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the Farm Bill. There is added incentive for this to happen as a result of the House passing the Farm Bill last week on a 280-141 vote. The best part is the 280 votes were almost evenly split between the Republicans and the Democrats.

As usual, there are several flaws in the Farm Bill, but, finally, something was done for dairy farmers.

While many people deserve credit for the dairy provisions in the Farm Bill, there are a few people who stand out.

• Sen. Jeffords. You need to give credit to Sen. Jim Jeffords for leaving his party and going Independent. I know many people are irritated at Jeffords, but we would never have gotten the dairy provisions if Sen. Lott and Sen. Lugar were running the show.

• Sen. Leahy. With Jeffords jumping the ship, this meant Sen. Leahy from Vermont was in charge of the dairy provisions in the Senate Farm Bill. Leahy never gave up, both on the Senate floor and as a member of the Conference Committee. Remember, Leahy's first attempt in the Senate was a bill to increase prices to dairy farmers out of the market place.

• Sen. Specter. Even with the efforts of Leahy, they still would not have been successful without the support of several Republican senators such

10,000 Acres Of Adams County Farmland Preserved

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — "The Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Board is delighted to announce a celebration in recognition of preserving more than 10,000 acres of farmland," said Ellen Dayhoff, director.

The celebration will be at the Knud Hermansen and Sons Farm, 6978 Carlisle Pike, Sunday, May 19, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

During the event, all owners of preserved farms within Adams County will be presented with a permanent sign to place at the entrance to their farm.

The Hermansen farm is a family-run crop farm, operated by Knud and his sons Kai and Kristian. The farm is located on Rt. 94, nine miles north of Rt. 30. From Route 15, the farm is about 2.5 miles south on Rt. 94. Signs will be posted.

For more information, call the ACALPB office at (717) 337-5859.

as our own Sen. Arlen Specter. When it comes to dairy farm pricing, Sen. Specter is always with us.

• Rep. Holden. Tim Holden (Pennsylvania) is a member of the House Ag Committee and was a member of the Conference Committee. He did a great service to the dairy farmers.

• Rep. Sherwood. Ever since Jim Jeffords left the House of Representatives and became a member of the Senate, it just wasn't the same in the House without him battling for the dairy farmers. However, there is no question we have a new advocate for dairy farmers in the House. It is our own Rep. Don Sherwood. Since arriving in Washington, D.C., Sherwood has stood up for dairy farmers many times.

In the fall of 2001 — Sherwood made heroic efforts to have dairy compacts become part of the Farm Bill. The compact did not become part of the Farm Bill because the leadership referred the

proposed compact legislation to the Judiciary Committee where it got buried. Then, Sherwood supported Rep. Bernie Sanders' legislation to help dairy farmers (which lost by only 27 votes).

When the Senate passed the Farm Bill with the dairy provisions, Sherwood seized the opportunity and circulated a letter to various House members in support of the Senate's dairy provisions. All representatives signed the letter that was sent to the Conference Committee. I am glad that Pro-Ag members traveled to Washington, D.C. in support of Rep. Sherwood's efforts and helped to obtain a few names.

Certainly Sherwood's letter played an important role in obtaining the dairy provisions in the Farm Bill. The dairy provisions are *not* what we wanted — the money should come from the marketplace. But maybe we have something to build on for the future.

Many people deserve a thank you, but we will never forget the efforts of Sen. Jeffords, Sen. Leahy, Sen. Specter, Rep. Sanders, Rep. Holden, and especially our own representative and neighbor, Don Sherwood.

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Legislators Announce \$224,000 For Experiment Station

GENEVA, N.Y. — Continuing their efforts in support of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, Senators Mike Nozzolio and Randy Kuhl, and Assemblyman Bill Magee announced that they have secured \$224,000 in state assistance for the Experiment Station. The funding was secured as part of last year's state budget.

"Last year, we achieved a major victory in winning approval for the establishment of the Ag Tech Park at the Experiment Station, which will greatly enhance Geneva's national standing and reputation as a major research center in the development of new technologies and help create new jobs in the Finger Lakes region," said Nozzolio.

Assemblyman Bill Magee, chair of the Assembly Agriculture Committee, said, "This investment in the Geneva Station is a real shot in the arm for the Finger Lakes, definitely, but also for agriculture across New York State."

Jim Hunter, director of the Experiment Station said, "Without these funds, the station would not be able to continue upgrading equipment needed to carry out field and laboratory research. Modern instruments and machines are essential for station scientists to help New York food and agriculture industries, and to retain and attract businesses based on the plant and food sciences."

The funding secured by the legislators will be used to assist the Experiment Station with upgrading equipment and machinery and to support the wine production training facility. The funding brings New York State's investment in the Experiment Station to more than \$1.5 million since 1995.

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