

Pa. Governor Candidates Detail Their Platforms Before Cornucopia

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Pa.'s Governor Candidates And Their Platforms

ED RENDELL Former Mayor of Philadelphia Democrat



1. Farmland preservation. Finding new sources of funding will be number 1 on his agenda.
2. Local property tax reform. More funding has to come from the state, less from individual property owners. How? By doubling cigarette tax and authorizing slot machines on racetracks.
3. Solutions to allow farmers to deal with environmental regulations while ensuring water quality. Water is one of the state's greatest assets, he noted. Look at regions and allow them to develop plans without the "one-size-fits-all" philosophy.
4. Increase state and economic development strategies to move additional food processors into Pennsylvania.
5. Direct grants and low-interest loans for packing facilities to allow Pennsylvania fruit and vegetable producers to market Pennsylvania-fresh produce.



MIKE FISHER Attorney General Republican



1. Promote Pennsylvania's products, protect state farmers and the leading industry. His vision: "to take Pennsylvania to the world," and promote products and work to open new markets for the state's ag industry.
2. Government in partnership. A balance between protecting the environment and allowing people to work is key. He will make certain that state government, particularly the Department of Environmental Protection, works in partnership with farmers.
3. Lower taxes. Fisher is committed to eliminating the state's inheritance tax.
4. Farmland preservation. He was the first candidate, noted in a release, to propose a \$2 fee increase on trash dumped in the state's landfills. The \$50 million generated will go toward establishing a reliable funding source for the state's Growing Greener programs.



BOB CASEY Auditor General Democrat



1. Preserve and protect the Right To Farm.
2. Maintain integrity of laws designed to protect agriculture.
3. Make agriculture a full partner in Pennsylvania's economic future.
4. Tax fairness. Reform tax laws, not by gimmicks, but by working on "doable" taxation on cigarettes, etc.
5. Restore FFA and 4-H grant programs. Those programs are at risk under the current budget proposals. Also, Casey intends to preserve and expand the ag loan forgiveness program.
6. To educate and promote individual agricultural enterprise within the state's borders.



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