

## Farmers Flood Relief Available

Ben Shenk, agricultural specialist with the Lancaster office of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Employment Security, this week reminded self-employed farmers and farm workers, who are now unemployed because of the recent flood, to file claims for disaster unemployment assistance at their nearest local State Employment Office or emergency Flood Information Office.

Clark explained that any self-employed farmer who cannot perform services in his place of business because of damage caused by the natural disaster could be eligible for payments of at least \$54.00 a week for the duration of his unemployment or a maximum of 30 weeks. The same rate and schedule applies to the farm worker who is unemployed because of the disaster.

Unlike the regular unemployment compensation program in Pennsylvania, disaster unemployment assistance is available to persons who make their living in the agricultural industry — both farmers and workers.

### Phobophobia

When one is afraid of being afraid, it is termed phobophobia, a term derived from the ancient Greek meaning "fear of one's own fears"

## U. S. Farm Efficiency Rises Sharply in 1971

National farm output per unit of input gained 9 per cent in 1971 over the year before, due to better than average growing conditions across the country and greater application of improved technology, according to a recent report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA's Economic Research Service noted that 1971 farm production also was up 9 per cent from the year before while the total volume of inputs used in agriculture remained the same.

Use of purchased inputs gained one per cent over 1970 but this was offset by a one per cent drop in nonpurchased inputs. There was no change during 1971 in the quantity of farm labor, mechanical power and machinery, feed, seed, and purchased livestock used in agriculture. A gain occurred in the fertilizer and liming material

and miscellaneous input groups while there were decreases in the farm real estate and taxes and interest categories.

Output per hour of labor rose markedly in 1971 over the preceding year - 11 per cent for

crops and 8 per cent for livestock. Among the crop groups, the greatest gains were 18 per cent for feed grains and 6 per cent for food grains.

Production per man-hour rose in all farm production regions

except the Southern Plains during 1971, with increases ranging from 2 per cent in the Pacific to 20 per cent in the Corn Belt. Drought in the Southern Plains cut labor productivity there by 6 per cent.

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