

Farm fuel tax exemption requested

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following information is reprinted from the April 29 issue of WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER, published in Washington, D.C. by the National Farmers Union. WASHINGTON, D.C.—If a national energy con-

servation tax is imposed on gasoline, as proposed by the Carter Administration, it would make sense for fuel used in farm production to be exempted from the tax, an official of the Federal Energy Administration (FEA) told participants in

the National Farmers Union's second "Farm Income Fly-In" recently. Ivan Maple said that it would be more practical for the farm fuel to be certified as tax-exempt at time of delivery rather than for farmers to have to file a claim for a

rebate as they now do on federal and state taxes on on-highway gasoline.

A proposal that the farm fuel be exempted had been made last week by Tony T. Dechant, national president of the Farmers Union, in a letter to President Carter. Dechant declared that even if the tax were to be eventually fully rebated, there would be hardship because farmers would probably have to increase their borrowings to advance the tax. A 5 cent tax would require \$400 million in payments by the nation's farmers; a 50 cent tax would cost farmers \$4 billion a year, Dechant estimated.

Maple said that the authority for a farm exception "may have come from the Congress."

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture John C. White said recently that our food and agriculture system must participate in a concerted national energy conservation effort, but added that energy cost impacts must be kept at a minimum

Russians still lagging in agricultural productivity

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Russians gained some ground since USDA last compared their agriculture and ours. However, in a recent report, USDA economists point out that the United States remains well out in front when it comes to farm efficiency, crop yields, and livestock productivity.

The latest comparison covers 1971-75-the years spanning the Soviet Union's ninth 5-year plan. A major change toward closing the gap is the Soviet use of mineral fertilizers, which now stands at 87 per cent of the U.S. level. But since the

USSR has 45 per cent per cent more cultivated cropland, the comparison becomes far less favorable on a per-acre basis.

Difference in value between farm output of the two nations remains relatively unchanged. The Soviets use far more land and eight to nine times more labor and still come up with a total farm output worth about 20 per cent less than the U.S. figure.

Also, U.S. farmers grow over a fourth more grain, using 55 per cent as much land. Main reason: high-yielding corn accounts for 60 per cent of the grain grown in the United States, while relatively low-yielding wheat makes up nearly half the Soviet harvest.

in our food system. White also told a news conference that farm production takes less than three per cent of the nation's energy supplies, but it is a "critical three per cent." White told reporters that "coupled with on-farm conservation, we need to continue to have priority for essential users."

Dairy club plans for June

BAIR, Pa. - The Central Dairy 4-H Club met on April 11 at the 4-H Center, near Bair. Demonstrations were given.

Each member made a rope halter to use on his 4-H calf. Committees were formed for a "June is Dairy Month" exhibit, tour, and a presentation for the June meeting of the Thomasville 4-H Club.

The next meeting of the club will be held on May 9 at the 4-H Center. The program will be "Making a Cow Pay for Herself." Demonstrations will be given by Barry Lehman, Roy Thompson, and Debbie Lehman.

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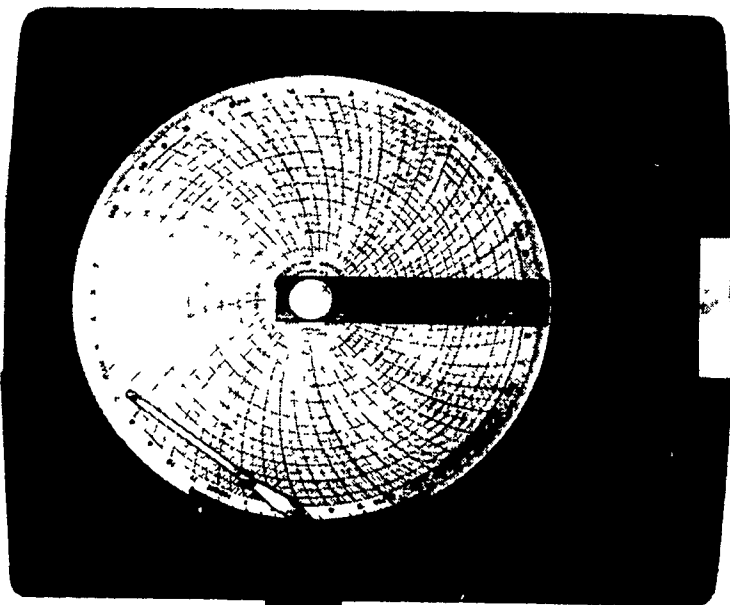
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