State, Counties To Commit \$64 Million For Preservation

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) ----Agriculture Secretary Sam Hayes, on behalf of Gov. Mark Schweiker, recently announced that Pennsylvania and its counties will invest \$64 million in 2002 to preserve valuable farmland.

The State Farmland Preservation Board voted at its February meeting to commit \$40 million to the farmland-preservation program in 2002. The board approved the preservation of 33 additional farms totaling 4,181 acres, including Potter County's first farm.

The 33 farms approved by the State Farmland Preservation Board for preservation in February follow.

Adams County:

• Charles Mayers, Germany Township, 82 acres, \$185,479. · Peggy Ann and Eddie Diveley,

Menallen Township, 88 acres,

\$122.847. **Berks County:**

• William Fessler, Heidelberg Township, 53 acres, \$105,000.

David Mark and Evelyn Horning, Marion Township, 109 acres, \$218,800.

• Debra' Kiefer, Tulpehocken Township, 221 acres, \$442,000.

• C. Celeste Manbeck and the Estate of George Manbeck, Marion and Tulpehocken Townships, 178 acres, \$355,600.

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\$255.000. · Harold and Rowena Miller, Tul-

pehocken Township, 108 acres, \$215,000. • Melvin and Twila Oberholtzer,

Marion Township, 132 acres, \$263,200.

· Eugene and Mary Louise Sensenig, Tulpehocken Township, 42 acres, \$79,230.

Bucks County:

- Howard Fleishman, Springfield Township, 73 acres, \$511,000. **Clinton County:**
- Frederik Chappell, Lamar Township, 137 acres, \$150,965. **Erie County:**

· Gregory and Joan Hitchcock, North East Township, 20

acres, \$31,587. • Jeffrey and Pamela

Thompson, North East Town-

ship, 31 acres, \$65,752.

• Franklin County Ray and Barbara Heckman, Peters Township, 178 acres, \$294,273.

Lackawanna County:

• Eva Billets, Benton Township, 35 acres, \$65,368.

· Elbert and Esther Rowlands, North Abington Township, 12 acres, \$25,041.

Lancaster County:

 Raymond and Darla Brubacher, Caernarvon Township, 96 acres, \$283,023.

· Leon and Elaine Good, Warwick Township, 115 acres, \$334,490.

• Hunt, Krieder and Martin, Manor Township, 110 acres, \$297.054.

- Richard and Gwendolyn Stauffer, Clay Township, 80 acres, \$400,000.
- Jeffrey Wood, Little Britain Township, 82 acres, \$130,926. Lawrence County:

• McBride Farms Partnership, North Beaver Township, 147 acres, \$147,170. **Luzerne County:**

• Beverly Ochs Farm, Butler Township, 113 acres, \$270,749. **Perry County:**

• Sidney Witmer, Liverpool Township, 423 acres, \$342,745.

Potter County: • Charles and Bernita Douglass, Hector Township, 205 acres, \$164.000.

Snyder County: Clair and Evelyn Heimbach, Penn Township, 232 acres, \$375,689.

• Roy and Kay Marks, Jackson Township, 102 acres, \$117,074.

York County:

· Robert and Miriam Waltemyer, North Hopewell and York Townships, \$388,345.

The State Farmland Preservation Board also approved the preservation of an additional three farms totaling 208 acres in York County through the County Farmland Preservation Program.



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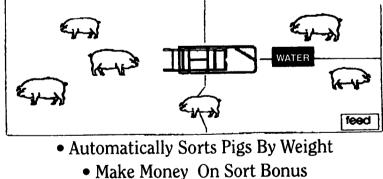
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