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PA farmers give 'grass roots' advice to legislators



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CAMP HILL — Farmers had their day in Harrisburg this week as 400 members of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association met at the Penn Harris Inn in Camp Hill to review the association's position on pending legislation. After the briefing the group moved in mass into the halls of the state capital to carry their position to senators and representatives. PFA President Keith Eckel of Lackawanna County said, "We took this opportunity to express our grass roots concerns directly to the state legislatures." These local farm leaders conveyed suggestions on how best to handle problems such as road side litter, animal health, farm land preservation, farm commodity promotion, and quarterly tax returns.

On quarterly tax returns the farmers want the wording of the state laws to match federal laws. In addition, in 1980 legislation was passed that would exempt family farm corporations from paying an annual capital tax franchise of 1% on the gross assets. The intent of the act was to cover all aspects of family farming. However the department of revenue chose to interpret the 1980 act as excluding

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At the PFA Legislative Conference, this group of farmers discussed ideas with Senator Edward Helfrick in Harrisburg this week. Helfrick is the chairman of the Senate Agricultural & Rural Affairs Committee. In the photo (L to R standing): Steve Kieffer, North'd; Marvin Snyder, North'd; Paul

Laidacker, Montour; Ralph Stahlnecker, Union; Richard Woodoff, Montour; Robert F. Pardoe, Jr., North'd; C. Herbert Zeager, Montour; and Senator Helfrick. Seated: David Dietrich, Union; Robert Weaver, Snyder; Betty Weaver, Snyder; Dave Moser, North'd; Marie Snook, Union and Donald Spangler, Union.



Winners of county FFA activities this week are Robert Herr, Jr., Eastern Lancaster County, Land Judging and Doyle Reiter, Pequea Valley, Agronomy.

FFA Contest Winners

The Lancaster County FFA Land Judging and Agronomy contests were held Thursday at the farm of David Zimmerman located northwest of Ephrata and the Ephrata Area High School Vo-Ag Department respectively.

In Agronomy Doyle Reiter from the Pequea Valley Chapter won first place with a score of 75 out of a possible 90 points. Doyle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reiter, Narvon R2.

The Land Judging Contest was won by Robert Herr, Jr., from the Eastern Lancaster County Chapter with a score of 330 points out of a

possible 400. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herr, New Holland R2.

Here are the placings of the Agronomy Contest: 1. Reiter; 2. Dave Cassel, Manheim Central; 3. Jeff Wagner, Manheim Central; 4. Earl Snyder, Manheim Central; 5. John Summy, Manheim Central; 6. Molly Wise, Eastern Lancaster Co.; 7. Dwayne Martin, Eastern Lancaster Co.; 8. Dan Landis, Manheim Central.

Placings in the Land Judging Contest are as follows: 1. Herr; 2.

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Daylight Saving Starts Tonight

Many farmers don't think daylight saving time saves much daylight. Nevertheless tonight is the time to move your clocks ahead one hour to keep up with your city friends. The cows will not quite know what's happening when you get them into the milking parlor an hour early but they'll soon adjust. Of course, you'll gain the hour of sleep back next fall.

New branding rules set

HARRISBURG — A temporary restraining order which had been issued suspending the hot branding of animals in the buyout program was lifted this week and new branding regulations released.

The new branding regulations permit a choice between hot and freeze branding.

All animals on a farm participating in the buyout, regardless of the time period in which they are being dispersed, must now be branded by May 6, 1986.

The brand must still be three inches wide and placed on the right jaw. Any animal under 30 days is

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A light dusting of snow surprised bleary-eyed Lancaster Countians Wednesday morning. Others in the state awoke to several inches, with 18 inches reported in Greentown.

Fruit crops survive snowfall

LANCASTER — A surprise snowfall and temperatures more in line with winter than spring greeted many Pennsylvanians Wednesday morning. But despite winter-like conditions, fruit trees in two of the state's top fruit

producing counties escaped unharmed.

"I think we were spared because the temperature didn't drop to the level that would do damage,"

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