

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on your excellent editorial, "Why supply-demand doesn't work." You have used Mr. Witts' book to demonstrate several of the positions held by the Farmers Union as this Nation's champion of the parity.

The free market economists have led farmers down the primrose path for years, and they have been encouraged by politicians who are addicted to a cheap food policy for the nation. We are slowly but surely trading America's family agricultural strength by failing to recognize that supply-demand does not work in agriculture. The symptoms of the problem have been clear for many years here in Lancaster County.

In my lifetime I have seen 23 farmers within a mile and a half of my farm in Lititz leave agriculture. They stopped farming because after gambling on a crop, and after working much harder than most other Americans, and after taking the crops and livestock to market they were told, for one reason or other, that the price was down just then. They stopped farming because they could not get back the cost of production and a reasonable profit. Parity would have been the

standard able to make a difference.

In farming there is no price flexibility when you buy the inputs, but selling prices are very elastic. The farmer does not have any control over either end. Others set the prices for him.

Farmers are now in the worst shape that they have been during the last 25 years. Family farming cannot continue to wait for a fair-pricing fantasy like supply-demand and survive much longer. They need something now—they need Parity.

Remember that as family farmers are squeezed out, land ownership is concentrated in the hands of fewer and fewer. This situation in many countries around the world has led to bloody riots and turmoil, often followed by a new regime promising a massive land reform program. I hope we have the wisdom in America to act while there is still time.

Forney Longenecker,
Chairman
PFU Advisory
Committee

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FOR THE BALANCED DIET

Farm Calendar

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12:30 lunch, 3 p.m. for program.

Delaware Dairy Goat Workshop, Kenton School, Kenton Delaware; 1 p.m.

Monday, June 2

Dairy fieldmens conference; Penn State; continues through June 4.

Tuesday, June 3

Cedar Crest Young Farmers Banquet; 7 p.m.; Schaefferstown Fire Hall. Delaware grain marketing seminar; Sheraton Inn; Dover, Delaware; 7:30-10 p.m.

Farmers Union's bus trip to Washington, D.C. to lobby for mushrooms leaves 6 p.m. from Oxford Shopping Mall, returns June 5.

Eastern Milk Producers Co-op; special session; Hotel Syracuse; Syracuse, N.Y.

Wednesday, June 4

Hunterdon County, New Jersey; ag board meeting on gasohol; Extension Center; Flemington, N.J.; 8 p.m.

Eastern Milk Producers Annual Meeting; Hotel Syracuse Ballroom; 10 a.m.; Banquet 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 5

Anaplasmosis meeting; 8 p.m.; Courtroom, Old Courthouse, Baltimore and W. Middle Streets; Gettysburg.

Friday, June 6

Delmarva Chicken Festival and chicken cooking

contest in Milford High School, Delaware

Saturday, June 7

PA sheep field day and performance tested ram sale; Tioga County Fair, Wellsboro

Delmarva Chicken Festival concludes

Bradford County Dairy Princess parade.

Maryland Dairy Goat Show, Carroll County Fairgrounds, Westminster, MD; concludes June 8.

Rabbit and cavy expo; Montgomery County 4-H Center; 9 a.m.-all day

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, May 31, 1980—A15

Twin Valley sweeps Berks

FFA forestry contest

READING — Sixteen members of Berks County FFA Chapters competed in a forestry contest. Each contestant had to name twenty species of trees, measure the diameter and figure the number of 16 foot logs that could be obtained from the tree. They had to determine the reasons for cutting down a tree, for instance, if they were damaged or too close. Each contestant had to decide what the wood could be used for, such as: fuel, pulp, mine

timber, posts, furniture, or crafting.

Twin Valley captured the top four placings, as follows: 1. Wade Bernard, 2. Martin Miller, 3. Mike Beaton and Brett Strough, both tied for third and 4. Dave Naples.

Other placings were as follows: 5. John Bastian, Conrad Weiser; 6. Marc Ray, Conrad Weiser; 7. Dave Noyes, Twin Valley; 8. Dave Schlimme, Twin Valley; 9. Todd Eckert, Twin Valley; and 10. Tom McDermott, Twin Valley.

API gets milk license, but pays \$5000 in fines

HARRISBURG — New Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board chairman, George Brumbaugh, presiding over his first meeting, granted a license on Wednesday permitting the operation of a newly organized milk dealer as of June 1.

Atlantic Processing, Inc. which retains the same management of its predecessor Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers, will be able to begin processing and bottling the milk of the reorganized structure next week.

The former cooperative reorganized at its annual meeting last month, forming a new marketing cooperative, Lehigh Valley Farmers and a new corporation which assumed ownership of the co-op's plant facilities.

Before the new license

could be granted, pending citations against the former cooperative were required to be settled. API agreed to a consent order requiring payment of \$5000 in fines for numerous pricing violations. The new corporation's officials also agreed that the past records of LVCF could be considered in any future citation proceedings against the new firm.

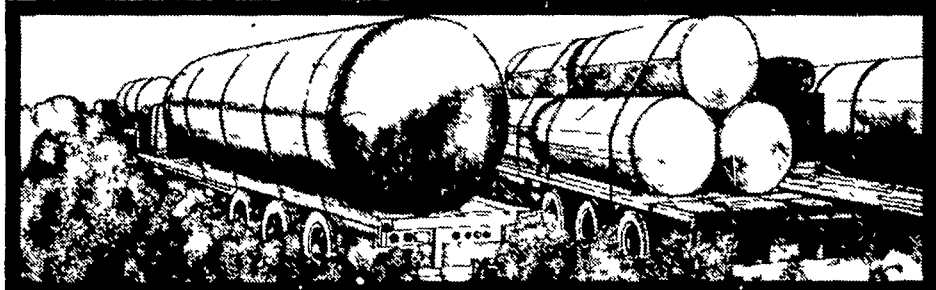
Brumbaugh, who was sworn in on May 22 by Judge Newton C. Taylor of the Huntingdon County Commonwealth Pleas Court, noted at the hearing he was concerned about milk marketing violations particularly in eastern Pennsylvania.

"In the coming months we will be directing particular attention to possible violations of pricing regulations," said Brumbaugh. "These marketing

violations will be dealt with in accordance to the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Law, which not only provides for the right to levy fines but also to suspend operating licenses."

Brumbaugh also noted priorities would also be given to revise newly amended tolling regulations which are presently suspended in light of pending litigation at Commonwealth Court. He noted a number of pricing hearings are also scheduled this summer.

The PMMB, noted Brumbaugh, provides stability to Pennsylvania's one billion dollar dairy industry. The board's control of the commonwealth dairy industry, he said, ultimately benefits the consumer by assuring an adequate supply of milk and maintaining reasonable prices.



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1000	48"	10	296	15,000	120"	5/16"	4278
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2000	64"	7	535	30,000	126"	3/8"	8982

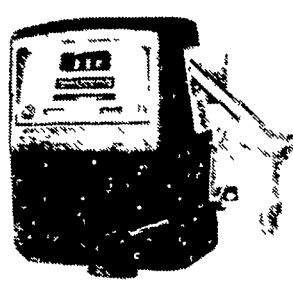
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