Apply For Liquid Fuels Tax Refunds

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State officials are urging farmers to apply for refunds on taxes paid on liquid fuels that were purchased for use in agricultural production.

Specifically, the upcoming refund is for taxes paid on fuel purchased anytime from July 1, 1993 to June 30 1994.

While farmers pay the 12-cents

per gallon when purchasing the fuel, even though they are exempt for paying the tax, they have to apply and request that the money be returned.

And though records are necessary, and should be available through the fuel dealer, in order to make the claim, the process is not difficult.

But according to a news release

from the state Treasury Department, not many are asking for their money back. According to Pennsylvania Treasurer Catherine Baker Knoll, "... about 40,000 farmers did not even apply for refunds. Please take the time to fill out the ... claim form. It takes only a couple minutes, but it could mean money in your pocket."

That 40,000 farmers who, did



not submit is out of the 51,000 estimate farmers in Pennsylvania, all of whom may have used liquid fuels for some reason in agricultural production.

From a straight statistical analysis, that means only about 20 percent of those potentially due refunds are actually making a request, according to the state data.

Last year those who applied réceived an average refund of \$183.

Farmers who have in the past registered a claim for the liquid

Revenue are to automatically receive a notice and an application for this year's refund.

According to Lynne Vergot, supervisor with the Board of Finance and Revenue, those notices are to be mailed June 17.

Others have to seek out the application, but it only takes a phone call or a letter, according to the news releases.

Those with questions or wishing to register for the refund program should call the Board of Finance and Revenue at (717) 787-6534, or



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