

U.S. Rep Holden Visits Lebanon Fair

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last year. With recent tax cuts, \$6 billion must be eliminated from the bill. Many farmers are concerned the cuts will affect them.

Holden said there have been negotiations in session and as the only northeast Rep. on the committee, he hopes there will be shared sacrifices.

"I hope to form a coalition with another region," Holden said.

He assured the farmers he will do his best to make sure they

don't suffer, but he has no idea where the money will come from. A decision will be made by Sept. 30.

According to county farm bureau president Dale Heagy, they chose the Balmer Farm because it is close to the fairgrounds and Balmer serves on the county board.

Bryan and Tammy Balmer and their three children, Mitchell, 9, Allyson, 7, and Trenton, 1, escorted Holden, Zugg and several local farmers around their 115

acre, 90 cow dairy farm they rent from Robert Kreider. Holden entertained questions about his work in Congress and became acquainted with local farmers and their concerns.

"I have been on the committee for 11 years, but I'm definitely not an expert," Holden said. "I am here to learn as much as possible."



From left, Holden Hostetter, 2; Greg Hostetter, Lebanon County Farm Bureau vice president; U.S. Rep. Tim Holden; Bryan Balmer; Tammy Balmer, Trenton Balmer, 1, state Rep. Pete Zug; and Dale Heagy, Lebanon County Farm Bureau president, pose for a picture after a farm tour of the Balmer Dairy Farm July 28 as part of the Lebanon Area Fair.

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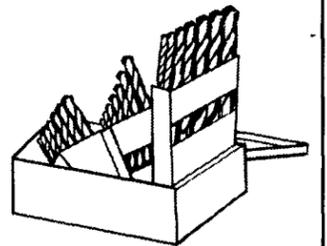
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