## Livestock Breed Conservation Program Honored

PITTSBORO, N.C. — The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy recognized the important breed conservation work by Richard Nicoll of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's Coach and Livestock Department.

The Century Conservation Award was presented by the ALBC board of directors to Nicoll for his work in promoting and conserving several endangered breeds of livestock and bringing the issue before the public within the context of the mission of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Farm animals have long been part of the Williamsburg experience. But when Richard arrived 15 years ago, the livestock program was low profile and little research had gone into the selection of livestock breeds.

He began to research 18th century material and compiled a list of breeds that would be appropriate for the time period.

Nicoll initiated a cattle program based on the Milking Devon for dairying and oxen work. This year you can even find a Devon beef roast sizzling on the spit in the Governor's Palace kitchen. He encouraged staff to do the research and to pursue the purchase of an American Cream Draft horse for the carriage program, and later the Canadian breed was added.

Nicoll improved the sheep program from using phenotypical sheep to genotypical sheep with the arrival of the Leicester Longwools, and essentially reintroduced the breed into North America. The poultry program has expanded to four historic chicken breeds, and there are plans to add turkeys and pigeons in the near future.

The historic rare breeds dramatically increased the interpretive potential and provided the opportunity to discuss rare breeds, the 18th century agricultural revolution, Robert

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Bakewell's pioneering livestock breeding techniques, and the changing livestock industry around the world.

Williamsburg's fields and barns could have more easily been populated with more modern and common breeds. It would have saved time and money to use artificial insemination on the rare horses, sheep, and cattle, to avoid road trips to obtain new animals, and to move breeding groups. Yet the rare breeds have paid back the investment by providing interesting topics to discuss, beautiful animals to show visitors, and the feeling that Williamsburg is helping these vulnerable breeds to survive.

Colonial Williamsburg's conservation, study, and display of material culture is known and copied throughout the museum world. Thanks to Nicoll's vision and guidance, the livestock program is also well known in the museum world. He encourages other museum and living history sites to use rare breeds to enhance their mission. He is fond of saying he wants to make the rare breeds program so popular that it will continue long after he leaves Colonial Williamsburg.

Nicoll's contribution to rare breeds conservation has been invaluable, while at the same time enriching the experience of visitors to Colonial Williamsburg.

# Santorum, Donaldson Urge Repeal Of Death Tax

WASHINGTON, D.C. -U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum and Guy F. Donaldson, president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, urged the U.S. Senate to repeal the "unfair estate," better known as the "death tax." Both leaders made their statements at a news conference here recently.

'Perhaps no section of the tax code is more unfair and more of a direct hit on entrepreneurship and the ethic of savings than the death tax," said Santorum as he pledged support for its repeal.

Donaldson, leader of the 28,000-member farm organization, said, "Many times Pennsylvania farm family heirs are forced to sell their farms to meet the financial demands of the 'death tax' following the death in the family. It's a situation where nobody really gains anything, except government, which collects a tax that virtually eliminates a farm family business."

The House passed The Death

Tax Elimination Act (H.R. 8) with a near veto-proof vote (279-136). The House-approved legislation repeals death taxes by the year 2010. The legislation retains assets (up to \$5.6 million) on a stepped-up basis when the tax is repealed in 2010.

The stepped-up amount would be indexed to increase automatically with the inflation rate. All estate sizes would retain stepped-up basis assets of \$1.3 million. If an estate were larger than \$1.3 million, the heirs could choose which assets retain the stepped-up basis.

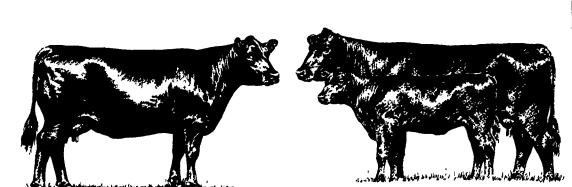
There would be an additional \$3 million of assets eligible for stepped-up basis on estate transfers between spouses, bringing the total value of stepped-up basis assets in such transfers up to \$4.3 million.

The legislation also reduces all estate tax rates by about 15 percent over 10 years and lowers the bottom effective rate from 37 percent to 18 percent. The top

rate is cut from 55 to 53 percent in 2001 and to 50 percent in 2002. All rates are reduced by a percent in 2003-2006, by 1.5 percent in 2007, and by 2 percent in 2008-2009. The unified credit is changed to an exemption in 2001, which lowers the bottom estate tax rate from 37 percent to 18 percent.

The Pennsylvania congressional delegation vote on the legislation split along party lines with Republicans favoring and Democrats opposing the legislation. Most Democrats are supportive of alternative legislation that would address elimination of estate taxes for family-owned businesses. Passage is questionable, and the Senate legislation is expected to mirror the House version.

While U.S. Senator Santorum supports estate tax elimination. U.S. Senator Specter is undecided. President Clinton has threatened to veto the House passed measure.





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