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Ag, Rural Affairs Committee Sets Hearing On Dairy Compact

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The state House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee has scheduled a Feb. 23 public hearing at the state Capitol on proposed legislation that would enable Pennsylvania to join the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact.

The hearing announcement was made this week, and all interested parties are invited to attend. It is to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 60 of the Capitol East Wing (near the cafeteria).

A tentative list of witnesses was being compiled this week, and early in the week the list included representatives of the state's major agricultural organizations, the Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers, the three major dairy cooperatives operating in the state, as well as some people who claim to represent factions of the dairy producer industry.

Those who wish to testify should contact state Rep. Raymond Bunt's Harrisburg office at (717) 787-6937 immediately. Rep. Bunt is the majority chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural

Affairs Committee.

In effect since 1997, the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact was initially authorized by the U.S. Congress as a temporary means to prevent the loss of family and small-sized dairy farms in the New England states, because of the effects of transitioning away from

federal support pricing.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, of Vermont, was the major proponent of establishing the Compact for his home state. Vermont (along with the other New England states) has a climatic and feed production disadvantage compared to the nearby traditionally strong dairy states of

New York and Pennsylvania.

With transportation costs now minimalized because of better highways and inexpensive fuels, the loss of federal government price supports for those New England states would have left dairy producers there vulnerable to being

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Wayne Stough, Spring Grove, received the 1999 Citation Award at the York County 4-H Beef banquet. Bill Holloway, Mt. Wolf, made the presentation.



At the Pennsylvania Holstein Convention Sale in Wilkes-Barre Thursday night. Darlawn Bellwook Hazel consigned by Mark and Paul Darling, Nicholson, sold for \$10,800 to Vision Genetics, Richmond, Virginia. The event was held in the grand ball room of the Ramada Hotel on the square. See story, page A25. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.

Wayne Stough Saluted For York Beef Leadership

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SEVEN VALLEYS (York Co.) — One of York County's best known breeders of Simmental cattle found himself in the spotlight when the county's 4-H Beef Club saluted Wayne Stough as its 1999 Citation Winner.

Stough's name is the latest to be added to a list of annual honorees in a York County's 4-H Beef Club tradition that began in the late 1950s. His recognition came as the highlight of the club's annual awards banquet, held at the Seven Valleys Fire company Hall.

The Spring Grove cattleman is a 31-year leader of York County's 4-H beef program, after growing up in the program himself as a member. Following military service after graduation from Spring Grove High School, Stough worked for a period of time as a herdsman and manager in beef and swine operations. For the past 20-plus years, he has been

employed by the P.H. Glatfelter Paper Company.

Stough, his wife Brenda, and their three sons and a daughter have bred and raised beef cattle for many years. They are active in the Simmental Association, where Wayne serves on the state board of directors as well as working with various senior and junior programs. He was instrumental in helping to establish the Pennsylvania State Simmental Field Days and continues to assist with its planning and operation.

In addition to his long tenure of leadership activities with the 4-H Beef Club, Stough is active in his family's church, the Paper Union and the advisory committee of the Spring Grove schools. He has served on both the North Codorus Township and York County Planning Commissions and volunteers as a fire police officer for the township.

Several members and leaders

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Chicken is the entree for the Governor's dinner provided by members of the Lancaster County Poultry Association. Holding the tray is John Mattillo, left, president of the association, and Dr. John Schwartz, Lancaster County Extension director. From left are members Nelson Groff, Roni Clark, Jay Shannon, Carl Rohrer, Rich Roenigh, and Dan Heller. More about the "Dinner Fit for the Governor" is on page B2. Photo by Lou Ann Good.