



Brief answers
to short questions
**Sheila's
Shorts**
By Sheila Miller

A Farm, FINALLY
Have you ever been haunted by a comment you made in passing at sometime or another?

Well, it seems I've adopted a ghost because in the past several months I've gotten more mail from Lancaster Farming readers in Brooklyn than anywhere else.

My surprise at the first letter, as you recall I wrote about in an earlier column, has not been diminished — every time I see a Brooklyn post mark, I blink (I just had my glasses changed, so it can't be my eyes playing tricks)

This time I received a post card from Paul Jacobs, 2825 W. 12th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224. He wrote

Believe it, believe it — I'm another subscriber to Lancaster Farming. I'm very interested in your corn fields, etc., etc.

Can you please get real estate agents to send me listings on a small retirement home in a small rural community? I would like a small two-bedroom home with about 3 to 5 acres of land — something to keep me busy in my retirement.

Mr. Jacobs, let me recommend you take a look at our classified ads in Section B. On those four or five pages, you'll find one of the largest listings of rural real estate published every week — take it from someone who has scoured those tiny boxes of ads for years

Like anyone else who is looking for a small farm or a large one for that matter,

you'll have to get in touch with someone who is interested in selling a property — either an individual land owner or a broker

Then, based on where you would like to settle down and how much you can afford to spend on your ideal pastoral Shangri-la, you'll get to look at dozens and perhaps hundreds of possibilities

However, take it from one who has learned the lessons of farm-hunting over the past several years, BE SPECIFIC when you describe your dream home to a broker. You'll be saving yourself and the broker a lot of time.

Instead of them showing you a house on a quarter-acre lot with four bedrooms smack in the middle of the local speedway, you'll spend your time looking at homes that meet your needs. Of course it always seems you find some brokers who are so starved for a sale they try to sell you the latest listing — a 250-acre dairy complex with a massive limestone house (just what you need for retirement)

The main thing to keep in mind is "Don't get discouraged." If you are patient and persistent, you'll find just what you're looking for

But then — won't I be losing one of my Brooklyn readers?

After three years of searching, we've finally found our farm. Good luck with your endeavors. Once you find a place you'll agree with me — it's a thrill that can't be matched.

A Very Merry Christmas to All!

Happy holiday wishes to each and every one of you. And thanks for your very kind patronage

J. M. HORST SERVICE CO.
Box 231, Quentin, Pa.

Secretary defers calling corn reserve

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland has deferred calling the farmer-owned reserve for corn, using new regulations put in place last Monday.

Bergland said even though

the five-day moving average price has been above the \$3.26 call level for corn for five consecutive days, the farm price for corn fell below the call point last Thursday, December 4, and remained below on Friday, December 5

"Market prices for corn, while strong, have shown some weakness in recent days. I am deferring a call for repayment of corn reserve loans in order to give the market additional time to send a clear signal. The

corn in reserve should not be forced onto the market at a time when prices are fluctuating," Bergland said.

USDA will continue to monitor prices and base reserve decisions upon them

Since 1914 over 89,000 Sold

Madison[®] System of Choice



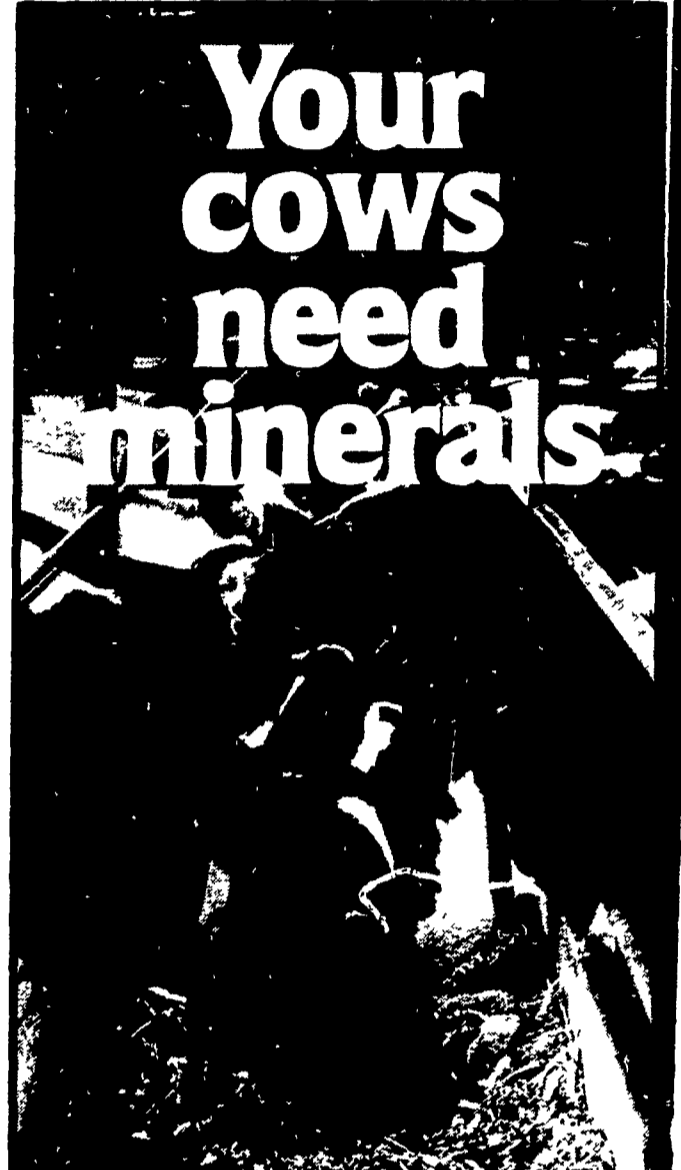
...more from your acres, hours, dollars.

