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# Lancaster Farming

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## Farmers To Benefit From Tax Reform

**BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER**  
Managing Editor  
HARRISBURG—Farmers may benefit as much as anyone from the proposed tax reform bill now in conference committee in the state legislature. The administration's proposals will give counties in the Commonwealth the option to shift property taxes partly to income and sales taxes. But there's a big catch. If the pending legislation is not passed by the end of the month, it may never be passed. The new legislature elected this week may not be willing to make

the effort to get the reform passed. In addition, a few key senators and representatives who have worked for tax reform for many years retire at the end of this session. Earl F. Gohl, Jr., deputy secretary, state department of community affairs, said this week that the pending legislation could be expected to reduce property taxes by 30 percent in areas that opted to use its provisions. Nuisance taxes such as per capita taxes, occupational privilege and occupational assessment taxes could also be eliminated. Gohl called these the most unfair taxes in the world.

"You're assessed a number and you get a bill," Gohl said. In counties like Lancaster or Berks with the tourist industry and shopping malls, sums of money come into the area from people who use the local services but contribute nothing to the tax base. Police protection costs and water and sewage bills increase because of the influx of people. But property owners, including farmers, foot the bill. In these areas, the administration thinks a sales tax would help distribute the tax burden.

And John Stauffer (R-19), Chester County's strong proponent of tax reform who had earlier said he was totally opposed to a sales tax, said Friday morning that he would go along with an optional sales tax in the spirit of compromise. "Obviously, before I retire, I

would like to successfully accomplish the tax reform I have worked on for over a quarter of a century," Stauffer said. "But I want true tax reform. Reform with no major tax revenue increases. A lot of people with many dif-"  
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## Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Elect Officers



The Lancaster County Holstein Breeders held their 38th annual banquet this week at the Good 'N Plenty Restaurant. At the meeting they elected new board directors and officers. The association's officials are, from left, back row: Don Risser, treasurer; Lowell Brubaker, president; John Brubaker, vice president; Rick Hess, director; Phil Crouse, director. Front row: Nate Stoltzfus, state director; Jere Skiles, director; Steve Hershey, director; Nelson Wenger, secretary.

## Animal Rights Referendum Defeated

### Massachusetts Voters Just Said No

**BY LISA RISSER**  
EPHRATA (Lancaster) — An overwhelming 71 percent of Massachusetts voters struck down the animal rights petition that appeared on their ballot as the

vague question: Are you in favor of the humane treatment of farm animals? The question was the result of action by Coalition to End Animal  
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## Chester DHIA Elects Directors, Honors Producers

**BY PAT PURCELL**  
GUTHRIESVILLE (Chester) — Chester County DHIA members elected two new directors and re-elected three directors at their 30th annual meeting held Thursday evening at the East Brandywine Fire Company. Ardrossan

Farms and H. & R. Mason Farms were also honored with production awards. Barry Hostetter, vice-president was re-elected for another three-year term and Tim Barlow and Steve Mason are the newest mem-  
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Honored for farmland preservation at the Lancaster Farmland Trust annual meeting are: (l to r) seated: Mary M. Schantz, Ephrata Twp. and Elizabeth Groff Miller. Standing: Daniel Herr, president and Charles Miller and John Charles Miller. The Miller family farm in East Earl Twp.

## Lancaster Farmland Trust Moves To Preserve Farm

**BY EVERETT NEWSWANGER**  
Managing Editor  
BIRD-IN-HAND (Lancaster) — With a new name and an anonymous foundation grant of \$100,000 to secure operations for the next year, the Lancaster Farmland Trust moves ahead to a more vigorous effort to save Lancaster County farmland. President Daniel Herr, outlined three major goals

for the Lancaster Farmland Trust at their annual meeting here Thursday evening. They include the following: increase membership to 1,000; establish a revolving trust fund and continue more vigorously to save farmland. The Lancaster Farmland Trust Revolving Fund will be used as a major tool in farmland preservation. "When we find a farm we  
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## Good News Greets Farm Credit Stockholders

**BY PAT PURCELL**  
HERSHEY (Dauphin) — Lancaster Farm Credit Service stockholders gathered on Wednesday for lunch at the Hersey Lodge to hear some good news from Chief Executive Officer Scott Owens and from the keynote speaker, Dr. John F. Marten, staff economist for the Farm Journal. "We are the strongest and most progressive Farm Credit branch," said Owens, "But Farm Credit will be challenged to meet the needs of the future. We will be seeing some changes to meet the changing needs of our farmers. And we are ready for that." Those farmers who previously were not required to pay taxes are feeling the affects of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and having to pay, according to Owens and Farm Credit offers their services to help the farmers ease this financial demand. "We are doing a lot of work helping farmers with risk manage-

ment and we may be doing a lot more of that in the future. Our mission at Farm Credit is to improve the income and the well-being of our stockholders and helping them manage risk is one way we can do

that," explained Owens. Owens told stockholders that Lancaster Farm Credit is solid because the people it serves are solid. Farm Credit makes changes to meet demands of a changing economy Owens said and hopes the changes do not disrupt the operations of their stockholders. "You've asked us to reduce staff turnover so we have modified salaries and made some other changes so that you will see the same loan officer on your farm, the same loan processor and the same secretary when you come into our office," said Owens. Dr. John F. Marten, staff economist with the Farm Journal for 11 years presented his case for what he believes to be healthy farm economy for many. With agricultural debt down by 30 percent from just 3 years ago, the farm community is in pretty good shape. But although the farm economy may seem somewhat solid and stable  
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### Holiday Deadlines

The Lancaster Farming office will be closed Thursday, November 24, in observance of Thanksgiving. Deadlines for the November 26 issue are as follows:

- Mailbox Market Ads—Noon, Monday
- Public Sale Ads—5:00 p.m., Monday
- General News—Noon, Wednesday
- Classified Section B Ads—5:00 p.m., Tuesday
- All Other Classified Ads—9:00 a.m., Wednesday