

## Congressman Pitts Makes Annual Farm Tour

LOWER OXFORD (Chester Co.)-Congressman Joe Pitts (R, PA-16) visited farms on Tuesday with stops in Narvon and Iva in Lancaster County, and Lower Oxford and West Grove in Chester County. This was his annual farm tour. Nearly a hundred farmers came out to meet him at the various farms, where he discussed repealing the estate tax, foreign "dumping" of imported produce, and other issues important to agriculture.

"As much or more than any other profession, farmers are getting killed by taxes," said Congressman Pitts. "The 'death tax' takes up to 60 percent of a farm's value when it passes from

one generation to the next. Farmers may own valuable land, but they often have very poor cash flow. How can anyone expect them to pay these taxes? It's no wonder so many farms are going up for sale.

"If we're going to preserve the farms that make Lancaster and Chester counties such special places to live-if we're going to preserve our heritage-we absolutely must make farming a profitable business. We have to stop taxing our farmers to death and we have to help them by opening up new markets and fighting for fair international trade practices."

In the morning, Congressman

## Penn State Dairymen's Club

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Penn State Dairymen's Club is soliciting nomina-

Pitts met with Lancaster County farmers at Wanner's Pride and Joy Farm (owned by the Alfred Wanner family) near Narvon in Salisbury Township and the Rohrer Farm (owned by Todd and Roger Rohrer) near Iva in Paradise Township. In the afternoon, he met with Chester County farmers at Bethel Hill Dairy (owned by Kevin and Robin Martin) in Lower Oxford Township and at Needham's Mushroom Farm (owned by Donald B., Donald Y., and Art Needham) in West Grove. Congressman Pitts makes a tour of farms in the 16th Congressional District every year.

tions for their annual service award. The honor is rotated through three industry segments: producers, industry representatives, and educators. This year the club will recognize a dairy producer who has worked towards the advancement and betterment of the dairy industry. Any person is eligible to nominate candidates for this award, and nominees do not have to be Penn State alumni.

This year will mark the tenth award. Last year's award went to Charles Itle, who manages the annual All-American Dairy Show each September, the Keystone International Livestock Exposition in October, and the livestock shows at the Pennsylvania Farm Show each January. Previous winners include Robert Patton (Monsanto), William

Conyngham (Hillside Farm), Larry Specht (Penn State), Dean Amick (PA DHIA), Sam Williams (Bryncoed Farm), Steve Spencer (Penn State), Duane Norman (USDA), Jay Houser (Penn-Dell Farm), and Larry Muller (Penn State).

To make a reservation for the dinner meeting, contact Beth Raney at 405 Ag Admin, University Park PA 16802, phone 814-863-2525 or send e-mail to bnr1@psu.edu.

All nominations of dairy producers should be submitted to Jayne Sebright at P.O. Box 529 East Berlin, PA 17316. Or send via e-mail to rjsebright@super-net.com. Deadline for nominations is October 1, 2000. There is no specific format for nominations.

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