

Who speaks for agriculture?

CHICAGO — S Glenn Ellenberger, a retired county extension director of Lehigh County, Penn., said: "How in the world do you get people in agriculture to speak with one tongue?"

"We have a lot of independence in agriculture. There are many different organizations cropping up—and sometimes they don't even talk with each other," the panelist said, who had been in extension for 34 years and lives in Allentown. He added, "It has to be farmers telling their own story. The rest of us in agriculture are just paid people doing our jobs. You people out in the field somehow have to get together to tell non-farm people your story."

Women on the farm represent a significant resource in speaking out for agriculture.

That's the thinking of Elaine Stuhr, one of the farmer-panelists from Bradshaw, Neb., who participated in the most recent International Harvester's Farm Forum panels on the topic of "Who Should Speak for Agriculture?"

"I think we have more leadership from women in rural areas these days," Stuhr said, who farms with her husband 600 acres of corn, milo, and wheat.

"In our local area, we are starting on the ground level becoming informed, getting involved politically and running for local offices," said the editor of the national Women Involved In Farm Economics (WIFE) newsletter and a national steering committee member.

"More women should become involved. After all, they are usually partners in the farming operation and often have more

time than their husbands to do letter-writing, telephoning and speaking out," she added.

Allan Aves, of Kirkland, Ill., who was president of the American Soybean Association and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, agreed "Women can do an awful lot of good. They should be on more boards of directors. They are a real untapped resource."

Aves, another of the nine panelists to participate, pointed to the difficulty that commodity more boards of directors. They are a real untapped resource."

Aves, another of the nine panelists to participate, pointed to the difficulty that commodity organizations have in speaking out for agriculture. "There is no way they can go out and demand high soybean prices and still represent the poultry producer who wants lower priced soybeans. So we need the commodity organizations to stock up for the individual groups," said Aves, who farms 1,750 acres with one son.

While agriculture's strength lies in its diversity, farmers and their organizations nonetheless need to speak with more of a unified voice to influence urban America, other panelists stressed.

"I think it's right that our organizations disagree," said David D Diehl, a panelist from Dansville, Mich., who farms 4,700 acres in partnership with his two sons and son-in-law. "But I think we could have a common interest," he added. "I'm encouraged because in the last few years, some of the organizations that don't agree in many ways are starting to get together. Really, we're all after one thing—and that's

a decent living from agriculture," said Diehl, a member of Farm Bureau and a member of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Tommy Kersey, who farms 7,200 acres in a family operation with his father and two brothers in Unadilla, Ga., said "Eventually, we're going to have to find a way to come together."

"Everyone else has farmers have to realize they are not competing against each other. We have to find a way to speak out about the things we agree on and a way to reach agreement on the things we differ about," the state leader in the American Agriculture Movement added. However, getting farm organizations to work together has

special problems.

"We need to solicit help from ag-related businesses," said Gene Smallidge, of Hastings, Minn. "Even though farmers are only three per cent of the population, we could have one of the most effective lobbies in the country if we could get sympathetic assistance from all these who livelihood depends on agriculture," added the panelist, who farms 580 acres and custom-farms 300 acres.

Regarding the role of the educational institution in speaking out for agriculture, Dean H O Kunkel of the College of Agriculture, Texas A & M University, College Station, commented "What a university needs to do is speak about agriculture—in every way possible. We in the colleges cannot take advocacy positions—although

many times we would very much like to do so. Farmers and the people in agriculture are going to have to do the speaking."

Today, farm organizations seem to be taking a more active role in speaking out for agriculture, said Teresa Shafer, of Grimes, Ia. "For a while, everybody just sat back and took whatever came their way. But over the last two years the farm organizations seem to have regained some of their vitality."

"People have started to realize that nothing is going to happen unless they work for it," said the panelist, who farms 925 acres with her husband's family, as well as helps operate a large cattle herd and hog operation. Active in the Cowbelles and Farm Bureau, she

(Turn to Page C19)

SPECIALISTS IN CABLEVEY FEED CONVEYING AND AUTOMATION

CABLEVEY FEED SYSTEMS

DEALER INQUIRIES INVITED

FARM - URBAN - COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS
SPECIALIZING IN COMPLETE SYSTEMS FOR HOG AND DAIRY

AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTOR

SCHULD BULK FEED BINS AND MECHANICAL FEEDING SYSTEMS

From 3 Ton to 125 Ton Capacity

- High Pitch Top
- 60" Center Draw
- Factory Built
- Factory Delivered
- Factory Erected

Dealer for GINGWAY FREE STALLS

MERVIN MILLER

SALES & SERVICE • BUILDERS OF FINE SYSTEMS
7 KEENER ROAD, LITITZ, PA 17543 717-626-5204

See Us At The KEYSTONE PORK CONGRESS

UNDERGROUND LIQUID MANURE SYSTEMS

- * Eliminate manure stacks for cleaner and neater appearance
- * Eliminates breeding places for flies and insects
- * Eliminates odor with underground manure storage
- * Above ground systems also available * ASCS APPROVED

MAR-ALLEN CONCRETE PRODUCTS INC.

