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State Budget Includes Money For FFA, Apple Marketing, Farm

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— Although many are predicting the state will run out of money under the 1990-91 budget that went into effect this past week, state department of agriculture officials say the budget is "austere," but "what the taxpayers would want."

On Sunday, state Gov. Robert Casey signed a \$12.2 billion

spending budget that, for the most part, was what he had proposed earlier this year.

No tax increase is associated with the budget, though several legislators, political pundits and some close to the budget-forming process have criticized the Casey budget, calling it a "paper budget" that does not accurately reflect state spending.

According to one man who worked on the budget, who

requested that his identity be withheld, the budget was apparently approved so that Casey would have to later take blame for the financial errors the spending plan holds.

Critics hold that taxpayers will probably see large tax increases next year due to the design of this year's budget.

State Sen. Noah Wenger, R-Lancaster, said he agreed with statements that the budget does not

look as though it will last until next June 30.

"I hope it is going to fund our expenditures for another year," he said.

"When Casey started four years ago, he came in with a \$350 million surplus left by the previous (Thornburgh) administration," Wenger said. "That money is gone and now we're looking at a probable deficit."

Give The Casey Budget A Chance

The budget passed the Senate by a narrow margin, 27-22. It passed the House 132-68.

There are 27 Republicans and 23 Democrats in the Senate. The Senate Republican leadership gave up the votes needed for budget passage, but retained a vast majority opposition.

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After recovering from a PTO accident that claimed his arm and caused other severe injuries, Loren Todd admonishes farmers to replace broken shields and to remember that safe farming is smart farming. He said, "You can never be too safe."

Accident Victim Admonishes: Safe Farming Is Smart Farming

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EAST PETERSBURG (Lancaster Co.) — When I arrived at the Todd home in East Petersburg, Loren Todd was getting a glass of cold water at the sink. The first thing I noticed was that he was tall and athletic-looking as if he worked out everyday, which he does.

As he turned from the sink, a shock of blond hair fell across his forehead. He flashed an easy-going smile and remarked that he was glad to take a break from the farm work.

Then the 20-year-old glanced at his arm, and his face wrinkled in dismay.

"Shoot, I got ink on my arm," he groaned. It was then that I noticed he was wearing a prothesis.

"Ink doesn't come off it," Loren explained, "Heck," he continued, "if it were just my arm, I could keep farming. But I messed up about everything in me that can be messed up."

He yanked his T-shirt away from his shoulder to reveal deep body scars. Both legs have lengthwise scars, tell-tale signs of the severe injuries Todd suffered 15 months ago in a farming accident — the most severe ever treated by the Lancaster Trauma Unit.

On April 3, 1989, Todd was helping his dad, Norman, and his uncle Jay Todd load roasted soy-

beans at their 500-acre farm. When the soybeans jammed, Todd reached in to free it. The power take-off shaft caught his coat sleeve and in his words: "I went for a ride."

The PTO shaft going at 300 rpm slung Todd around about 20 times within five to seven seconds.

Todd recalls, "I thought I was dead. That this was it."

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1990 Dairy Of Distinction Farms Named

Eighty-two Dairy of Distinction farms have been added to the growing list of dairies that have been recognized in Pennsylvania's Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program. This program is designed to encourage dairy farm families to keep their farms looking good so consumers of dairy products who pass by the farm have a good impression of the

source of their dairy products.

Pennsylvania is divided into ten districts and each district handles its own judging process and recognition program. Volunteers run the low-cost program.

A panel of judges visit each dairy farm that has applied for the recognition and give a road-side appearance score. Clean and

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Summer Youth Institute Highlights Co-Ops

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SHIPPENSBURG (Cumberland Co.) — "Within the next 20 years, one out of every four of you will be involved in some type of international activity. That is how rapidly things are changing," said David C. Thomas, president and chief executive officer of the American Institute of Cooperation.

Thomas spoke to approximately 120 youth participants, including 4-H and FFA members from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, at a cooperative Summer Youth Institute last week. The institute was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives (PAFC) and Penn State University.

