

● Farm Calendar
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 — 7:30 p.m. Central 4-H Tractor Club at L. H. Brubaker, Lititz R3.
 — 8 p.m. Manor Young Farmers at Penn Manor H. S. subj. "Corn Production."
 Feb. 10 — 1 p.m. ASCS Information Meet on Tobacco and Feed Grains at New Holland Fire Co. hall.
 — 7:30 p.m. ASCS Information Meet at Quarryville Fire Co. hall.
 Feb. 11 — 6:30 p.m. Annual Extension Service Banquet Meeting at Hostetter's Banquet Hall, Mount Joy. Speaker, Dean Larson, Penn State University.
 — 7:30 p.m. Ephrata Young Farmer Class at Ephrata H. S. Subj. "Soil Conservation."
 Feb. 12 — 7:30 p.m. ASCS Information Meet at Hostetter's Banquet Hall, Mount Joy.

Meat Institute Reacts To Transfer Of Meat Inspection From ARS

The American Meat Institute recently issued the following statement regarding an announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture of a proposal to transfer Federal Marketing Service from the Agricultural Research Service to the Agricultural Marketing Service:

"It is our considered conviction that the announcement made by the Secretary of Agriculture recently that he intends to transfer the Federal Meat Inspection Service from the Agricultural Research Service to the Agricultural Marketing Service is not in the public interest. This transfer, we fear, will diminish rather than enhance the protection that consumers now enjoy. This important mandatory program should not be separated from the scientific and research backstopping now furnished by ARS in a direct line of authority.
 "Meat inspection is a consumer protection service and is not a marketing function. We sincerely hope that the Secretary will reconsider his ill-advised move."

that the Secretary expects to make by this transfer will be illusory at best. The possible loss of public confidence in the wholesomeness of the meat supply and in the government inspection service would, in the long run, be far more costly to the government, livestock farmers, meat industry, and the consumers.

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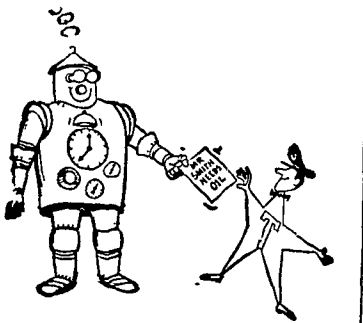
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