

NFU Picks R. G. Lewis

The election of Robert G. Lewis as National Secretary of the Farmers Union by the National Board of Directors was announced recently by President Tony Dechant.

Lewis has been manager and economic counsel of the Farmers Union Marketing Services Cooperative, a dairy marketing and bargaining association. In addition to the regular duties as National Secretary, Lewis' primary responsibilities in the Farmers Union will include international economic and trade policies, and dairy marketing.

Dechant noted that three international policy issues of vital concern to American farmers will reach critical stages in 1973:

1. Legislation to renew the Food for Peace Act (P.L. 480) which will expire Dec. 31, 1973;
2. Renegotiation of a new International Wheat Agreement will begin;
3. Legislation authorizing a new round of trade negotiations will be required.

Lewis will head the major effort being planned by the Farmers Union to get better farm price-strengthening and market-building provisions in these in-

There was an error in the Herb Bread recipe run last week, so we are offering the corrected recipe to you for your use:

Herb Bread

- ½ cup sugar, plus 1 teaspoon
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1-3 cup butter
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 pkgs. dry yeast
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup lukewarm water
- 2 tablespoons mixed herbs seasoning (can substitute)+
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- ¼ cup chopped pimientos, drained
- 8 cups unsifted flour

In a large bowl dissolve ½ cup sugar, salt and butter in boiling water. Cool to lukewarm. In a one cup measure, put ¼ cup lukewarm water, the remaining one teaspoon sugar and the yeast, let yeast bubble until it fills the cup, then add to other mixture. Beat eggs and add, stir in seasoning, parsley and pimientos. Add four cups of flour, beat until smooth. Gradually mix in four remaining cups, beat till smooth. Knead well. Put in greased bowl, cover with wax paper, put in refrigerator for three hours. Remove from refrigerator. Cut in three parts. Rub hands with butter and knead till all air is removed, shape into three loaves, place in well greased pans. Cover lightly and let rise in a warm place 1½ hours. Bake for 15 minutes at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, the 300 degrees for 30 minutes. Cool in pans, do not cut for hours.

+Can substitute for herb seasoning 1½ teaspoon rosemary, ¼ tsp. thyme, 1 tsp. savory, ½ tsp. sage and pinch of garlic salt.

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Milk Production Down From 1971

October milk production dropped to 554,000,000 pounds, just slightly less than the preceding month but seven percent off the 1971 total and the lowest October in five years, according to a report this week from the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The size of the state herd remained static—692,000—from September but this is 6,000 fewer than a year ago on the same date.

The per cow production was 800 pounds compared with 805 pounds a month earlier and 850 pounds in October, 1971. The national average during the same period was 784 pounds.

Pennsylvania is the fifth ranking state in milk production with dairy farmer receipts in 1971 reaching \$464,000,000.

ternational programs, Dechant said.

Lewis has a life-long association with the Farmers Union which began with his family in Wisconsin. He is former editor of the Farmers Union Washington Newsletter and other publications of the organization.

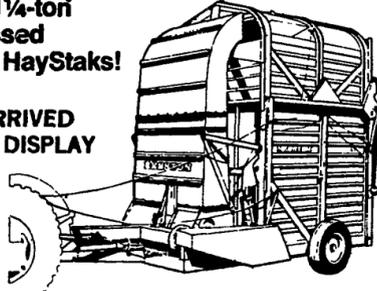
During the Kennedy Administration, he was vice president of the Commodity Credit Corporation and deputy administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Before entering the Kennedy Administration, Lewis was administrative assistant to Senator William Proxmire of Wisconsin, and agricultural coordinator for Governor (now Senator) Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin.

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Pa. Tobacco Yields Worst Since 1945

Pennsylvania seedleaf tobacco growers anticipated the worst production figures in history even before the advent of tropical storm Agnes and other adverse weather that persisted throughout the growing season.

Production turned out to be worse than the most pessimistic estimates, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The production estimates as of November 1 are for 23,100,000 pounds, down 15 percent from last year which was the previous low record. The yield of only 1,400 pounds per acre was the worst since 1945. Only 16,500 acres were harvested.

Production of all types of tobacco in the U.S. made a slight recovery this year with a 1.5 percent increase to 1,733,000,000 pounds but is still nine percent

less than in 1970. Pennsylvania is a distant seventh in tobacco production behind the six southern tobacco-belt states.



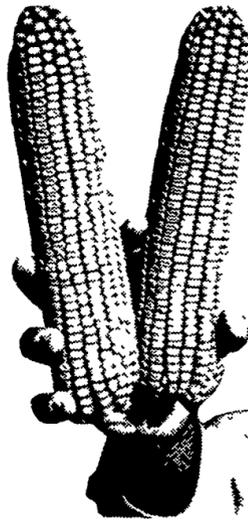
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