

House Goes Home Without Passing Research/Crop Insurance Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A dispute over food stamp benefits resulted in members of the U.S. House leaving recently for a 10-day congressional recess without passing the final version of the agriculture research bill.

Action on the research bill, which also included provisions to fund crop insurance and partially restore food stamp benefits for legal immigrants, stopped when House members voted 120-289 against the "rule" which would have stripped food stamp funding from the bill.

"It is critical that the House move forward with this bill," said NFU President Leland Swenson. "Sales closing dates for crop in-

urance are coming up fast, and the uncertainty caused by the House's failure to pass the bill jeopardizes crop insurance coverage for many. Now is not the time to cripple our nation's crop insur-

ance system."

The U.S. Senate, by a 92-8 vote, passed the conference committee bill to fund research and crop insurance. President Bill Clinton pledged to sign the measure once

it reaches his desk. The bill is a five-year, \$1.7 billion measure, which includes \$600 million in new funding for agriculture research, \$1 billion for crop insurance, and \$100 million for the Fund for Rural America. It also restores benefits for 250,000 legal immigrants, mostly those who are elderly and disabled, and who were U.S. residents as of Aug. 22,

1996, when the welfare reform law was signed.

"NFU urges House members to promptly reconsider the bill as passed by the Senate and supported by the president," Swenson said. "Failure to consider the bill on a timely basis could result in money allocated to research being moved to increase highway spending."

Regional Christmas Tree Meeting Set

TUNKHANNOCK (Wyoming Co.) — Wyoming County Cooperative Extension is holding a Christmas Tree Workshop and meeting on Thursday, July 2, here at the Barziloski Christmas Tree Farm.

Barziloski's have more than 100 acres of planted Christmas trees and use a variety of species and planting techniques. There will be many practices and growing techniques to observe and get ideas from.

Two separate workshops will be offered. An afternoon workshop will be held from 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. with topics including tree shearing and tying, deer fencing, tree digging, planting methods, and equipment demonstration.

The evening workshop, from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., will feature insect and disease identification and control methods as well as new techniques in sprayer and pesticide equipment use. Pesticide applicator update credits will be offered to participants in the evening workshop. Refreshments will be available from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. courtesy of the Wyoming County Master Gardeners.

Participants are encouraged to attend both workshops however attendance at both workshops is not mandatory. Barziloski's is a large farm with a lot of hilly terrain. If you think you may need assistance in getting around, contact Bill Pencek at (717) 836-3196 so accommodations can be made for you. To register and get further information, call (717) 836-3196.

Pa. Juniors Show Herefords

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Members of the Pennsylvania Junior Hereford Association exhibited their animals at the annual junior preview show May 23 in Butler, at the Butler Fairgrounds.

Jeff Hiltner, Ashland, Ohio, judged the 27-head show.

Results are as follows.

Champion heifer Jessica Dye, Amity, with Boyd Fasination 7087 by Boyd Heavy Hitter 4007

Reserve champion heifer Matt Cross, Kennerdell, with HJF Bottom Line 8G by HJF Slick 4D

Bred-and-owned champion heifer Emilie Miller, Womelsdorf, with ECM Ric Key 701 by DS Assemblage

Reserve bred-and-owned champion heifer Jessica Dye with BVF Victoria 26G by Feltons 517

Cow-calf champion Cody Filges, Butler, with CL Grandeta and a March bull calf by WNH CHR MCA Decathlete

Reserve cow-calf champion Luke Vogel, Evans City, with DCF 25C Vaquerita 626 and a May heifer calf by VVF 8D Winchester

Bred-and-owned champion bull Zach Dye, Amity, with BVF Clarence's Z Boy 28G by MSU Optimum 203

Champion steer Connie Shaw, Newcomerstown, Ohio

Reserve champion steer Amanda Frazier, Georgetown

Showmanship Connie Shaw, senior, Jessica Dye, junior, and Randall Dye, Amity, peewee

Go-getters Award Cody Biddle, Seneca, Samuel Rimer, Butler, and Emilie Miller

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