Morris attends conference on ag credit

HARRISBURG - Rep. Samuel W. Morris, D-Pottstown, attended a special meeting of the Agriculture and Food Policy Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Credit availability and agriculture exports were the primary topics of discussion at the Washington, D.C., meeting.

'Various federal administrators sought to assure us that there would be enough credit available to all 'credit worthy' farmers for

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spring planting," Morris said. "But whether there will really be enough - and just what is meant by 'credit worthy' - remains to be seen. Fortunately, however, the situation in Pennsylvania is not as critical as in the West."

"My previous understanding of the export situation was con-firmed," he continued. "Most of our trading partners have erected various kinds of import barriers in the way of foreign farm products, and even if the barriers were not in

effect, foreign competitors are currently beating us on price and quality in most commodities.'

Speakers on the credit issue included Frank Naylor, a U.S. undersecretary of agriculture who was recently nominated by President Reagan to be chairman of the Farm Credit Administration's new board; Vance Clark, administrator of the Farmers Home Administration; John Downey, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Dave Meadows, Federal Deposit Insurance Cor-

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poration, and Bill Mattea, legislative assistant to U.S. Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Illinois.

The export issue was discussed by Thomas Kay, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agriculture Service; John Baize, president of American Soybean the Association; Adrian Hunnings, executive director of Cotton Council International and Leonard Condon, U.S. trade representative. Morris said he and other members of the Agriculture and

Food Policy Committee also participated in a roundtable discussion on state agriculture and food policy initiatives. He said the meeting was attended by state representatives and senators from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, South Dakota, Kansas, Florida, Ohio, Michigan and Tennessee.

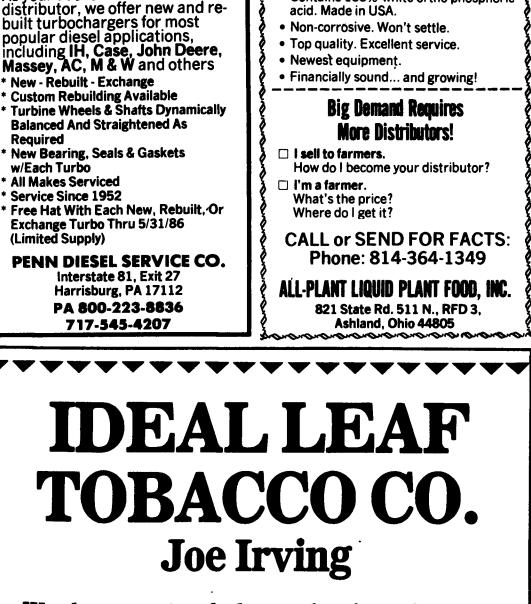
Morris said the committee chairman met with Richard Lyng, the new U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, to seek answers to three questions: What is our fair share of the world agriculture market? How can we get our fair share? What will it cost us?

Lyng agreed to supply answers to those questions as soon as possible, Morris said.

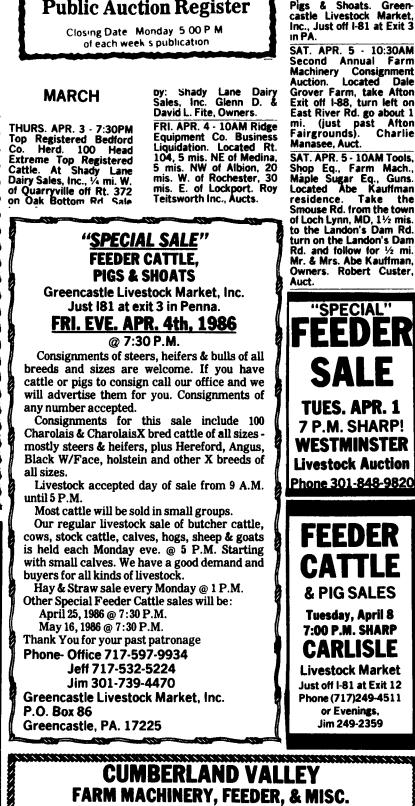
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