

## Livestock Association wary of controls

SARASOTA, Fla. — The new president of Livestock Marketing Association (LMA) said here recently that while the livestock industry "must always be watchful of controls, the temptation for government to try and second-guess economic reality becomes almost ir-

resistible in times of rising meat prices and decreasing meat supplies."

Richard L. Nock told the LMA annual meeting that the marketing sector will be continuing its drive to keep marketing as free as possible through a new panel designed to find ways to bet-

ter manage the financial risk inherent in marketing transactions.

The Transactions Risk Board, Nock said, will study risk management methods and, drawing upon the practical experience of the marketing sector itself, develop industry-wide procedures. The Board will be made up of ten marketing businessmen from across the country, and will be headed by LMA's outgoing president, Loran Casey, Sidney, Mont.

Nock also said that in this phase of the economic cycle, the marketing sector will continue to do its part by providing producers with the widest possible range of

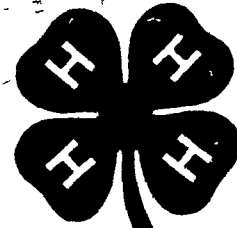
marketing alternatives and services.

The Templeton, Calif., marketman said that "This year and those immediately following will be key years for the marketing sector. The crest of the cattle cycle will see to that."

Nock said that LMA will continue its "Freedom in Livestock Marketing" campaign, which helped bring about the deregulation of marketing rates and tariffs last year. He pledged that LMA will continue its efforts to avoid "further bureaucratic inroads" in the marketing business.

1978 was a year of record growth for LMA, Nock said in his inaugural address at

the Sarasota Hyatt House. There are currently 1050 active LMA subscribers in the U.S. and Canada, and 266 of those have been added in the last nine months.



## Animal nutrition is topic of special forums

LANCASTER — Some several dozen people who are interested in animal nutrition put their heads together once a month in order to discuss latest developments, mutual concerns, and specific problems. In addition, it is a time for sharing a meal and fellowship. Although the group has no specific name, their informal monthly meetings are dubbed as Veterinary Nutrition Forums.

With veterinarians, laboratory technicians, feed formulators, nutritionists, and others from related fields included on the membership roster, the group is able to discuss specific issues with the benefit of a variety of viewpoints. New members are invited. Subject matter is inclusive of all animal nutrition. The geographic membership area is southeastern and southcentral Pennsylvania. Anyone with a genuine interest in animal nutrition may get on the mailing list. Once a member's name has been placed on the list he will receive notices of meetings. The cost for membership is \$2.00 to cover the costs of postage. The individual's expenses at meetings must be borne by the attendee himself, which is generally nothing more than the cost of the meal and his own transportation.

Advance registration is mandatory before members can expect to attend a Veterinary Nutrition Forum.

Meetings are generally held in the Hershey, Lancaster, Ephrata area and feature a guest speaker. For the upcoming meeting, which will be held on Feb. 21, Dr. Leon W. Davis, director of nutrition research for TransAgra, Memphis, Tenn., will be speaking on the use of lacto bacillus fermentation products for livestock feeding and management.

The group met last on Jan. 19 at Groff's Farm Restaurant near Mount Joy. Aside from usual business, it was also the occasion for the installation of new officers. Succeeding Dr. Nelson Wert of Hempt Farms, Mechanicsburg, as president is Al Litgow from Extra Factors, Ephrata. The secretary-treasurer is Dr. Carl Troop of Quarryville R1. Robert Gregory of Pennfield Corporation is the newly elected program chairman.

To receive more information about the Veterinary Nutrition Forum, interested persons are asked to contact Dr. Carl Troop, Box 455, Quarryville R1, Pa. 17566.

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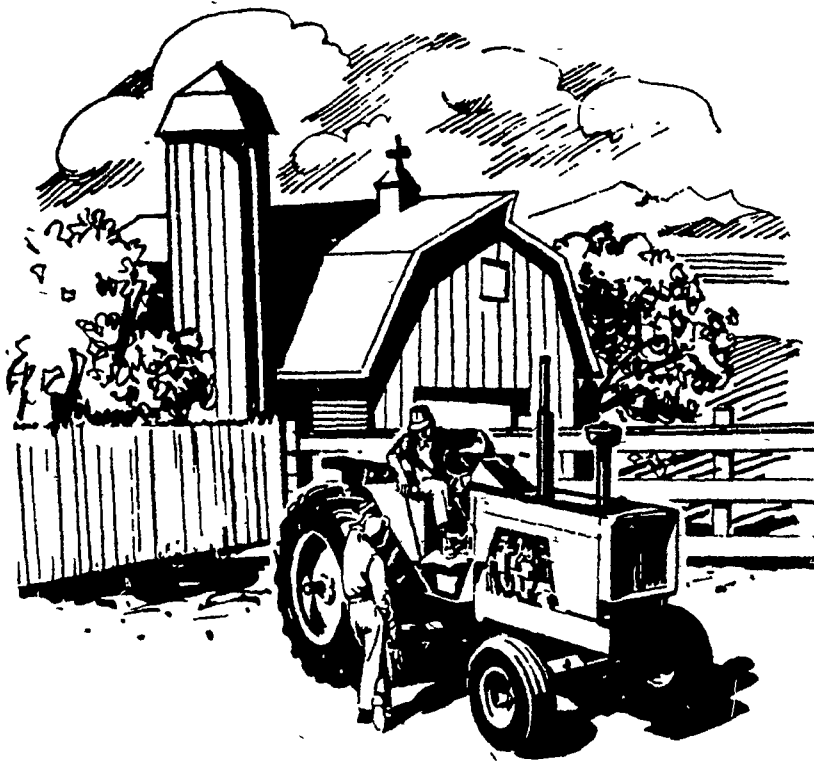
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