Madison System of Choice helps you produce more high-quality nutrition-packed feed from every crop you grow. Madison silos for corn silage, Madison Nutri-Matic and Grain-O-Matic (both atmosphere-controlled bottom-unloading structures) for haylage and high-moisture grain. All at prices today's value-minded livestock farmers demand.

Call us today! We'll show you how the Madison System of Choice gives you more from your acres, hours and dollars.

EARLY ORDER DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE NOW!

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Mt. Joy, PA</u>
GALEN KOPP
717 653 1567 | <u>Milford, DE</u>
BENNETT MACHINE
302 422 4837 |
| <u>Littlestown, PA</u>
ATLEE REBER?
717 359 5863 | <u>Rising Sun, MD</u>
CECIL CO DAIRY SERVICE
301 658 6923 |
| <u>Lancaster, PA</u>
L H BRUBAKER INC
717 397 5179 | <u>Frederick, MD</u>
GLADHILL TRACTOR
301 663 6060 |
| <u>Silverdale, PA</u>
I G AG SALES
215 257 5135 | <u>Galena, MD</u>
DUDLEY CHANCE
301-928 3834 |
| <u>New Providence, PA</u>
DON R NISSLEY
717 786 7654 | <u>Mt. Sidney, VA</u>
BLUE RIDGE AGRI SERVICE
703 248 1196 |
| <u>Myerstown, PA</u>
SWOPE & BASHORE
717 933 4138 | <u>Avondale, PA</u>
AVONDALE AGWAY
215 268 8238 |
| <u>Ephrata, PA</u>
TOM ZARTMAN
215 267 6814 | <u>Taneytown, MD</u>
TANEYTOWN AGWAY
301 751 1130 |
| <u>Pitman, PA</u>
CLIFF HERB
717 648 3092 | <u>York, PA</u>
YORK WEST AGWAY
717 792 2674 |
| <u>Orangeville, PA</u>
FRANKLIN HESS
717 925 6939 | <u>Chapman, PA</u>
CHAPMAN AGWAY
215 395 3381 |
| <u>New Berlinville, PA</u>
ERB & HENRY EQUIPMENT
215 367-2169 | <u>Lancaster, PA</u>
LANCASTER AGWAY
717 394 0541 |
| <u>Pottstown, PA</u>
LEINBACH CONSTRUCTION CO
215 327 0310 | <u>Temple, PA</u>
TEMPLE AGWAY
215 929 5264 |
| <u>Indiana, PA</u>
CLAIR C BEATTY
412 465 7368 | <u>Chambersburg, PA</u>
CHAMBERSBURG AGWAY
717-263 4197 |
| <u>Monroeville, NJ</u>
S JOHNSON HURFF
609 358 2565 | <u>Carlisle, PA</u>
CARLISLE AGWAY
717 243 4312 |
| <u>Sussex, NJ</u>
WILLIAM SYTSEMA
201 875 5449 | <u>Dublin, PA</u>
DUBLIN AGWAY
215 249 3556 |
| <u>Belvidere, NJ</u>
G H BUCHMAN
201 175 2185 | |
| <u>Limer, NJ</u>
GEORGE COLEMAN
609 358 8528 | |



Your COWS need minerals.

because a cow needs a total of 17 different minerals in the proper ratios and at the right levels to maintain peak milk production. The absence of just one of these 17 minerals will significantly affect milk production, digestion, performance and breeding efficiency.

Your cows need our minerals

because one of our 13 specially-formulated mixes is likely to complement your feeding program because our mixes are the only ones which contain our exclusive blend of alkaline-buffered mineral ingredients. If none of our Cattle Special mixes fits your specific feeding program, we can customize the mineral mix you need.

How? By offering a forage analysis service plus a complete feeding program recommendation. With ISF Alkaline-Buffered Cattle Specials you can put your herd on a proven and profitable mineral supplement program which can improve production, breeding efficiency, performance and digestion.

For further information on our products and services call on your nearest ISF representative.

- | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Lester Burkholder | (717) 532-4203 | Shippensburg, PA |
| Roy Coover | (717) 766-1053 | Carlisle, PA |
| Richard Houser | (717) 272-0638 | Lebanon, PA |
| Paul Kensingler | (814) 793-3807 | Martinsburg, PA |
| Leroy Kling | (717) 568-3192 | West Milton, PA |
| Charles McDaniel | (814) 789-2743 | Guy Mills, PA |
| Andrew Yedinak | (717) 842-8607 | Moscow, PA |



We are **INTERNATIONAL STOCK FOOD CORPORATION**

Waverly, NY 14892

Nobody knows cattle minerals like we have

NET WT. 50 LBS.

Manufactured and Sold Only by

INTERNATIONAL STOCK FOOD CORP.

DEALER INQUIRIES WELCOME 717-464-4662