

# PFA Members Head For Harrisburg

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — About 400 farmers from around the state will travel to Harrisburg, Monday, March 29, to discuss priority legislative issues with their state lawmakers. The meetings will be part of the annual Harrisburg Legislative Tour sponsored by the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA).

PFA is a voluntary, general farm organization which represents 23,189 member families in 54 local county associations. The

farmers participating in the Harrisburg Tour are members of county association state legislative committees.

"Many of the things that affect agriculture happen outside the farmers' fence line," said PFA president Keith Eckel, "The Harrisburg tour gives our members the opportunity to personally explain to their legislators what these issues are, how they affect us and what should be done about it. Our recommendations will be based on

grass-roots policy developed by our organization."

Issues farmers will discuss during the Harrisburg Tour will include:

**Workers' Compensation Reform** — Workers compensation costs doubled from 1986 to 1990 and without reform will double again by 1994. Flaws in the current system allow benefits that exceed what an employee would make at work and which continue long after an employee could

return to work. PFA is supporting Senate Bill 1 which would put caps on Workers' Compensation medical and wage benefits.

**Vet School Funding** — Last year the state failed to provide any funding for the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine — the only such school in the state. The total elimination of funding which accounted for 40% of the school's operating budget threatens to close the doors of an education, research and

diagnostic center that supports Pennsylvania's number one industry — agriculture. PFA is urging passage of supplemental appropriations bills, H.B. 86 and S.B. 248, to restore state funding for the vet school.

**Nutrient Management Planning** — PFA is supporting efforts to establish a uniform statewide program of nutrient management planning for farmers with high density populations of livestock or

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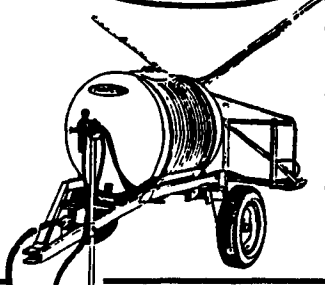
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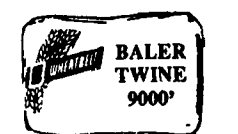
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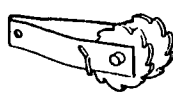


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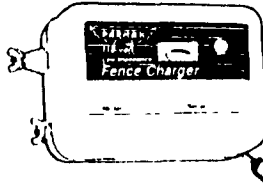
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