

# U.S. Senate Ag Committee Introduces Proposals

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee Chairman Dick Lugar has introduced legislation to renew the lapsed presidential fast-track authority needed to negotiate trade agreements and knock down trade barriers.

Lugar also joined 55 members of the Senate to introduce legislation that overturns an IRS ruling that would make farmers pay taxes on income they have not yet earned.

Fast-track is the procedure Congress uses to consider and approve trade agreements, negotiated by the President. Under the system, Congress has 60 days to approve an agreement following presidential submission.

Lacking fast-track authority, many countries are reluctant to negotiate with the United States fearing that concessions they have already made could be amended by Congress, forcing further negotiations and more concessions.

"In 1996, agricultural exports reached a record of \$59.8 billion. Continued growth is vital," said Lugar, a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "World commodity markets are often distorted by import barriers, export subsidies and state trading enterprises. These distortions put American farmers and agribusiness operators at a disadvantage. We must reduce trade barriers and allow our industry to supply the world's markets.

"The United States must con-

tinue to move forward in its effort to find new markets for our goods and services. We should take advantage of a favorable trade climate in South American by pursuing an agreement with Chile, which has advanced bilateral trade agreements with Canada and Mexico and has become an associate member of the Southern Cone Mercosur trading bloc.

"Before the United States can move forward, the Administration must have fast-track authority. The President must now make a case to Congress and the American people that this is a priority of his administration," Lugar said.

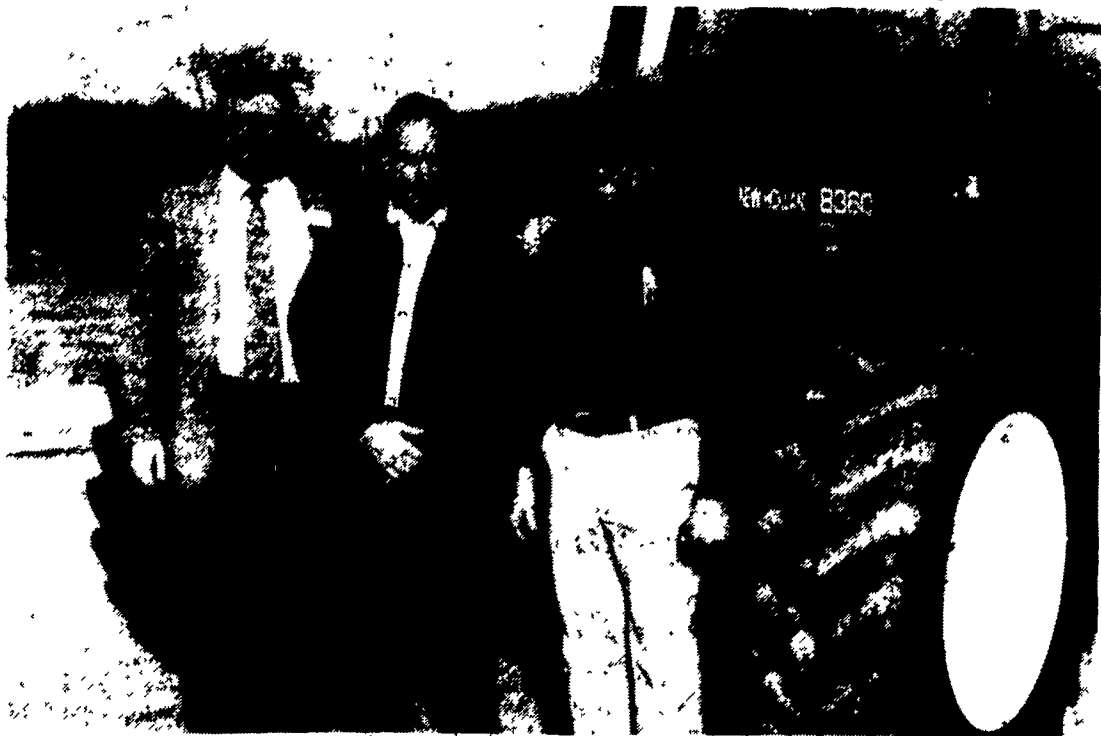
The bill, titled the Trade Agreement Implementation Reform Act (TAIR), allows legislation submitted under fast-track authority to contain only provisions absolutely necessary to implement an agreement.

Prior law allowed provisions "necessary and appropriate" and encouraged deals with special interests in exchange for support.

Fast-track legislation could not be amended except to delete provisions that merely offset revenue losses from tariff changes. Lugar also introduced that fast-track bill in the last Congress.

The Internal Revenue Service said last year they would expect farmers to pay tax on income in the year that a commodity contract is made, not the year in which the cash is received. This would even apply to farmers who use cash basis accounting.

