



Maryland 4-H Dairy Judging Team

Members of Maryland's national champion 4-H dairy cattle judging team had a workout at the University of Maryland's agronomy dairy research farm near Clarksville less than a week prior to leaving for international youth competition in Scotland. Holding the cow's halter at left is C. Lester Dudrow of Lime Kiln, assistant coach and team chaperone. Dr. J. Lee Majeskie, team coach, is at the other end of the cow. Team members, from left, are: Kristine M. Eckard, Nancy R. Powel, William F. (Freddie) Schrader, Jr., and William L. Swift, III.

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even working against each other. Do you have any proposals on how we handle the marketing on one hand and the production on the other?

A. That's really the catch 22 of agriculture. It's something that no one has been able to firmly come to

grips with in a satisfactory way. The pressures are always there to produce more. And the more you produce, the more farmers go out of business. Some of the ways we might attack that problem is to increase the diversity of our farm products. Not every farmer in Pennsylvania is going to survive producing milk or meat. But, for example, there may be many farmers who survive growing fresh vegetables in Pennsylvania because there is a market here. And there must be many other ways to diversify. The state has a clear obligation to investigate these opportunities. And where they are feasible, we should help farmers make the transition. Diversity has always been Pennsylvania's strong suite. And if we neglect diversity in our ag economy it will be to are peril.

We are seeing a parallel thing happening in the steel industry. Because of technology, you are seeing the basic steel-making industry layoff a lot of people. But at the same time, more specialized, more diversified kinds of steel production are doing very well. It seems to me that this model can also work in agriculture.

Q. Another problem that faces farmers is urban sprawl that causes problems for the farmer with his neighbors. For example, the litter that gets thrown into meadows and onto fields injures livestock, fowls up machinery and cuts tractor tires. Can you give us some indications of what your administration would be prepared to do in relation to anti-litter legislation?

A. I think we need in this state a comprehensive anti-litter legislation, not just bottles and cans. One of the major issues that is currently underway has to do with waste of all kinds. Not only the waste that farmers face, but also with the landfill crisis. Pennsylvania must become clearly a state that does more recycling. Legislation is now being worked through by my running mate Mike Fisher over in the senate who chairs that committee. This legislation calls for 25 percent of the waste in Pennsylvania to be handled by recycling. I think that's a positive step forward. Recycling is not all we should be doing. But clearly the days when we can litter the way sides must come an end.

Q. Of course everyone wants to talk about taxes. It seems that land owners and especially farmers in our case seem to pay a lot of real estate taxes. Is there tax structural reforms that you would propose?

A. I am very much in favor of reforming the local tax system. I think the way we depend on property tax and the extent to which we depend on property tax is unfair to at least two classes of people. One, it's unfair to those with fixed incomes, particularly our elderly. And also it's unfair to those who have property intensive assets, which is the farmers. Clearly we must move away from that to a more diversified tax structure. I would support almost any approach as long as it gets away from over dependence on property taxes. As long as it gets rid of a lot of the nuisance taxes on the local level. And as long as it modernizes our assessment system. And gives local government a greater diversity in the instruments of taxation.

Q. The present administration has provided a sizable fund for ag loan guarantys. And do you support that program? How long is that kind of support going to be necessary? In other words, how long is the farmer going to be in the straits he is in?

A. I don't know. I'm not a prophet. I'm a mere politician. And we sometimes live from day-to-day just like the farmer. Nobody can adequately predict the future. But there enough scenarios out there about what may happen to

the economy that prudence says we must clearly maintain that kind of program. I think it's a legitimate kind of program. But obviously as a republican I feel strongly about self-sufficiency and private enterprize. And our goal must be to achieve a state where the ag economy and farmers in particular are doing well enough that the loan guaranty program is not necessary. But I don't see that in the foreseeable future. We are going through a general overall economic restructuring in the state. That's not only affecting basic industry, but also agriculture as well. This restructuring may last another decade or so. Whether the pressures on farming will last that long, I don't know. One of the great advantages agriculture has had is that it really went through a major restructuring a hundred years ago when people left the farms and went to the city. Agriculture not only survived but remained our number one industry. So there is a certain experience over some of the other industries. They know they can survive.

Q. The avian flu outbreak and hog diseases have forced an indemnity program. And we likely need to tie in research as well. Will you comment on your position on the whole area of animal health?

A. Clearly avian influenza and the other animal disease episodes have sent a signal to Pennsylvania that there is an area that we must do more. We have some very fine research institutions in the state. They can clearly do the job. So I would be very much in favor of a commitment to a program of that kind. As farming techniques change and progress occurs we must remain current. If we don't remain current, we will be susceptible to the kinds of things that have happened to us in the past.

Q. While agriculture is number one in Pennsylvania yet the funding for the work of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is limited, what do you propose for additional funding for PDA?

A. My feeling on that is that really I'm proud in the last eight years that we have taken a state that was so excessive in its taxation and spending that it had gotten a terrible black eye and was not doing well by its people. We cut dramatically the state work force.

Right now on a per capita basis Pennsylvania has the lowest number of state employees for any state in the nation. We are proud of that. But there are areas that I think we need incremental increases. My goal as Governor would be not to throw money at any department but to take specific objectives and promote the economy and social health of this state and adequately fund specific projects. And while I will be very tight with the buck as Governor I don't want to be dollar wise and pound foolish.

Q. As the last question, could you summarize your feeling toward agriculture in Pennsylvania?

A. I think the most important thing I would like to say to farmers is that I and we in government share a deep optimism that there really are opportunities out there for growth in agriculture. This optimism comes because of the nature of the farm community. Because of our experience and because of our diversity, the people of Pennsylvania agriculture are optimistic people. And whatever we are going through right now, we believe will be temporary. And we believe we can come out of this crisis better prepared and stronger to face the future. If we work together we can and will be successful. I am an optimist. I don't think my optimism for agriculture is unrealistic. I know in farmers there is a resilience that we can draw from. And this resilience will serve them and us very well.

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