The Summer Youth Institute, which has been in operation for nearly 30 years, is a four-day intensive program that provides participants with in-depth information about cooperatives and cooperative business principles.

On the last day of the institute, Thomas addressed the scholars about the changing nature of global agriculture and what effect it may have on their careers.

Importance of agriculture

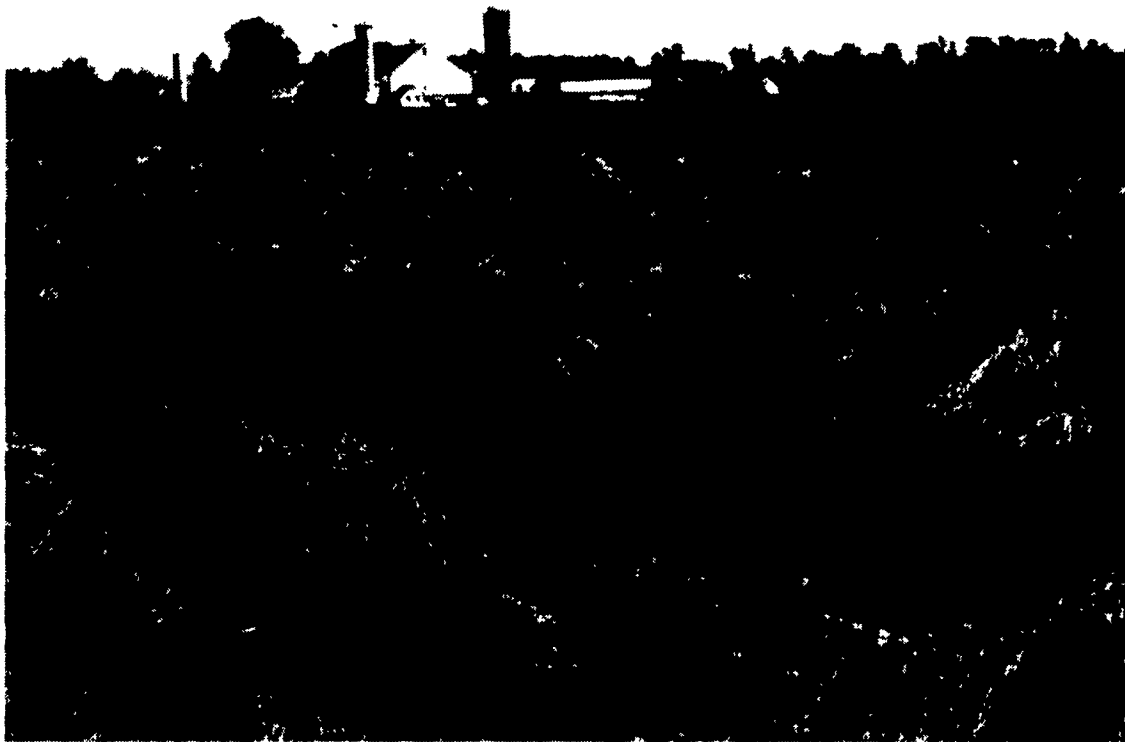
Thomas emphasized how vital it is to understand the importance of U.S. agriculture to the world economy. He also provided tips on how to prepare a successful career in agriculture.

Thomas spoke about his recent 20-month trip to the Soviet Union and some of his observations.

"They have a lot of difficulty," he said. "A lot of problems." The opportunity to travel and see how other ag economies work has many benefits, according to Thomas.

In fiscal year 1988, according to Thomas, the United States exported 76 percent of its wheat, 55 percent of its rice, 45 percent of its cotton, 41 percent of its soybeans, and 24 percent of its corn to third world and developing countries.

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Harvest Scene

Harvesting wheat the old fashioned way—with a horse drawn binder and human labor to bring in the sheaves for a stationary threshing rig. Beautiful Amish farm scenes like this photo taken along Scenic Road south of Leola in Lancaster County bring a rich heritage of former farming practices into a working museum of the present. Photo by Everett Newmarger