



Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION

Deer Should Be Legal Deductions For Farmers

HARRISBURG — Farmers should be able to claim deer as dependents when they file their income tax, Pennsylvania's Secretary of Agriculture believes.

Leland H Bull said this would be one way the farmer would be compensated for the damages deer do to crops each year.

"My statement about claiming deer as dependents may sound ridiculous," Bull said, "but I make it to emphasize the tremendous losses farmers suffer in areas over-populated with deer."

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Poultry Technician Course Set July 17-20

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has announced that applications will be received until July 1 for enrollment in the sixth poultry technician training course for qualified laymen, July 17 through 20, at the Penn State University.

Application blanks are available from the Bureau of Animal Industry in Harrisburg. Each application must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$5 payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This fee will be returned if the applicant is not accepted for training or if he fails to qualify for a license. An applicant must be 21, a citizen of the United States (or legally declar-

ed his intention to become a citizen), of good moral character, and have completed at least eight years of education or its equivalent.

The class will be limited to approximately 15 trainees. Satisfactory completion of the course leads to issuance of a license as a poultry technician. This permits the licensee to engage in the drawing of blood samples from chickens and other fowl to be used in the state's pullorum disease testing program, supplementing the work of veterinarians. The technician, however, is prohibited from performing any other function requiring a veterinarian's license.

Those who really want to do something find a way others find excuses.

River Basin Compact Stacked Against Pa., PFA Director Says

"The people of Pennsylvania should request their members of the General Assembly to thoroughly study and understand the proposed compact for the Susquehanna River Basin," said Franklin White of Muncy, Pennsylvania, a member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, today.

"What kind of a one-way contract is our Legislature getting us into that permits the federal government to withdraw and set its conditions for membership while the other parties, New York, Maryland, and Pennsylvania are prohibited from withdrawing?" asked White.

Referring specifically to Article I of Senate Bill 479, introduced by State Senator Zehnder Confair of Williamsport, White pointed out that of the four parties to the compact, only the federal government has the right to withdraw as a party to the compact. Congress is also given a free hand to revise the terms and conditions under which it may remain a party to the compact.

"Congress may decide," said White, "not to pay its share of the costs as a condition to remain a party to the compact. Or, Congress may come up with some adverse ideas 30 years from now that seriously affect Pennsylvania. And Pennsylvania would be stuck."

"Of all business dealings I know of, my bank would have been out of business a long time ago if it had permitted the farmers in my area to borrow money on the condition that the farmers could withdraw from the loan agreement, or set their own terms of payment."

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