

# Experts Predict Increased Farm Pollution Regulation

Two national agricultural leaders declared that there will be increasingly strict and costly pollution regulations placed on those who produce farm products but farmers cannot respond to every request.

This observation was made last week at Penn State by Edmund H. Fallon, senior vice president and chief administrative officer of Agway, Inc., Syracuse, N.Y.; and Melvin E. Sims, president of

FS Services, Inc., Bloomington, Ill., and a member of the Federal Farm Credit Board.

The two were speakers at a conference on State and National Issues Affecting Agriculture, October 25, sponsored by The Pennsylvania State University College of Agriculture and Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

"Let's not try to clean up the environment in a year. It took

thousands of years to put us in our present dilemma," Fallon said.

He added that there is a scarcity of many fruit and vegetable crops in the Northeast and the recent floods have caused a shortage of many other farm products. There is just a small proportion of farmers left to feed our nation's population and they must produce at maximum efficiency.

"Consumerism is rapidly becoming a real power center," Fallon emphasized. "There will be a vast expansion of programs for policing farm and industrial safety in addition to environmental quality."

Sims, also a farm operator, pointed out that agricultural producers are competing with real estate developers, who, if they do not purchase land, cause values to rise. This, in turn, increases tax burdens which further reduce profits.

"It is very desirable for both people living in cities and farmers to keep agriculture as prosperous as possible," Sims said. "We still have hunger in cities and rural areas and need a continued supply of food to those affected."

He noted that farming is an industry and, therefore, top-flight executives are needed to run farm businesses.

Other speakers at the conference were Dr. Russell E. Larson, University provost, who made a presentation on "Your College of Agriculture Today;" Dr. David R. McClay, acting dean of the College of Agriculture; and Lester M. Shughart, of Agway, Inc., Harrisburg.

Enliven the flavor of vegetable dishes with this delicious butter sauce. In a small saucepan melt ½ cup (1 stick) butter over medium heat. Stir occasionally until it is a light amber color. Add 1½ tablespoons lemon juice, ½ teaspoon marjoram, ¼ teaspoon salt and a dash of pepper. Just before serving add ½ cup of coarsely crushed soda crackers. Pour over cooked cauliflower and asparagus. The butter sauce is sufficient for 10-12 servings of vegetables.



The Garden Spot FFA Chapter held its Greenhand ceremony recently at the Lampeter-Strasburg High School vo-ag department. The following boys became Greenhands: first row, Dale Herr, Donald Livingood, Dave Leaman and Mark Lefever; second row, Randy Hess, Curt Hess, Steve Fritz and Ed Minder. Ray Witmer also received the Greenhand degree, was absent from the picture.

## FFA Dairy Team Wins National Honors

The Owen J Roberts first-place State FFA Dairy judging team won a bronze emblem in the National Dairy Judging Contest held in Kansas City, Missouri. The team competed against 46 teams who were winners in their respective states.

Team member Stanley Guest won a gold emblem, Frank Mast won a silver emblem and Carl Yoder won an honorable mention.

Three other boys from Chester County also participated in the Kansas City activities Howard Stoltzfus, president of the Owen J. Roberts Chapter, competed in the Livestock Showmanship Contest and won a silver medal for showing beef cattle. He was the only person from Pennsylvania who showed in the Livestock show.

Wayne Stanton, president of the Oxford Chapter, showed in the Dairy Showmanship Contest and won a silver medal.

Gerald Metzler, vice-president of the Octorara Chapter, showed in the Dairy Showmanship Contest and won a gold medal.

The team and Mr. Burtner traveled with two chartered bus loads of FFA members to Kansas City for the contests and National FFA Convention. The boys at-

tended many sessions of the four-day convention with 14,380 in attendance.

Egg production in Pennsylvania last month was off one percent from the record established for September in 1971, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

Although the production per 100 layers was up by more than two eggs at the end of the month, a reduction in the size of the laying flock of nearly 400,000 hens yielded only 304 million eggs, a drop of 4 million.

The average price for all grades and sizes of eggs on September 15 was 31 cents per dozen. This is one cent more than on August 15 but the same price being paid a year ago.

Egg production in the U.S. was off even more than in Pennsylvania during September. The 5,571 million eggs produced in the 30-day period—enough for two dozens each for every man, woman and child in the country—was still three percent fewer than a year ago.

Pennsylvania produced 3,626 million eggs in 1971 to rank third behind California and Georgia

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