

State Grange Set To Visit Washington Legislators

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — About 75 members of Pennsylvania State Grange will go to Washington, D.C. March 23-24 to discuss issues facing agriculture and rural America.

Among the issues to be discussed are rural health care, food safety and user fees.

Brenda Shambaugh, State Grange legislative director, said the Grange has scheduled a meeting with a representative from President Bill Clinton's health care task force to receive a progress report from the committee and to convey Grange policy.

"Health care affordability, availability and quality continue to be a crisis in today's society," Shambaugh said. "The Grange is striving to meet the health care challenges of a dynamic and progressive society."

Grange supports: universal access to health care; Universal Health Insurance that is privately funded, administered by an advisory panel and accessible to those

who don't currently have any benefits; a cost structure that controls rates; and limited governmental control.

"The Grange also believes there should be tax benefits to employers providing health insurance to employees and individuals who acquire their own insurance," Shambaugh said, "and clinics for emergency services or primary care for rural communities too small to support a full service hospital."

Shambaugh said food safety is a hot issue that both producers and consumers will face in this session of Congress. Pesticide residues in processed food is of immediate concern.

"The Grange supports legislation on food safety that will assure consumers of the safety of their food supply while allowing agricultural producers to continue to operate in an efficient and environmentally safe manner," Shambaugh said.

The Grange feels the Delaney

Clause, which established a zero tolerance level of pesticide residue back in 1950, should be amended to set safe residue tolerance levels for hormones, antibiotics, pesticides and other chemicals used for food production.

"With new technologies, the detection of chemical substances is thousands of times more precise," Shambaugh said. "Thus, to meet the zero tolerance standard, many pesticides that are currently used in the production of food would be eliminated."

Shambaugh said Grange is opposed to the Clinton Administration's proposal to implement user fees for meat and poultry inspections.

"Meat and poultry inspection is one of this country's oldest public health programs," Shambaugh said. "It was not conceived as a revenue raiser, and it should not be distorted to become one now. The purpose of this federally-mandated program has always been, and should always be, the health and safety of the American consumer."

Grange policy states that mandatory programs for public health and safety must be differentiated from those voluntary services that

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are offered by the federal government from which industry derives an obvious product benefit, according to Shambaugh.

The Pennsylvania State Grange's Washington tour is an opportunity for members to visit their legislators face-to-face. Also on the agenda is a congressional breakfast and a meeting with senators Arlen Specter and Harris Wofford.

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ington; and the financial record keeping program Quicken® by Tim Beck.

A beef, pork and lamb lunch prepared by York County's Beef, Sheep and Swine Producer Groups will be served. Seventeen exhibitors/sponsors have provided funds for lunch and will have booths on display at the event. Lunch cost for participants is \$1/person.

Following lunch, Dr. Lou Moore from Penn State Agricultural Economics Department will present the keynote address on issues facing agriculture in the '90s and beyond.

After the keynote address, Tom Moyer from Hatfield Quality Meats will discuss "Hog Marketing Trends for the Industry" with swine producers. Pasture systems for livestock production will be addressed by Grassland Management Specialist Duane Pysher from the Soil Conservation Service. This will include discussion on rotational grazing systems, forage species selection and maximizing the grazing season.

The second group of breakout sessions will include a segment on Lamb Marketing Cooperatives presented by Gerald Ely from the USDA Agricultural Cooperative Service. Discussion will focus on benefits of cooperatives to members, how COOPS are organized and the responsibilities of members. Dr. Ken Kephart from Penn State University will present a concurrent session for swine producers on swine respiratory diseases.

This program is open to any interested person since Penn State is an affirmative action, equal opportunity university. The use of registered trademarks does not imply endorsement by Penn State Cooperative Extension. To register for the event, contact the Penn State Cooperative Extension Office at 717-757-9657 or write to 112 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402-9041.

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