

Southcentral Young Farmers

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with the PYFA and is director of membership.

Glen Krall was named new president of the association. Krall and wife Linda are members of the Cedar Crest Chapter and manage a dairy farm in Leb-

anon County.

About 175 people attended the convention, which included a variety of educational workshops and offered tours to local attractions and ag-related sites.

The association adheres to the motto: "A young farmer is any farmer willing to learn."

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Budget Squeezes Agriculture

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agriculture research, animal health and indemnification, plum pox indemnification, All-American Dairy Show, Keystone International Livestock Exposition, Junior Dairy Show, 4-H, FFA, market promotion, hardwoods development, farm safety, and county fairs are all scheduled to be preserved at their historic levels," Hayes said in the statement.

Schweiker's budget message recommends increases for homeland security and education. It also includes tax cuts for the eighth consecutive year.

The Pennsylvania legislature will continue to work on the budget through June.

House Ag and Rural Affairs Committee member Edward

Krebs (R-101) said the ag budget will probably see some shifting of funds within it prior to final approval this summer. However, because of the state's revenue shortage, the total allocation for agriculture is not likely to change.

"We're in a money drought," he said.

To balance this year's state budget, Schweiker has proposed drawing \$550 million from the \$1.2 billion budgetary reserve known as the Rainy Day Fund.

A press statement from the Pennsylvania State Grange noted that "the budget proposal seems to be a mixed bag for agriculture." The grassroots ag organization will be requesting funding increases for agricul-

tural research and education.

"While we are disappointed that many agricultural programs will not enjoy increased funding, we are pleased that they are not being severely curtailed," said Brenda Stambaugh, the Grange's legislative director.

One area of interest to rural Pennsylvania is the expansion of the Rural Transportation Services pilot program for Pennsylvanians with disabilities. Currently a pilot program in eight counties, this program will be expanded if the additional \$1.8 million proposed by Schweiker stays intact, Stambaugh noted.

The program allows rural Pennsylvanians with disabilities to be transported to various locations such as doctor's offices with older Pennsylvanians.

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