## 1997 Cumberland County Corn Day



The use of a tractor for a week was awarded to Richard Yeager, 221 Kutz Rd., Carlisle, recently at the Cumberland County Corn Days held at Huntsdale. The award was sponsored by York Farm Credit and R&W Equipment. Shown with the tractor to be used is L-R Chris Renner, York Farm Credit, Richard Yeager, winner and Tom Wivell, R&W Equipment, Carlisle.

"The IRS position is wrong and regrettable. It will result in farmers being hit with huge unexpected tax bills," said Lugar, an original co-sponsor of the bill.

"The use of deferred contracts has been an important tax management tool for cash basis farmers since Congress eliminated income averaging in 1986. Farmers have little or no control over the

price of crops or livestock and the weather conditions under which they produce commodities. The use of deferred contracts assists them in averaging their annual income flow and the resulting tax liability," Lugar said.

"The IRS position ignores the fact that our family farmers are, by statute, expressly permitted to manage their businesses on a cash

basis and that amounts received under deferred payment contracts may be handled this way," Lugar (R-Ind.) said.

The bill, known as the Family Farm Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 1997, has broad bipartisan support including both the Senate majority and minority leaders.

## York Holstein To Host Barn Meeting

DELTA (York Co.) — Are your cows comfortable?

That will be the topic of discussion at the annual York County Holstein Club's annual Spring Barn Meeting, to be held Monday, March 10, at the dairy operation of

Scott and Ramsay Cooper, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Dan McFarland, Penn State agriculture engineer, will be the featured speaker for a discussion on issues of cow comfort.

The Cooper farm is located at 311 Flintville Road, Delta. Directions are available by contacting the York County Ag Extension office or the Cooper family at (717) 456-5484.

In a recent reorganization meeting, officers Tom Taylor, president, April Cooper, vice-president, Bridgette Bortner,

secretary-treasurer, and State Director Frank Feesser were re-elected to their positions. Other directors are June Boyer, Leroy Bupp, Ed Calhoun, Cindy Knight Hall, Norma Lucabaugh and Roy Thompson.

The annual county Holstein show is scheduled for July 16 at the York Fairgrounds. A fall tour to New Bolton Center and Longwood Gardens is being discussed, as well as a possible spring tour to Chester County dairy operations. Suggestions from members are invited.

### COIN AUCTION Sat., March 15, 1997

10:00 a.m.

Days Inn - Shamokin Dam, PA  
(Rts. 11 & 15)

Silver Dollars - Half Dollars - Quarters - Dimes  
Nickels - Pennies - Singles & Rolls - Proof Sets  
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BALTIMORE, MD, AND THE  
INVENTORY OF A SPORTING GOODS  
STORE IN YORK  
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SAT., MARCH 8, 1997  
8:30 AM

To be held at Chanceford Community Hall,  
Brogue, York County, PA. From York and north,  
Rt. 74 southeast, through Red Lion and continue 7  
mi. to R. turn at Brogue Post Office. From Bel  
Air/Jarrettsville, MD area, Rt. 165 north from  
Jarrettsville, through Whiteford traffic light and  
continue onto PA Rt. 74 and go 8 mi. to left turn at  
Brogue Post Office, and go 1/4 mi. to hall on left.  
**TERMS: Cash to Strangers & Out Of State  
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Home-made soups & pies; smoked hotdogs, etc.  
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9 A.M.

Located at 2101 Valley Road, Manheim,  
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Joy Exit, turn East on 772 then left onto  
Brenneman Rd. (Landis Bros.) to Hossler Rd.  
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Montgomeryville, Pennsylvania

BID DEADLINE:  
THURS, MARCH 13, 3:00 PM

Inspection Begins: Mon, March 10

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FF-2C (unused) (4) NELSON Creep Waterers #E79 (unused) 30 x 100  
Livestock Scale, (2) LINTROL Flying Insect Controllers (28) NAPA Air Fuel  
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Galvanized Fence Gates VEHICLES: '86 FORD Pickup '83 CHEV G 20 Van  
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Drive, DUFF-NORTON Porta Pump with Ram, POWER TEAM 35 Ton Punch  
ENERPAC Porta Pump, DELTA Scroll Saw, STARRETT Gage, LINCOLN  
Welder, THERMAL DYNAMICS PLASMA TORCH, RANSOME Welding  
Positioner (2) 5'x5' Platens, Welding Rod, CONTRACTOR EQUIP: MEYER  
Snow Plow GILSON Mortar Mixer, PACER Trash Pump MONARCH 2  
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63 West - Go 1 mi and turn right on Keystone Dr Go 3 blocks to Progress Dr  
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INSPECTION: Mon, March 10 Wed, March 12, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Note: A  
few items above are located in West Point, PA & Rahway, NJ - Call SAS for details)

Surplus Asset Sales Co., Inc.  
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