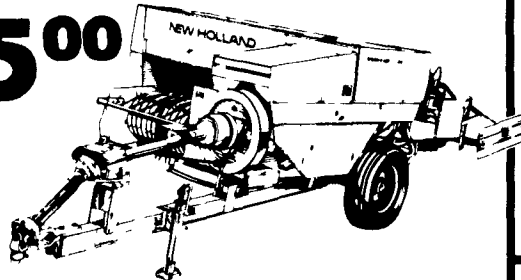
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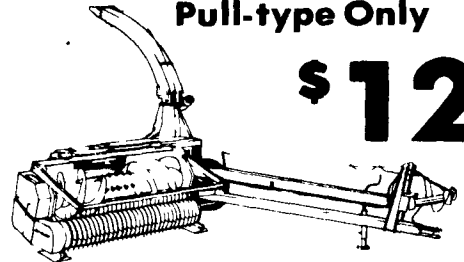
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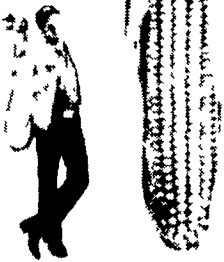
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