

# Elections Request Nominating Petition

LANCASTER, (Lancaster, Co.) — December 2 is election day for Local Administrative Area 3. The communities in LAA-3 are Bart, Colerain, Conestoga, Drumore, E. Drumore, Eden, Fulton, E. & W. Lampeter, Little Britain,

Martic, Paradise, Pequea, Providence, and Strasburg. These communities will be electing their representatives to serve as community committee-person for three years. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidate(s) of their

choice by petition. Blank petitions (FSA-669As) may be obtained at the county FSA office. Each petition submitted must be:  
 • Limited to one nominee.  
 • Signed by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve if elected.

• Postmarked or delivered to the county FSA office no later than October 28. The person nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A farmer is eligible to be a county

FSA committee member if the farmer lives in the LAA and is an eligible voter. County FSA committee members may not hold positions in certain farm and commodity organizations, if these positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. These positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, and positions on boards or executive committees. Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the county FSA office.

The duties of county FSA committee members include:  
 • Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs.  
 • Keeping the state FSA committee informed of LAA conditions.  
 • Recommending needed changes in farm programs.  
 • Participating in county meetings as necessary.  
 • Performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee.

## Conservation Farm Tour Set

KUTZTOWN (Chester Co.) — Improved dairy herd health, economic savings and improved water quality will be highlights of an afternoon farm tour slated for the Cochranville-Atglen area in southwestern Chester County on Tuesday, October 29. The tour will begin at 1 p.m., at the farm of Lee and Sarah Kurtz

located on SR 10 about 4 miles south of Parkesburg. Traveling south on SR 10, it is the first farm to the left after Cochranville Grain. The tour will end by 3:30 p.m. at the farm of Ken and Marilyn Umble. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided. Featured at the Kurtz farm will be a concrete barnyard pad, man-

ure storage structure and re-establishment of a vegetative cover in the exercise lots. Since these improvements were made, Kurtz reports his cows stay much cleaner and have fewer foot problems. The concrete pad has reduced the amount of labor for cleaning the barnyard, and keeps manure sediment and nutrients from entering the Brandywine Creek. The manure storage structure reduced the need for purchased fertilizer because it facilitated nutrient management by allowing manure application at more optimum times.

present information on the overall design and cost-share options of the highlighted improvements. Jerry Martin from the Pequea-Mill Creek Project in Lancaster County will introduce the "Farmstead Evaluation." The eight page booklet enables farmers to score the degree of water quality protection from nutrients and sediment provided by their farmstead. Kurtz and Umble have worked closely with the Chester County Conservation District installing best management practices on their farms. In addition to the practices featured, strip cropping, terracing, and waterways were installed to reduce soil erosion.

## Cooperative Extension Plans Annual Meeting

ERIE (Erie Co.) — The Erie County Cooperative Extension Association will hold its 1996 Annual Meeting and Banquet on Thursday evening, Nov. 7, at Waterfall Restaurant. The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with a social half-hour followed by a buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$13 per person. According to Carol Herberlein, annual meeting chair, this year's guest speaker will be Jim Getty

who portrays Abraham Lincoln. Getty has portrayed Lincoln in historic Gettysburg since 1978. He will tell about Abraham Lincoln's life and times and will blend heritage, humor, and hope. Reservations must be made by Oct. 17, by sending your name, complete address, daytime phone number, and check for \$13 to Erie County Cooperative Extension and mail to 850 East Gore Road, Erie, PA 16509. If you have any questions, please contact the office at (814) 825-0900.

Streambank crossings and fencing, as well as the use of rotational exercise lots will be highlighted at the Umble farm. Streambank fencing was installed to protect the banks of the stream and keep the cattle out of the water. The meadow is divided into four lots, allowing the Umbles to rotate the cattle from lot to lot based on grass growth and soil conditions. Rotating the use of the lots maintains vegetative cover and keeps the cows cleaner and more comfortable. Ken Wilson from the Chester County Conservation District will

## Dairy Industry Leaders Determine Key Initiatives

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — A core leadership group of the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders met last week to determine key initiatives which they will recommend be undertaken to increase the viability and expansion of Pennsylvania's dairy industry.

As the largest segment of agriculture in Pennsylvania, the dairy industry contributes \$1.4 billion to the economy. One task force will study the impact of individual dairy farms on local communities. This group will also suggest ways the dairy industry can work towards fostering a positive image. Another task force will identify regulations that may influence Pennsylvania's competitive position regionally, nationally and internationally. According to N. Alan Bair, director of dairy industry relations for The Pennsylvania State University, preliminary feasibility reports will be presented to the core leadership group on December 20.

An outgrowth of several years of meetings by approximately 50 major dairy industry stakeholders, the key leaders agreed to form several task forces to submit reports to major stakeholders in January 1997. If the larger stakeholder group approves the recommendations, a full study will follow to suggest ways to implement the proposals.



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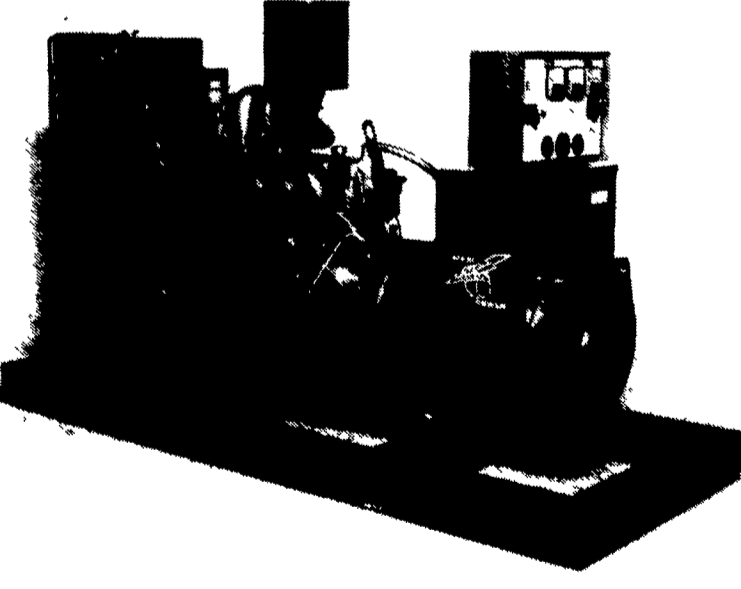


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Core Leadership Group members are Logan Bower, dairy producer/PA Dairy-men's Association; Earl Fink, PA Association of Milk Dealers; Dean Girton, Girton Manufacturing Co., Inc. Ralph Heffner, dairy producer/Agway; Philip Kimmel, Keystone Farm Credit; Beverly Minor, dairy producer/Springs Restaurant/PA Milk Marketing Board (representing Leon Wilkinson); Ivo Otto, dairy producer/Atlantic Dairy Cooperative (representing Robert Dever); Betty Reibson, dairy producer/County Commissioner; Robert Thompson, dairy producer/Milk Marketing Incorporated (representing Lewis Gardner); Richard Waybright, dairy producer. The Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders effort is supported jointly by Penn State University and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. For more information, call Bair at (717) 948-6328.