

U.S. Rep Holden Visits Lebanon Fair

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LEBANON (Lebanon Co.)—Allyson Balmer enjoyed showing U.S. Congressman Tim Holden her calves.

"My mom says I am a good calf tender," the 7-year-old said. The Lebanon County Farm

Bureau hosted a tour of the Lebanon County Fairgrounds and The Balmer Farm, Lebanon, for U.S. Rep. Tim Holden and state Rep. Pete Zug. The goal was to get to know local faces and build relationships with the Ag community according to Greg Hostetter, vice president of the bureau.

for the Pa. 17th District (Schuylkill, Lebanon, Dauphin and parts of Berks and Perry Counties) has been a U.S. Rep. for 13 years, but after reapportionment earlier this year, picked up Lebanon County.

"I wanted to visit farms in the new part of my district during recess to talk about my work in Congress," he said.

Holden, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, and U.S. Rep.

Congress passed the largest farm bill in history, \$73.5 billion

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Senator Specter To Meet With Area Dairy Farmers

MESHOPPEN (Wyoming Co.) — Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) will meet twice in early August with area dairy farmers.

Arden Tewksbury, manager of Pro Ag, reported the first meeting will take place at the Milan and Arvin Hibbard farm in Dimmock (Rt. 29, Susquehanna County) on Thursday, Aug. 7, at 5 p.m.

The second meeting will be Friday, Aug. 8, at the Tioga County Fairgrounds, Whitneyville. The fairgrounds are just off Rt. 6, approximately halfway between Mansfield and Wellsboro (Tioga County). Senator Specter will meet with dairy farmers in the main tent at 2:15 p.m.

Dennis Boyanowski, president of Pro Ag said, "it is very important that dairy farmers attend one of these meetings. The meetings are wide open, and we would like to see agribusiness people, and certainly consumers, to attend the sessions."

Specter's offices in Scranton and Coudersport are coordinating the meetings.

"Senator Specter has always been a supporter of our dairy farmers and is currently drafting a dairy bill to price milk based on the dairy farmer's cost of production. Specter is also supporting the efforts to establish dairy compacts in various sections of the country," Tewksbury said.

On Aug. 8, Dairy Days will be celebrated at the Tioga County Fairgrounds.

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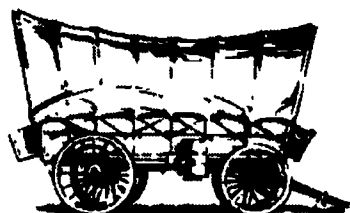


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