

Farmers Union Urges Reform Of Estate Tax

WASHINGTON, D.C. — National Farmers Union has urged congressional leaders to adopt responsible estate tax reform that provides immediate help to families, farmers and small business owners.

"Congress has a real opportunity to address meaningful tax reform that helps our hard working family farmers and ranchers and small business owners with relief immediately, rather than waiting for possible repeal down the road that may still subject their heirs to capital gains tax. The other proposals also provide a windfall to America's wealthiest families, jeopardizing our ability to address other national priority issues such as education, health care and the rural economy," said NFU President Leland Swenson.

Farmers Union urges Congress to adopt an estate tax reform package that immediately:

- Increases the exemption to a minimum \$4 million of net estate value per individual (\$8 million per couple, indexed for future inflation).
- Retains stepped-up basis.
- Simplifies the exemption qualification rules.
- Modestly reduces current rates on the non-exempt portion of estates.
- Expands the current annual gift allowance to \$25,000.

"Our plan will maintain fiscal responsibility and ensure the availability of resources necessary to address our many national priorities. We urge Congress to accomplish this goal," said Swenson.

Nominees Requested For Prestigious Pacesetters Award

MIDDLETOWN (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders is looking for innovators and visionaries in the dairy industry to honor with its prestigious Pacesetter Award. Those who fit that profile can be nominated for the award at any time during the year.

"We created the award to honor individuals and organizations who contribute significantly to a positive image for Pennsylvania's dairy industry," said Ralph Heffner, chairperson of the Pacesetters Award committee. "It's designed to recognize the dynamic leadership responsible for building a strong and re-

warding future for Pennsylvania's dairy producers and others involved in the industry."

Past recipients of the Pacesetters Award are Land O'Lakes, Inc., Carlisle, and Luke, Mike, and Tony Brubaker and their families of Brubaker Farms, Mount Joy. Nominees should distinguish themselves through accomplishments or programs that:

- Bring positive recognition or advancement to Pennsylvania's dairy industry.
- Create positive attitudes about the industry among producers and their families.
- Recognize dairy food processing and distribution business-

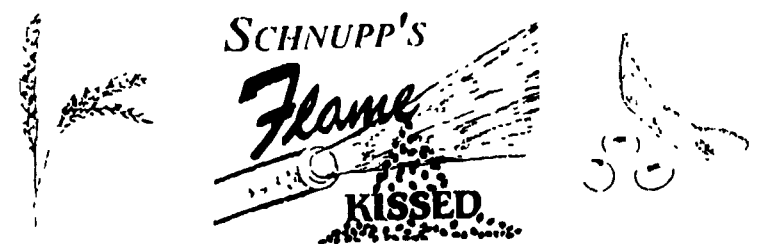
es that maintain and invest in a long-term commitment to the Pennsylvania dairy food industry.

• Create growing recognition by consumers that a healthy growing dairy industry is positive for everyone who lives and works in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders will recognize up to three recipients each year. A producer selected to receive the award this year may be honored at Ag Progress Days in August.

For more information and to receive an application, contact Alan Bair, facilitator, Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders, at (717) 948-6328 or nab4@psu.edu.

