

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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another matter to develop and come forward with a progressive workable program. I say it is always easy time to "put up or shut up".

For me the Beef Research and Information act is a good

idea and worth a try. It is voluntary and anyone who doesn't want to participate can get his money returned immediately. It is a producer's program, run by cattle producers who receive no salary for their effort. As few as 10 per cent of those voting can have a recall referendum. I say "Let's get

off the fence" and try to help ourselves. I am sure it is the last chance in our lifetime to have such a self-help program. Other food groups are trying to capture our beef market. Lets "Keep Beef King" by voting yes July 5th to the 17th.

Harry H. Stambaugh  
Green Park, Pa.

## Tax law blamed for energy problem

Editor, Lancaster Farming:

One of the main causes of the financial plight of agriculture today is our national energy problem and the resulting increase in farm and ranch operating costs.

But do we really have an energy shortage in this country or are we simply being denied an abundance of energy by our inequitable income tax laws?

There are at least six proven practical methods of producing enormous amounts of usable energy from inexhaustible energy sources. Why haven't we taken advantage of these inexhaustible energy sources on a large scale? The answer is quite apparent:

In 1926 Congress passed income tax legislation which enables those people with income from the extraction of minerals and fossil fuels, such as oil and coal, to

escape the income tax entirely on up to 50 per cent of their net income from such extraction.

No tax advantage, even remotely comparable, was given to encourage the development of energy from the inexhaustible energy sources such as solar power, wind power, regrowable vegetation and waste conversion.

Congress has failed for over 50 years to remove this gross inequity from the tax law. This has worked to the extreme disadvantage of those trying to raise capital to develop the inexhaustible energy sources.

If Congress continues to fail to remove this inequity from the tax law, it is not likely that there will be any significant development of these inexhaustible sources very soon because the development capital will obviously continue to be attracted to where the tax advantages are.

I will gladly supply more information on this subject, free on request, to anyone who will write to me at Box 127, Gillette, Wyo. 82716.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Tarver  
Gillette, Wyo.

## Yes vote urged

Editor, Lancaster Farming:

Next week cattle producers will vote in the national beef referendum.

At stake is a comprehensive plan to strengthen domestic and foreign markets, step up research on production problems and improve communications throughout the beef industry. It's known as the beef research and information plan.

This self-help plan was designed by cattle producers for cattle producers. It will be funded by a 30 cent per \$100 deduction on all cattle

Editor, Lancaster Farming:

On June 18 a letter to the editor appeared in your paper that doesn't make much sense to me. The writer states his family would eat more beef if he could get a better price for his cattle, and that is what the beef referendum is all about.

Does General Mills, Proctor & Gamble, Kelloggs,

etc., wait for the super-markets to promote their products?

When a housewife drives down the highway and sees a billboard advertising pork and sees it on TV, what kind of meat does she buy? When only a few years ago beef was 10 cents higher than pork, why is pork now 10 cents higher than beef? The literature the writer referred to two weeks ago doesn't make much sense because

the dairyman his products to promote and beef. So why the unproductive peanuts?

His (the writer two weeks ago) org should get off the start working for the all farmer membe yees! No wonder people call us dumb

James  
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## Beef check-off question

Editor, Lancaster Farming: Before any cattle producer votes in the beef check off referendum, he or she should ask himself (herself) a couple of questions.

1. Why isn't more beef being eaten now?
2. How are producers in

other check off type programs doing?

Looking at the first question, the answer is easy. Ask any housewife. Her family can't afford more. She'll buy more if the price is lower. You know what that means. Do you want less for your cattle? Madison Avenue has never run a successful advertising campaign for any farm product. Cotton, wool and apples are three at random production areas where extensive advertising has been employed in an effort to boost sales. Notice the ever-increasing percentage of man-made fabrics on the market? Know what the price of wool is? Are consumers eating more apples?

do something positive to improve our balance sheets, the time is now.

I urge all local producers to vote "yes" in the beef referendum.

Sincerely,  
Wayne Miller  
Mount Joy, Pa.

The proposed ch will help a few pe giving them new advertising agencies sizeable amount of and all the ma newspapers, radio television stations carry the ads, also additional dollars. way producers can is through higher lower costs. We much about costs to pay the prices machinery dealers have no alternative work on improv prices we receive. off won't do a th that.

Walter B. J  
Dan

Avoid Waste

If you shop only week, avoid waste up fresh produce as perishables first canned and frozen carry you through latter part of the we

# PORK PRODUCERS!

Your county and state Pork Producers' Council has initiated a campaign to increase producer participation in the check-off program of market hogs and feeder pigs at your local markets.

Progressive feed salesmen have petitions for you to sign so you can indicate your support for the investment program.

## "HELP KEEP PORK ON THE MOVE FOR MORE PROFIT"

Contact the salesman representing one of the feed companies listed below:

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GEHMANS  
McCRACKEN FEED MILL INC.  
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WOLGEMUTH  
WEST WILLOW FARMERS ASSN.  
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WHITE OAK MILLS  
STEVENS FEED MILL, INC.  
MASTER MIX  
WM. J. YODER

RALSTON - PURINA  
ALLIED MILLS  
ZIMMERMAN BULK FEEDS  
JASON E. MILLER  
MANOR FARM SUPPLY  
GRUBB SUPPLY CO.  
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