

Trust To Launch Spring Campaign

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Heidi Schellenger, executive director, announced today that Lancaster Farmland Trust will introduce new membership-giving levels during the upcoming spring campaign.

"There has been a call for a clearer definition of membership from our supporters," said Schellenger, "and we have worked hard to find an improved way to communicate about membership with this group."

The Trust, which has a membership of 2,300, will launch the spring campaign on March 31.

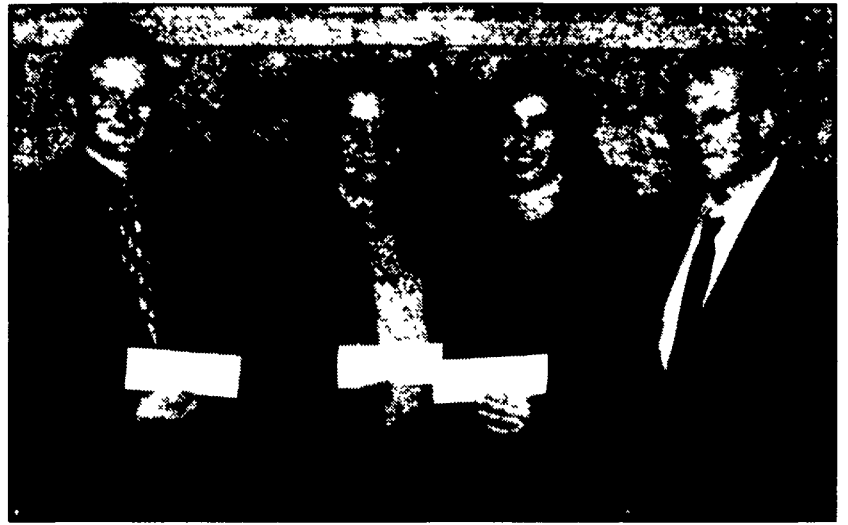
Membership-giving levels include four groups — three for individuals and one for businesses. "Membership giving levels are given farm-related names like Farmland Protector and Preservation Investor, marking a connection between the member's gift and Lancaster Farmland Trust's mission," said Schellenger. She also noted that membership benefits, which include a quarterly newsletter and special invitations to Trust events, will be clearly stated in solicitation materials.

"Our members are the lifeblood of Lancaster Farmland Trust — their contributions

make it possible for Lancaster Farmland Trust to help Lancaster County farmers preserve their farms," Schellenger said, "I want to ensure that they know how we use their contributions, and how much we appreciate their support."

The levels will be given to contributors to the Trust for their cumulative gifts during 2003.

For more information about becoming or continuing as a Lancaster Farmland Trust member, call Renny Magill, director of development, at (717) 293-0707, or e-mail Renny@salvelancasterfarms.org.



From left, Kyle Hershey, Kristy Dietrich, and Emilie Miller received scholarships from the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association (PCA) at the annual banquet Thursday evening. Joining them is Terry Shearer, PCA president. More award coverage is scheduled for next week's edition of Lancaster Farming. Photo by Dave Lefever

New Rendell Budget Proposal Adds Ag Funds

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Gov. Ed Rendell's recently unveiled tax plan adds new benefits for the state's farmers, according to Dennis Wolff, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture.

"There are two very significant changes," Wolff said. These are the proposed cut in property taxes, as well as \$100 million to provide low-interest loans for agriculture and tourism, including a small-business loan program and a matching

equipment loan fund (MELF).

The proposal announced this week would cut property taxes across the state by 30 percent on average, and a minimum

of 15 percent to any school district across the state.

According to Rendell's proposal, the property tax cuts would be offset by a 34 percent jump in state income taxes.

The state personal income tax would increase from 2.8 percent to 3.75 percent under the plan, generating about \$2.2 billion in 2003-2004 as part of his promised \$3 billion "Plan for a New Pennsylvania."

Wolff said he is pleased with the budget.

"It's great to see this administration addressing agriculture

as the important part of the economy that it is," he said.

Rendell's proposal to legalize slot machines at some horse racing tracks would also prove to be a benefit to agriculture, Wolff noted.

Education is one of the top priorities in the budget, which would allot \$550 million for new initiatives in 2003-2004, and more than \$1 billion per year in the future.

State lawmakers will evaluate the new budget before proposing changes or voting on it.

New Wilmington Livestock

New Wilmington, Pa.
Report Supplied By PD A
Monday, March 24, 2003
C A T T L E
156 (PDA) Compared with
last week's sale of cows 50 to
200 lower

STIFFERS few Choice 1-3
1255-1385 lbs 75 25-78 00, couple
Select 1-2 65 00 & 73 50
HOI STEIN STEIFERS one
Choice 2-3 1600 lbs 58 00
HEIFERS Choice 1-3
1030-1305 lbs 73 00-77 00, few
Select 1-2 65 00-73 00 one Standard
1-2 59 00

COWS Breakers 75-80% lean
40 00-46 50, Boners 80 85% lean
35 00-40 00, Lean 85-90% lean
31 00-37 00 Shells 30 75 and
down

BULLS few Yield Grade 1
1205 1775 lbs 48 00 54 75, few
Yield Grade 2 1265-1780 lbs
42 00 47 00

FEEDER CATTLE
STIFFERS few Large 2 905 1065
lbs 43 00-46 00, Heifers few Medium
1 2 425 500 lbs
54 00 61 00, BULLS few Medium
and Large 1 610-680 lbs
76 00 77 00, few Medium 2
510 620 lbs 45 00 58 00 few
Large 2 270-330 lbs 49 00-51 00

CALVES 152 (All calves sold
per cwt) VEALERS Standard
and Good 80 125 lbs
25 00-35 00 Utility 50-80 lbs
12 50 25 00 FARM CALVES
No 1 Holstein bulls 90 135 lbs
100 00-128 00 80-85 lbs
85 00 87 50, No 2 80-120 lbs
40 00-120 00 No 1 Holstein heifer
cvs 90-105 lbs 250 00-275 00, No
2 75 95 lbs 145 00-225 00

Beef cross bulls and heifers
75 105 lbs 75 00-125 00

HOGS 135 Barrows and gilts
steady BARROWS AND
GILTS 49-54% lean 220-260 lbs
37 50-38 00, 45-50% lean
220-280 lbs 35 75-36 75, 40-45%
lean 220-300 lbs 33 00-35 50

SOWS 1-3 355-530 lbs
18 00-25 00
BOARS few 450-695 lbs
4 00-5 00, 200-280 lbs
16 00-24 00

FEEDER PIGS 4 NO MARKET TEST

SHEEP 85 OLD CROP
LAMBES Choice 80-120 lbs
80 00-104 00, 50-70 lbs
72 00 85 00 SPRING LAMBES
Choice 40-50 lbs 92 50-172 50
mostly 120 00 123 00, 50-80 lbs
120 00-145 00

SLAUGHTER SHEEP
16 00-28 00, Yearlings
40 00-50 00

GOATS 13 (All sold by the
head with weights estimated)
Kids Selection 2 few 20-40 lbs
15 00-25 00 Nannies few 85 100
lbs 25 00 44 00 Wethers few
100-130 lbs 65 00-75 00 Billies
few 75-100 lbs 41 00 82 50

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