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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I am afraid I cannot accept the finding in the article entitled "Food is still a Bargain in the USA" in your October 11 issue.

Considering the fact that we are a self sufficient country in food and most other necessities, I doubt very much that food especially in this country is a bargain when one considers the meager profit that farmers in this country receive for their labors and produce; someone is making a gigantic profit from the citizens of this country.

The price comparison is absolutely ridiculous in view of the fact of the current difference and more especially the outstanding fact that the great majority

of countries mentioned in the comparison figures import most of their food and a big percentage of other necessities to exist in today's world.

Let's also take into effect that ten years ago the English pound was worth 240 pence whilst today are to their acceptance of a currency more adoptable to the financial necessities of the Common Market. The English pound is worth only 100 pence, i.e. unnecessary inflation.

Then one must also consider that 10 years ago there was 2½ dollars to the British pound while today there isn't 2 dollars to the pound.

This type of figurative confusion reminds me that recently some of our legislators during all the talk of an energy crisis, suggested that the price of gasoline in this country should be compatible with European prices, again no thought of the fact that single imports most of its oil which we only import about 25 percent they also failed to take into account that in spite of the fact, that all our weights and measurements are based on the English

system except in the few instances where we converted to illegal profits, such as when one pulls into a gas station in Canada the British Isles and Europe, one gets 21 gallons of gas to our approximate 18 gallons here in the U.S.

All this would boil down to the fact that the smart alexs of this country are juggling figures to dupe the public.

James Kelly,
West Chester

Dear Editor:

This week we thoroughly enjoyed the animal rights article by Debbie Koontz. We've lived on farms nearly sixty years. We raised horses, cattle, hogs, chickens and other fowls found on a farm.

We hate animal abuse. This includes the manner in which cattle are handled at auctions.

Clark Dahlheimer
Dover

Dear Editor:

Just a note of appreciation concerning the article Sally Bair covered about our baking of pies. Several

friends have seen the article and commented, all good remarks! Very nice story.

Shirley Taylor
R1 Biglerville

Changes made in grain reserve calls

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The method for determining when the call level is reached for commodities in farmer-owned grain reserve I is being revised, effective last Friday, to make the call procedures identical for grain reserves I, II and III.

All commodities in grain reserve program will be called when the five-day moving average price is at or above the commodity's call level for five consecutive market days, according to Weldon Denny, acting administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Con-

servation Service.

Denny said reserve I contains grain entered into the program before January 7, 1980.

When a commodity is called from the reserve, farmers have 90 days to settle the account, Denny said. Farmers may do this, he said, either by repaying their government price support loan or by turning the commodity over to USDA.

The revision is necessary, Denny said, to be certain that market conditions reflect a stable or rising price trend and to provide conformity between the reserve programs.



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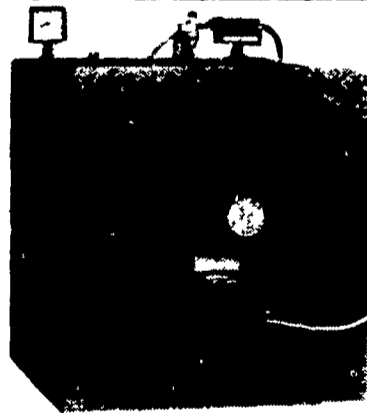
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