NFU Board Outraged

Over Federal Farm Policy

Tree Farmers Celebrate 50 Years

SPRING GROVE (York Co.)— Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, the American Tree Farm System is well on its way to guaranteeing green forests forever. Founded in 1941 in Washington state, the Tree Farm System today boasts 71,000 tree farms growing 95 billion trees on more than 95 million welltended acres from Maine to Alaska.

"Tree farms are important to forest renewal because individuals own 57 percent of the U.S. forests that keep us supplied with wood and paper products," said Scott Kurtzman, tree farm family Forester of The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company. "That's more than double the area owned by government and triple the size of industrial holdings. In fact, tree farms cover

an area larger than Japan." The Glatfelter Pulp Wood Company has belonged to the American Tree Farm System since 1947. There are 1,762 tree farms in Pennsylvania, totalling 890,464

acres. The Tree Farm System is managed nationally by the American Forest Council in Washington, D.C. The system certifies woodland owners who qualify by complying with strict standards of forest management and who grow trees for products as well as wildlife habitat and other uses according to plans prepared by professional foresters and wildlife biologists.

Tree farms are not just rows of single species trees grown on plantations. They comprise forests

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Farmers Union board of directors says it's outraged over House leaders' decision not to pursue a new dairy policy this year, and the apparent willingness of the Bush administration to trade

levels that would cover costs of production and reduce the cost of dairy programs. Now, cheese prices are begin-

bring farm gate milk prices to

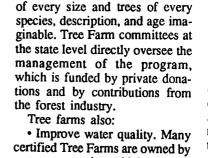
"This rollercoaster will con-

son said, further price drops may imported into the United States. It negotiators have reached preli-

Also, reports suggest that Section 301, which authorizes countervailing duties in cases of unfair practices by other nations, might be suspended for a period of years, while negotiations for further cuts in agriculture programs continue.



- root rot.
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water companies which manage their land for watershed values, providing cities with clean drinking water.

Rehabilitate land. Thousands of eroded farms have been reclaimed by tree farmers, who have spent years planting green forests on what had been playedout gravel pits and coal strips. • Help wildlife habitat. Tree

Farmers have been instrumental in providing forest habitat for deer, woodcock, ruffed grouse, and numerous other species. Tree farmers are as varied as their lands. They range from former presidents, such as Jimmy Carter, to a current musician with the Rolling Stones rock band. They include nuclear engineers, teachers, dentists, and auto mechanics.

Tree farms of the American Tree Farm System must contain 10 or more acres of forestland. They are routinely inspected every five years to ensure compliance with tree farm guidelines. About 9,000 foresters from all segments of the forestry profession -- both public and private practitioners -help administer the system in all 50 states.

