

New USDA science agency is taking shape

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The nation's food and agricultural science programs, now being conducted by four U.S. Department of Agriculture agencies, will be merged into one in January, says Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland.

The new Science and Education Administration will be created by the merger of the Agricultural

Research Service, Cooperative State Research Service Extension Service and National Agricultural Library.

"The new agency is being created to make our research, extension and teaching in the food and agricultural sciences more effective," Secretary Bergland said. "Among the agency's responsibilities will be to coordinate, plan and

provide support for these functions and make them responsive to local, state, regional and national goals."

The Science and Education Administration will become official when a notice is published in the Federal Register, now planned for early January.

M. Rupert Cutler, assistant secretary for conservation, research and

education, said his deputy assistant, James Nielson, will be acting director of the agency until a permanent director is selected.

No basic change in the field structure for federal research is planned at this time.

Dr. Cutler said he and other department officials have discussed the merger and the impact it will have on the nation's research and information delivery systems with officials of many groups. "We will continue to seek public suggestions on the merger," he said.

"With the change we will be able to better identify and complete work on high priority national objectives in the food and agricultural sciences and initiate special projects to meet those objectives."

"Moreover, these changes will reduce the overlapping of work. It will help the smooth operations between land-grant and other universities and the department. I'm confident it will help the department remain the lead agency for agricultural science and education," Dr. Cutler said.

Dr. Thomas B. King, associate director of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Extension Service, told **Lancaster Farming** he believes the reorganization within USDA will be for the betterment of programs and services offered by the Extension Service and related agencies. He sees no significant disadvantages to the program and assures that Extension programs will continue to operate as they have before. If anything, available programs are expected to be more readily available and dispersable.



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Farmer needs

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No one around my area or any area I have worked was asked if he would want 100 per cent parity, so why do you choose to treat parity as something that shouldn't be used?

Parity is simply the ratio between what the farmer receives for his goods and what he should receive for his goods to be equal with other businessmen around him. What is wrong with a farmer receiving 100 per cent of what is due to him? Why shouldn't he receive just as much as any other businessman?

As for the government helping the farmer, there is some help they could give him and that is to stay out of his business. The govern-

ment is doing all it can to hold down farm prices while letting others like oil go sky-high. This is why many farmers are looking for them to do something to help instead of hurt farmers. They can do it, so don't kid anyone about that.

Supply and demand has been replaced by supply and control. Whoever controls, gets the price they want. Even when the farmer is losing his shirt, everyone from the farmer up is making out just fine. Why? Because they have a price which includes cost of production plus a profit or once again 100 per cent of what they feel is due them.

One other thing before I close. The main reason you do not hear of many farmers

4-H holiday party held

GREENCASTLE - The Franklin County 4-H Baby Beef Club recently held their Christmas Party in the Community Room at the Citizens National Bank, Greencastle, Pa. It was attended by 50 members and parents along with County Agent William Reagan and leader Ralph Dice.

The club discussed new rules and by-laws for the up coming year. Each member helped trim the Christmas Tree by putting an ornament

on when the roll was called, and told of his 1978 project steer. Games were played, and each member exchanged a Christmas gift.

Holiday refreshments were served by Mrs. Donald Upperman, Mrs. Berlin Stull, Mr Paul Donough and Mrs. Clifford Lehman.

New members are welcome to join the club. The next meeting will be held January 19, 1978, with elections being held for officers for the coming year.

here in Pennsylvania going on strike is because of the job market. Just how many farmers here have off-the-farm jobs to subsidize their low farm income? Most of the farmers here drive a school bus, which pays real good. Or they have other jobs off the farm. In the Midwest off-the-farm jobs are hard to come by.

You either make it on the farm or you don't make it. Whether or not these farmers get everything they're asking for, don't write off the fact that farmers should and can get 100 per cent of parity. All that is due to him. If very many go bankrupt, like your article on page 24 said, the small farmer will be replaced by giant farms run by big business and who will be the big loser? You won't have to mention parity then. They will have at least 100 per cent parity by then. You can count on that.

Yours truly,
Jack Clark
New Hope, Pa.

Farm Calendar

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and hay preservatives. Turn right off Route 30 at east side of the quarry in Thomasville. Go to stop sign, turn left and then take the first right.

Wednesday, Jan. 4
Lancaster County Corn and Tobacco Show, Farm and Home Center, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lancaster County Conservation District directors meet at the Farm and Home Center, 7:30 p.m.

Hunterdon County (N.J.) board of agriculture meets at the Extension Center, Flemington, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 5
Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference, Hunt Valley Inn, Cockeysville, Md.

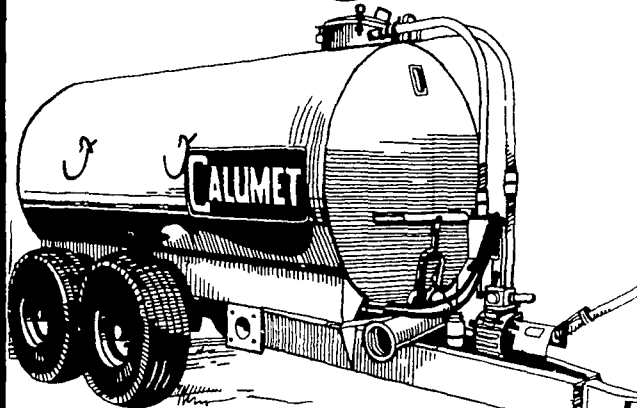
Pennsylvania Young Farmers officers meeting, Host Town Inn, Lancaster.

New Jersey pesticide applicator training and certification test, Somerset County 4-H Center, Milltown Rd., Branchburg Twp. 7:30 p.m.

Pesticide license class held by Blue Mountain High School Agriculture Department for adults. Sponsored by Young Farmers. Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 8
Competition underway at the Pennsylvania Farm Show

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