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Farm Credit Recommendations

CAMP HILL — The nation's largest general farm organization, the American Farm Bureau Federation, this week presented Congress with a 21-point package of recommendations to help rescue the Farm Credit System.

The recommendations are the result of an investigation by American Farm Bureau's Farm Credit Study Committee, which includes Keith Eckel of Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County, president of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA). PFA represents over 23,400 farm families and is an affiliate of the 3.5-million member American Farm Bureau.

Eckel said, "Time is running short. We need a prompt infusion of federal funds to rescue the system." The Farm Credit System lost \$1.9 billion last year. Eckel said the Farm Bureau study committee's recommendations, "... are vital for maintaining a viable Farm Credit System for agriculture and for

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Noel King, Pennsylvania poultry queen, shares the climactic ending of the Poultry Federation Banquet with country music star Lee Greenwood.

Poultry Banquet Sold Out

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HERSHEY — The annual fund raising banquet for the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation literally sold out for the Thursday night performance of Lee Greenwood and the dinner here at the convention center. The cutoff point for a capacity crowd was 1,950 reservations, but 1,989 tickets were eventually sold for the \$100 a plate event and 150 more persons were turned away.

This social gathering of the year for the federation has grown from 200 to 300 attendees 10 years ago to the record crowd this year. Greenwood with a country music style captured the enthusiasm of the poultry group with many of his top-chart singles. The grand finale received a standing ovation as the male vocalist of the year sang his most popular "God Bless The U.S.A." An overheard comment after the performance rated the program as the best ever given at the banquet.

SCS Chief Visits Lancaster Co.



Wilson Scaling (left) chief of the Soil Conservation Service, came to Lancaster County on Wednesday to find out what area farmers are doing to keep topsoil on their farms. Aaron Stauffer (right) and SCS district conservationist Warren Archibald pointed out some of the water quality and runoff monitoring work being done by the U.S. Geological Survey on Stauffer's 67-acre crop and livestock operation near Ephrata. The project is funded by the Chesapeake Bay Program.

Scaling's second Lancaster County stop was the Christian Smucker farm for a look at the pipe terraces and manure storage system installed as part of the Rural Clean Water Project.

House Speaker Joins Milk Speaker In Glass Of Health Kick

BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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HARRISBURG — Get a "glass" of this! The speaker's stand in the hallowed chambers of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives here on Capitol Hill was turned into a platform to promote milk and the cause of dairy farmers on Wednesday.

That's right. Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Pam Kindig proposed a milk toast to house speaker K. Leroy Irvis after accepting the House of Representatives personal citation for an outstanding job of promoting milk. Speaker Irvis accepted milk in a glass decorated with the state's coat of arms. Irvis raised the glass of milk toward the full House of Representatives' Chamber that

was in session and to warm applause went on official state record that, "The chair not only accepts the gift of milk, but welcomes the gift." "This is one of the few dietary things the chair is allowed to drink," Irvis said to the amusement of his fellow colleagues.

This all started when Representative John Barley who represents Kindig's district in Lancaster County arranged to have the legislative body present this special citation of congratulations. "I can't help but think that Pam had a very important part to play in the significant figure that shows an increase in dairy product consumption of better than 7 percent in the last 12 months," Barley told

the House. "That shows Pam has been doing her job well."

Pam responded to Barley's presentation by thanking the House of Representatives for the citation. "As Pennsylvania Dairy Princess, I am an ambassador for the dairy farmers of Pennsylvania," Kindig said. "My main concern is promotion of dairy products. And to remind the consumer that milk is fitness they can drink. I am sure you are all aware of the increased emphasis of dairy products on TV, radio and billboard promotions. Most of this advertising is paid for by the dairy farmers because they realize that to compete with other products they must improve the quality and quantity of their advertisements."

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Speaker of the House K. Leroy Irvis raises a glass of milk to his colleagues in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Speaker for milk Pam Kindig, Pennsylvania dairy princess, poured the milk for Irvis and her local representative John Barley.

Largest Export Order To Date

Heifers Sail To Venezuela

Editor's Note: In this week's story, Joyce Bupp examines the complexities and successes of exporting dairy cows. Using the recent Venezuelan shipment as a springboard, Joyce presents an in-depth look at the export business — getting the animals from the farm to the dock.

Next week she takes the story shipboard and explains what happens once the animals get on the ship.

BY JOYCE BUPP
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WILMINGTON, Del. — The Love Boat it's not.

Nor do the 400-plus passengers spend their days playing shuffleboard or sunning by the pool. While they do lounge most of their

time, it's primarily to concentrate on the important work of cud chewing, converting forage and grain into muscle, fetal development, and potential milk-production structure.

For, at their destination, thousands of miles away in the South American country of Venezuela, a buyer waits with anticipation for a boatload of healthy, well-fleshed heifers to disembark and be loaded onto waiting trucks for the final leg of this journey.

Once an agriculture rarity, such international shipments are becoming an everyday occurrence in the purebred dairy cattle business. Pennsylvania's Holstein Association has been at the

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