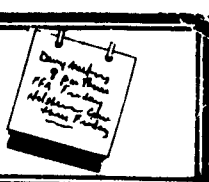


# Farm Calendar

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gregational Church, Burville, N.Y., 7:45 p.m.

**Saturday, October 31**  
Halloween

Juniata County Grazing Field Day, farm of Edgar and Lorraine Rits, Honey Grove, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 4**

Northeast Lamb Pool, Wyalusing Sales Barn.

Westmoreland County Farm-City Night, Mountain View Inn, Greensburg, 7 p.m.

Fawn Grove Olde Tyme Days meeting, Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.

Lancaster County Conservation District annual meeting, Stockyard Inn, noon.

**Thursday, November 5**

ADA/DC District 3, Chateaugay, N.Y., noon, or Nov. 10.

Lehigh County Cooperative Extension annual meeting, Animal Rights and You, Seipstown Grange, 7:30 p.m.

Erie County Cooperative Extension annual meeting, Edinboro Inn, 7 p.m.

Sustainable Poultry Production Farm Tour and Workshop for the Small Producer, begins with farm tour at Bill and Teri

Robinson, Freeburg, 10:30 a.m.  
**Friday, November 6**

National Conference on Direct and Niche Marketing of Lamb and Wool, Turf Valley Hotel, Ellicott City, Md., through Nov. 7. ADA/DC District 13, Vernon Center United Methodist Church, Vernon Center, N.Y., 7:45 p.m. Wyoming County Cooperative Extension banquet, Triton Hose House, Tunkhannock, 7:30 p.m.

Pa. Urban Forestry Workshop, Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, thru Nov. 7.

**Saturday, November 7**

North American International Livestock Exposition, Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, Louisville, Ky.

## Gekas Supports Estate Transfer Proposal, Insurance Deductions

**ANDY ANDREWS**  
Lancaster Farming Staff  
EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Affirming his stance has been "close to farmers," U.S. Rep. George W. Gekas (R-17th Dist) took in several campaign stops in the area to field questions from the community Thursday.

Because of the reapportionment of districts which takes place January 1, 1993, if elected, Gekas will serve areas previously held by Rep. Robert Walker.

Gekas said that he supports a bill, currently endorsed by farm-backed groups such as the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and others, that would allow farmers to transfer their estates without the excessive burden of the transfer tax.

Gekas said he also supports a tax deduction for health insurance premiums "one hundred percent," he said. "In short, whatever the farmer association says to this city kid about farm matters, I listen very closely and I honor their viewpoints on those things."

Many of the questions that Gekas answered related to the current recession, which Gekas blames largely because of the 1986 tax revision. The revisions disallowed income averaging for farmers, to buoy them up in case of drought or other income-reducing events.

The tax revision, he said, "has in my judgement helped cause the economical destabilization we're in right now. Many of those things I pointed out were directly inimical to the farmer, and I stated this on the floor."

Gekas said he found 50 different flaws in the bill, and several unfriendly to farm and farm industries. One of them was the income averaging provision. "We used to give (farmers) the privilege of income averaging so that they could come out better, and they ripped that away in the '86" bill, he said.

"Almost everything that the past Congress has tried to do has had some adverse affect on some sector of the economy," said Gekas. The representative said that if a cure were to take place, there would be need for "some deficit spending in the first rung of the ladder by which we're going to climb out of this recession" by using the surplus from the highway trust fund. He supports the bill "O By 2000," which includes many areas subject to cutbacks and freezes, including portions of cutbacks fostered by the Gram-Rudman-Hollings Act.

Currently, Gekas' office includes 14 people in four offices. With the reapportionment, Gekas will set up three offices in Harrisburg and in Lebanon and Lancaster counties.



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