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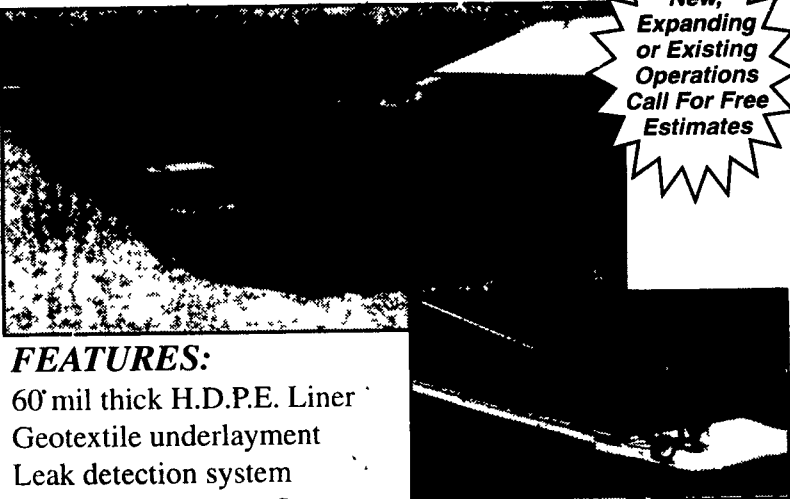
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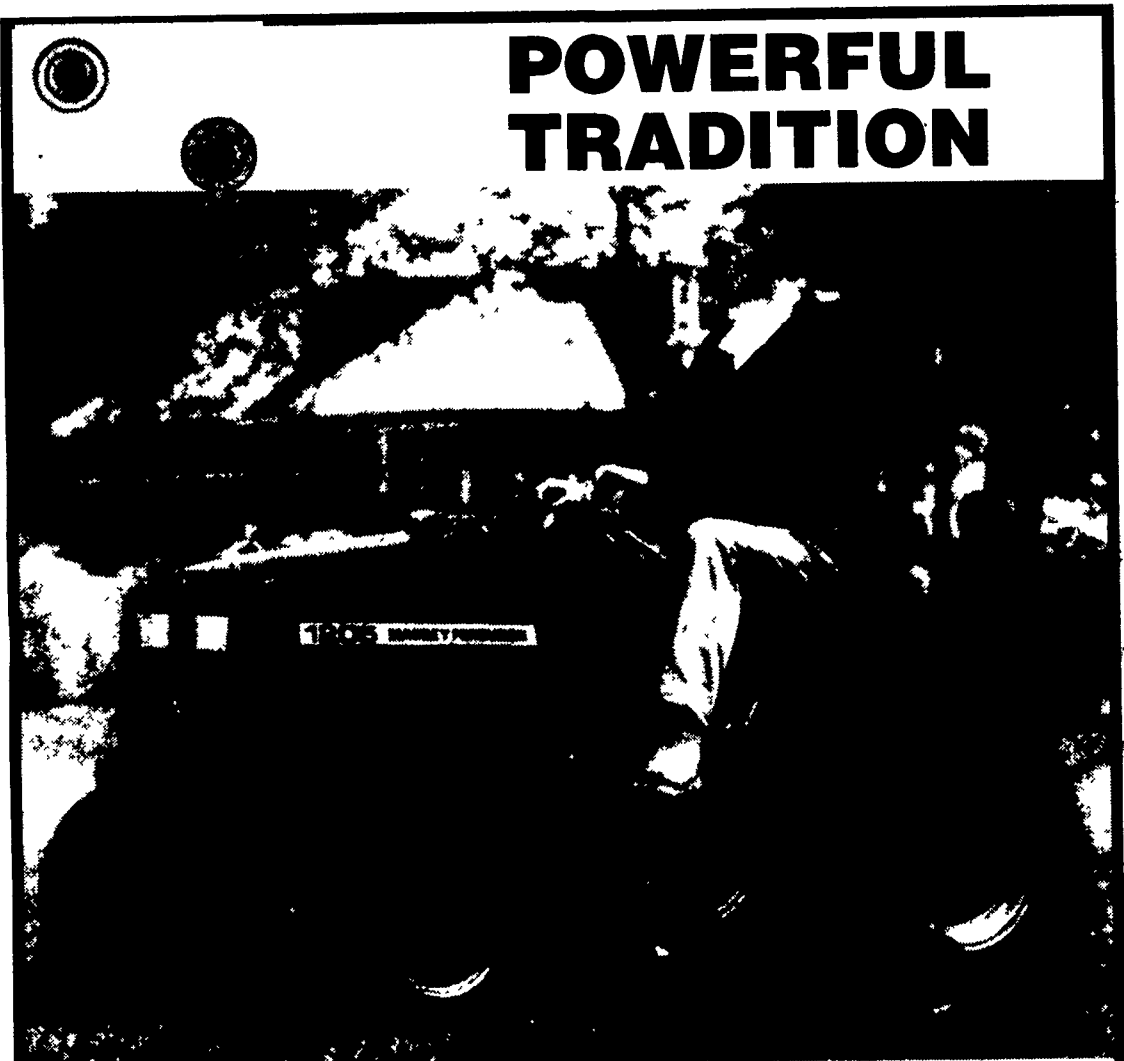


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