

Producers Need To Amend Charter, Says Pork President

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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — Lancaster and Chester Pork producers need to consider amendments to the bylaws contained in the Lan-Chester Swine Producers' Association charter to get a more active voice on the state and national level, according to Ron Butt, association president.

Butt spoke at the association's annual meeting at Yoder's Restaurant last week.

He told the 100 farmers and agribusiness representatives present that some of the bylaws of the charter, which was written in 1957 and last amended in 1977, are "specific, some vague, some much outdated."

Since the checkoff went from voluntary to mandatory five years ago, more services are being undertaken at a national level. More local representation is needed, according to Butt. "It's

time for the people to take interest and make their voices heard," he said. "It appears the day is coming where you won't have that option anymore."

Abe Fisher, president of the state pork producers association, pointed out that input is needed from the county level as to how state funds will be spent.

Also, he asked members to attend the upcoming Nutrient Management For Pennsylvania Pork Producers Seminar scheduled March 2 at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland.

At the meeting, four new directors were elected: Brent Hershey, Mount Joy, president of Hershey Ag; Jackie Holzel, Elizabethtown, administrative assistant at Wenger's Feed Mill; Jerry Hostetter, Denver, owner of Swatara Swine; and Nelson Shaibly, Washington Boro, who operates a sow herd and hog hauling business.



At the meeting of the Lan-Chester Pork Producers, four new directors were elected. From left, Nelson Shaibly, Washington Boro, who operates a sow herd and hog hauling business; Brent Hershey, Mount Joy, president of Hershey Ag; Jerry Hostetter, Denver, owner of Swatara Swine; and Jackie Holzel, Elizabethtown, administrative assistant at Wenger's Feed Mill. Photo by Andy Andrews

Ag Industry Leaders Welcome National FFA Officers

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The 1994 national FFA officers will visit with agricultural business leaders across the country during a series of upcoming business and industry visits.

The six officers, accompanied by representatives of the National FFA Foundation, will travel Feb. 27 through March 12 in Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin.

"These tours make it possible to introduce the agribusiness leaders of the future to those who are at the helm today," said Dr. Larry Case, national FFA adviser and coordinator of agricultural and rural education, U.S. Department of Education. "The officers learn firsthand the latest developments in agribusiness. At the same time,

industry leaders get an update on how agricultural education and FFA is changing to involve more and more young people in the agricultural industry."

The group will begin its tour in Kalamazoo, Michigan, by meeting with Ron Davis, president and chief executive officer of Biggs/Gilmore Communications. Davis serves as the 1994 chairman of the National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board.

After meeting with Davis, the FFA representatives will divide into three teams to visit a variety of businesses and learn more about the industry of agriculture and the economic factors affecting it.

Curtis Childers, national FFA president for Glen Rose, Texas, said, "The National FFA Organi-

zation receives strong support from sponsors each year. They make important suggestions to our leaders in order to plan for the future needs of the industry. We are grateful for the efforts of industry leaders such as Mr. Davis who invest generously of their time and talent on behalf of the

FFA."

Along with Childers, the tour will include Andrew McCrea, national secretary from Maysville, Mo.; Steven Mitchell, southern region vice president from Pineville, Ark.; Raquel Lacey, central region vice president from Nokomis, Ill.; Tyler Grandil,

western region vice president from Gilbert, Ariz.; and Liam Brody, eastern region vice president from Greenville, N.Y.

The U.S. tour follows the national officer team's return from a two-week visit to Japan sponsored by Mitsui and Co. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The tour to Japan provides the officers with a better understanding of international trade relations and its importance to American agriculture.

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