

A day spent recently in Washington D.C. attending the annual convention of the American National Cattlemen's Association reminds us of the value of this type of organization, and the great effort being made to inform politicians that agriculture and livestock production is still important to our country. After hearing several Congressmen and Representatives address the convention, we should recognize the importance of keeping our law-makers informed of our opinions and needs. I fear that very

few farmers, or those working in agriculture, take the time to make these influential contacts. As presented at this convention, it appears that livestock producers face increased costs of production but also should enjoy increased consumer demand for their products. Also, consumers should be prepared to pay higher food costs in order for the commercial farmer to survive. In comparison to the costs of other household items, food prices have not risen as much and food is considered a good buy.

Weather Modification Control Endorsed

Pennsylvania authorities today endorsed proposed federal legislation that would regulate or control weather modification activities on a national scale

The action was taken by the state's Weather Modification Board following a meeting with officials of the Tri-State Natural Weather Association and citizens of South Central Pennsylvania counties, according to Charles F. Hess, secretary of the board.

The South Central counties—principally Franklin and Fulton along with adjacent areas—have been a center of prolonged controversy and dispute over reported cloud seeding activities to dispel storms and prevent rain. The situation there led to enactment of a State Weather Modification Law in 1968, one of the first such state laws enacted in the nation. Since then, similar laws have been enacted in the neighboring states of West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware.

The use of aircraft close to state lines for cloud seeding has made law enforcement efforts difficult and frustrating the Weather Modification Board pointed out in letters to Pennsylvania's Senators, Hugh Scott and Richard S. Schweiker, the board urged enactment of proposed federal legislation to cope with the problem.

The Weather Modification Board functions under the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, an agency of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Actual enforcement of the law, as it pertains to cloud seeding activities, is a responsibility of the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Aeronautics Commission.

Hot House Lambs Finding Market

Many of the nicest hot-house lambs are Shropshire sired according to Robert Ross of Hop Bottom, Pennsylvania. Ross operates a marketing system for sheep growers and specializes in marketing the milk-fat lambs in New York.

Further evidence of the Shropshire's desirability as a producer of quality hot-house lamb carcasses can be found in the results of the 1969 Connecticut Sheep Breeders' Annual Hot-House Lamb Contest. Joseph L. Lavieri's purebred Shropshire lamb took double honors both as Champion on Hoof and Champion on the Rail. Lavieri's lamb weighed 47 pounds at 48 days.

While demand for hot-house lambs is heaviest from September 1st through the Greek Easter which this year falls one month later than the Christian Easter, Ross says the hot-house market is becoming a year-around business. Not only is the hot-house lamb used by Greek, Syrian, Italian and Hebrew buyers for ceremonial and holiday fare but it is becoming a popular gourmet

Broiler Placements Up 28%

Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending January 31 were 1,102,000. The placements were 28% above the same week a year earlier and 14% above the previous week. Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 17% above a year earlier. Settings for broiler chicks were 1,839,000—5% above the previous week and 9% above the comparable period a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 6% above the same period a year ago. In shipments of broiler-type chicks during the past 10 weeks averaged 10,000, compared with 23,000 a year ago. Outshipments averaged 308,000 during the past 10 weeks, 18% above a year earlier.

People planning early retirement shouldn't live in apartments with paper thin walls.

In posh restaurants a serving of hot house lamb costs about \$12.00 a plate. The hot-house lamb should be marketed at 40 lbs liveweight.



**TAKE
ADVANTAGE
OF OUR**

PRE-SEASON DISCOUNTS NOW

Insure obtaining the finest quality and service available

Fertilizer spread when you want it and in correct amounts per acre with our calibrated fleet of spreaders.

Call 569-3296 or
626-6790 — Woody Funk
665-4921 — Mark Eshleman
393-8517 — Ted Minnich

Chemgro Fertilizer Co., Inc.

Box 218 East Petersburg, Pa. 17520



FREE SAMPLE COPIES

Copies of LANCASTER FARMING are not always easy to find — they are not sold on newsstands — and perhaps some of your friends may not be acquainted with our weekly service.

We'll be glad to send, without charge, several copies of LANCASTER FARMING to your friends or business associates. Just write their names and addresses below — (You'll be doing both them and us a favor!)

To	to
Street Address & R. D.	Street Address & R. D.
City, State and Zip Code	City, State and Zip Code

(You are not limited to two names. Use separate sheet for additional names.)

Your Name	Address
-----------	---------

CHECK here if you prefer to send a Year's (52 issues) GIFT subscription for \$2 each (\$3 each outside of Lancaster County) to your friends listed above. If so \$..... enclosed, or

Bill me later.
Please mail this form to:



P. O. BOX 266 LITITZ, PENNA.

the FUTURE is HERE with REX

**SELF-UNLOADING
forage box**

BY **LANCO**
LOCKE, N.Y.

THE BOX DESIGNED WITH THE FUTURE FARMER IN MIND

SIMPLE . . .
Worm Driven
Main Apron
Worm Driven
Beaters

STRONG . . .
Built with Good
New York Oak
(Dimensional Lumber)

SMOOTH . . .
NO RATCHET

SAFE . . .
FINGER FORCED
FEEDING
("PEELS" OFF THE LOAD)



LAMCO

"LET THE FINGERS DO THE FEEDING"

NO PLUGGING
NO BRIDGING
NO AUGERS

NO AUGER - NO RATCHET

For
**Smooth, Easy, Trouble Free
Handling Of Heavy Loads**

Now is the time to buy — LAMCO 14' 2 beater FORAGE BOX mounted on heavy duty wagon w/telescoping tongue and 10:00 x 15 8 ply new tires.

\$1595.00

Deduct \$100.00 During December
75.00 During January
50.00 During February
25.00 During March

Also pre-season Bale Throw Racks and Feeder Racks.

KINZER EQUIP. CO.

Your Equipment Center in Lancaster County
Box 23, Kinzer, Pa. Phone 412-4186