

# Income Rather Than Real Estate Tax, Insists PFA

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While Chester County farmers may have to endure a reassessment under Act 319, the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) is right behind them.

"What we would like to have is a tax on income versus a tax on real estate. Real estate is not liquid

money," said Curtis Kratz, state director of PFA district 3, at the Chester-Delaware County Farmers' Association annual spring banquet Thursday night at the West Fallowfield Christian School.

Kratz told the more than 100 farmer members present that there is "movement afoot" to have local tax reform throughout the state,

and the PFA continues to "remain active in your interest."

"Agribusiness leaders and legislators can work together — together we need each other," said Kratz. "Never apologize for your profession. You are a professional. The world will starve without you. Never forget it."

Roy Romberger, regional organization director, said they have looked at Act 319 in other counties and are studying ways to implement it affectively and fairly in Chester County. An open session by the county board of commissioners is scheduled on Tuesday to review action. To learn more about Act 319, farmers are urged to attend the meeting.

The group reviewed the recent legislator meeting in Harrisburg, which included discussions on workmen's compensation insurance, ag security, nutrient management, DER ag advisory board, water resource management legislation, funding for the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School

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Charles Wollaston, membership chairman, right, was presented the Kingpin Award for the third year in a row for membership drive efforts from Roy Romberger, regional organization director.



Special appreciation recognition went to Kutz Christmas Tree Farm, represented by Al Kutz, right. At left is Linda Hicks, farm tour coordinator.

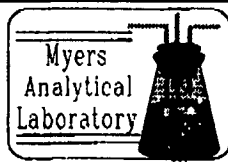


Several awards were presented at the banquet, including one to Yeager's Farm and Market, represented here by John Yeager, left. At right is Linda Hicks, farm tour coordinator.

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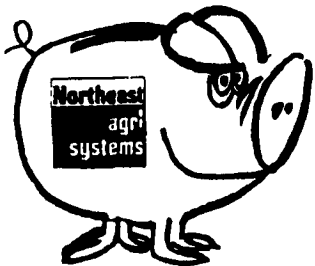
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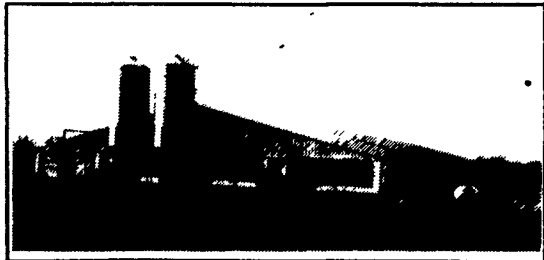
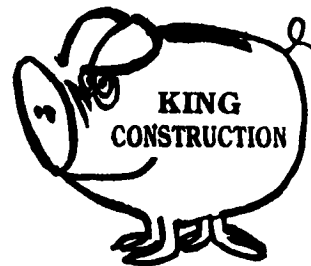
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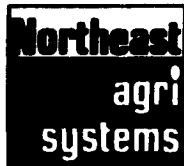
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