

## Grant is worried



Allen Grant

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students see no need for profits.

-Sixty-one percent feel that a worker should not produce all he can

-Fifty-five per cent think the best way to improve living standards is not by producing more, but by giving workers more wages.

-Fifty per cent felt the government contributes most to national prosperity.

-And most chilling of all, 40 per cent could not name one advantage of capitalism over communism.

The AFBF chief made the remark during a gathering of 1600 people attending the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, here, earlier this month. Grant, a native of Los Angeles County, Calif., praised the Cooperative Extension Service, adding that "it's primary responsibility should continue to be one of service to the educational and information needs of farmers and ranchers." He said in his keynote address that such an emphasis would benefit the American consumer. The American Farm Bureau and the Extension Service share a long history of cooperation, Grant said. In a recent meeting with State Cooperative Extension Service directors, he listed several needs for farmers as

told to him by state farm bureau leaders. Among those areas for improvement is the situation which is described in the first paragraphs of this article.

Others were:

1. More attention needs to be given to economics and to international marketing.

2. There is a great need for more research and education in the fields of price analysis and price information.

3. Extension Service educators should be more aggressive in creating a better understanding of the private competitive enterprise marketing system.

Referring to the 1977 new farm bill which President Carter signed into law recently, Grant said, "the new farm bill is a compromise that may do more long-term harm than good to American Agriculture.

"The new law," Grant continued, "contains mechanisms that would move agriculture back to the kind of farm programs that contribute toward the accumulation of huge surpluses of government controlled grain." "Such surpluses," he added, "can be

used to depress market prices as part of a cheap-food policy."

Grant lauded the increased authorization for agricultural research programs from \$890 million in fiscal 1978 to \$1.42 billion by 1982 as being urgently needed by farmers and future generations of consumers.

According to Grant, Extension and farm bureau leaders need to build support by helping the public become more aware that programs of agricultural research benefit all citizens not just farm people. Sometimes, it takes 20 or more years before fundamental research reaches a payoff point.

Grant, who operates beef cattle and field crops farms in Tulare and Madera Counties in California, noted that the current emphasis in farming is on management.

Farmers now receiving low prices for cattle and for grain are worried and upset. They want to know more about the markets, about pricing factors, and what they can do about them.

Grant said there is pressure for direct marketing - for more grower-producer involvement in dealing for price and other terms of trade.

"These people" Grant noted, "want more attention given to economics, to international marketing. They

want a greater sharing of research results among states, and quicker delivery of new discoveries."

"Our (Farm Bureau) members say they want more Extension specialists and fewer generalists. They say that they can make as good guesses as the generalists can."

Grant concluded his talk by noting that he anticipates the members at the annual Farm Bureau meeting in Houston, Texas, next January, will again adopt resolutions of strong support for the Cooperative Extension Service and again ask that the present cooperative identity of the Service remain.

## Md. dairy judging teams close out winning season

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Maryland collegiate and youth teams faltered a bit in national dairy cattle judging competition last week during the World Dairy Expo at Madison, Wis.

The University of Maryland team tied for sixth with Texas A and M in a field of 36 teams at the Madison event, while the state 4-H "A" team placed eleventh in its division.

This showing was a let-down from the victorious sweep made by the Maryland collegiate and state 4-H and FFA "B" teams in regional competition just nine days earlier during the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show at Harrisburg, Pa.

In the Harrisburg contest on Sept. 26 the University of Maryland delegation placed first among a record-large field of 18 collegiate teams; the state 4-H "B" team won its division, and a team from Damascus high school in

Montgomery county captured first place for Maryland in the FFA division of the ninth invitational youth dairy cattle judging contest.

Ralph W. Shank, Jr., 18, of Hagerstown, Md., led the Maryland 4-H team at Harrisburg. He was second high individual both in Guernsey judging and in over-all placings; third in Ayrshire judging, and fourth in Holstein judging. The Maryland team placed first in Guernsey judging, and third in both Ayrshire and Holstein judging.

In the collegiate competition at Harrisburg, Jerone D. Myers of Westminster was top individual in over-all placings by a fairly wide 31-point margin, and he scored 240 out of a possible 250 points in oral reasons. Myers was also high individual in both Ayrshire and Brown Swiss judging; third in Jerseys, and fifth in Guernsey judging. He is a senior in agricultural and

Extension education at the College Park campus.

At the Eastern States Exposition, the University of Maryland team was also first in Brown Swiss judging. And it placed fourth in Ayrshire, Holstein and Jersey breed judging.

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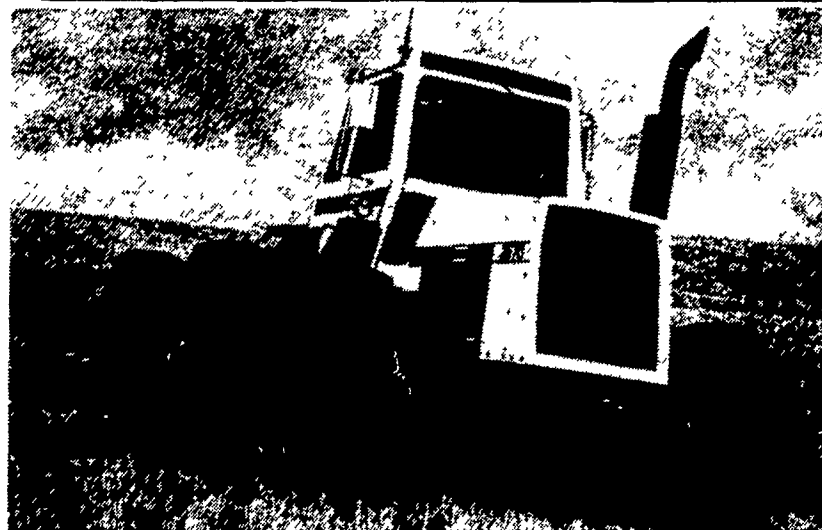
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