Farmers Can File For Tax Refunds

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Treasurer Barbara Hafer said this week that Pennsylvania farmers may file claims for liquid fuels tax refunds between July 1 and Sept. 30. Hafer, who chairs the Board of Fi-

nance and Revenue, said claim forms must be returned postmarked not later than Sept. 30 to the Board of Finance and Revenue, Motor Fuels Section, 1101 S. Front St., Suite 410, Harrisburg, PA 17104-2540.

"Any person who uses liquid fuels in the actual production of agricultural products is eligible for refunds," Hafer said. The refund rates for gasoline purchased on or after Jan. 1, 2001 are 26 cents per gallon (from 25.9 cents if purchased in 2000) and 30.9 cents per gallon for kerosene and diesel fuel purchased on or after Jan. 1, 2001 (from 30.8 cents if purchased in 2000).

Each claim must include copies of paid receipts or a statement from the fuel dealer that shows the number of gallons purchased, purchase dates and verification that the state taxes (liquid fuels and fuel use) were paid.

"Since changes in the rates took effect in the middle of the claim period, claims filed this year will be for a split tax period. Claimants need to make sure receipts are separated by date to reflect the different tax rates. They should check any statements from fuel dealers to make certain the tax charged is properly reflected," Hafer said.

Claim forms are available from the Board of Finance and Revenue at the above address. Questions may be answered by calling (717) 787-6534 or e-mail at levergot@tre.state.pa.us.

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