RD2, EPHRATA, PA 17522 PHONE 717-859-3354

PORK PROFIT

THRIVE CENTER PORK PROFIT SYSTEM

CONTACT

ROBERT McCOMSEY
RD 1, Cochranville PA 19330
215-593-2157

RAYMOND S. HURST
Pine Grove PA 17963
717-345-3290

HUSKEE BILT QUALITY FARM BUILDINGS

FRESH COWS EVERY WEDNESDAY IS DAIRY DAY SPRINGERS

AT NEW HOLLAND SALES STABLES, INC.
New Holland, PA

If you need 1 cow or a truck load we have from 100 to 200 cows to sell every week at your price. Mostly fresh and close springing holsteins. Cows from local farmers and our regular ship pers include Marvin Eshleman Glenn Fite Kelly Bowser Bill Lang Blain Hoffer Dale Hostetter H D Matz and Jerry Miller

SALE STARTS - 12:00 SHARP
Also Every Wednesday,
Hay, Straw & Ear Corn Sale - 12:00 Noon
All Dairy & Heifers must be eligible for Pennsylvania Health Charts.

For arrangements for special sales or herd dispersals at our barn or on your farm, contact
Abram Diffenbach, Mgr.
717-354-4341
OR
Norman Kolb
717-397-5538

HEIFERS BULLS

NEW UNDERGROUND STEEL FUEL STORAGE TANKS

| Capacity (Gallons) | Diameter | Length | Gauge (Thickness) | Weight (Pounds) | Price FOB Quarryville |
|--------------------|----------|--------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 285 | 3'0" | 5'6" | 12 | 278 | 114.00 |
| 550 | 4'0" | 6'0" | 10 | 549 | 210.00 |
| 550 | 4'0" | 6'0" | 7 | 751 | 262.00 |
| 1,000 | 4'0" | 10'8" | 10 | 827 | 310.00 |
| 1,000 | 4'0" | 10'8" | 7 | 1,129 | 390.00 |
| 1,000 | 5'4" | 6'0" | 7 | 1,028 | 362.00 |
| 1,500 | 5'4" | 9'0" | 7 | 1,388 | 486.00 |
| 2,000 | 5'4" | 12'0" | 7 | 1,735 | 593.00 |
| 3,000 | 5'4" | 17'11" | 7 | 2,432 | 800.00 |
| 4,000 | 5'4" | 23'10" | 7 | 3,130 | 1009.00 |
| 5,000 | 8'0" | 13'7" | 1/4" | 4,484 | 1645.00 |
| 6,000 | 8'0" | 16'2" | 1/4" | 5,123 | 1800.00 |
| 8,000 | 8'0" | 21'6" | 1/4" | 6,475 | 2230.00 |
| 10,000 | 8'0" | 26'10" | 1/4" | 7,825 | 2660.00 |
| 10,000 | 10'0" | 17'0" | 1/4" | 6,956 | 2405.00 |
| 12,000 | 10'0" | 20'6" | 1/4" | 8,074 | 2800.00 |
| 12,000 | 10'6" | 18'7" | 1/4" | 7,900 | 2690.00 |
| 15,000 | 10'6" | 23'2" | 5/16" | 11,857 | 4130.00 |
| 20,000 | 10'6" | 31'0" | 5/16" | 15,105 | 5160.00 |
| 25,000 | 10'6" | 38'7" | 3/8" | 22,115 | 8135.00 |
| 30,000 | 10'6" | 46'4" | 3/8" | 25,999 | 9430.00 |

Tanks all bear Underwriters' Label, and are coated with black asphaltum paint. We can provide timely delivery from Quarryville, PA (15 miles from the Pennsylvania Maryland line) to Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, New Jersey & New York. Contact us for delivery costs. We invite inquiries by phone or mail.

FILL-RITE & GASBOY PUMPS

HOWARD E. GROFF CO.

Over Forty Years of Reliable Service
Fuel Oil, Gasoline, and Coal
111 E. State Street, Quarryville, PA 17566
Phone: 717-786-2166