

Farm Calendar

Today, February
 Tack auction & swap, South Annville Twp Community Bldg., Rt 322 between Quentn and Hershey, starts 1 30 p.m., auction at 6 30 p.m.
 Cumberland County Holstein Club annual meeting, banquet, starts 10.45 a.m., Carriage Room, Allenbury, Boiling Springs.
Monday, February 16
 Pa.-Md. roadside marketing conference, Sheraton Inn, Gettysburg.
 National Mastitis Council meeting, Executive Inn, Louisville, Ky, continues through Wednesday.
 Red Lion Young Adult Farmers

meeting on Making Best Use of Your Vet, 8 p.m., Red Lion Vo-Ag Dept.
 Cumberland County Estate Planning meeting, 9.30 a.m., Embers Restaurant, Carlisle
Tuesday, February 17
 National Peach Convention, Phoenix, AZ, continues through Thursday
 Cecil County, Md. Dairy Day, 9-30 a.m., Calvert Grange.
 Lancaster Crops & Soils Day, 8 30 a.m.-3 p.m., Farm & Home Center.
 Atlantic Breeders District #5, 7 p.m., Quarryville Methodist Church

Ephrata Area Young Farmers meeting, 7 45 p.m., ag department, Ephrata Senior High.
 N J Holstein Seminar, 9:30 a.m., Andover Boro Fire Hall, Rt 206, Andover
 Dover Young Farmers manure meeting, 7 30 p.m., Dover High School ag room
 Solanco Young Farmers forage testing meeting, 7 30 p.m., Solanco High ag classroom
 York Farmers Forum, 6 30 p.m., Mosers Restaurant, 1251 W King St., York.
Wednesday, February 18
 Keystone Pork Congress, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Host Farm, Lancaster.
 Capital Region Turf & Ornamental School, 9.30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., continues on Thursday.
 Farm financial workshop, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. West Street Branch, Gettysburg National Bank, continues same time on Thursday
 Manure systems tour, 12.45-3:45 p.m., meet at Dover High School ag shop to car pool.
 Cumberland County Atlantic Dairy Day, 10 a.m., South Middleton Fire Hall, Boiling Springs.
Thursday, February 19
 Lancaster County Poultry Assn educational program, 7 30 p.m., Farm & Home Center.
 Atlantic Breeders District #4, Blue Ball Fire Hall, 7 p.m.
 Keystone Pork Congress, 9 45 a.m.-3 p.m., Host Farm, Lancaster.
 York County Dairy Day, 10 a.m., Dover Fire Hall
 Northern Tier Dairy Day, 9 30 a.m.-3 p.m., Wyalusing Fire Hall
 Cecil County, Md. Agronomy Day,

9 30 a.m., Calvert Grange Hall
Friday, February 20
 Adams County Dairy Day, 10 a.m., Heidersburg Fire Hall.
 Philadelphia Tailgate Market Coalition meeting, 10 a.m., Rt 222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia.

Saturday, February 21
 National FFA Week begins and continues through next Saturday.
 York 4-H Spring Fling, starts 9 a.m.

Stone calls for strong reserve, loan rates

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The nation's farmers and consumers would benefit from a strong farmer-held reserve and realistic commodity loan program, George W Stone, president of the National Farmers Union, told President Reagan during a White House meeting last Friday.
 "In order to keep a balanced supply of food, we need realistic loan rates and a strong farmer-held grain reserve. Loan rates set at realistic levels would help prevent the boom and bust cycle in the markets and in the long run would help both farmers and consumers, the president of the Denver-based family farm organization said.
 Stone told President Reagan that farmers could appreciate the need for a balanced federal budget and the need to reduce inflation. "But we are very concerned about the survival of family farming," Stone added.
 Stone noted that Reagan Administration representatives also attending the meeting, stressed the need for cutting the federal budget to bring the budget back into balance.
 "President Reagan told us that

everyone was going to have to share in the budget reductions, that no one would be exempted," Stone added.
 Turning to the issue of the Soviet grain embargo, Stone said that a continuation of the embargo would have the effect of essentially yielding the Soviet export market to countries like Argentina, which has a feed grain surplus compared with last year.
 Special Trade Representative William Brock indicated that the Reagan Administration would seek to open us new trade areas "The export market is a two way street. We (the United States), can't put a wall up around ourselves," he said.
 Stone indicated that the dairy support program will be looked at as an area for budget cutting "It's going to be very tough to keep the dairy program we have now," Stone said.
 Twenty farm and commodity organizations were represented at the meeting. In addition to Ambassador Brock, Agriculture Secretary John Block and members of the Office of Management and Budget attended the meeting.
 Elizabeth Dole and Vice-President George Bush were also in attendance.

Now Is The Time

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protect himself, and his employees from these materials, there is need of a respirator that will eliminate the inhaling of toxic materials. The ones with a chemical cartridge that can be replaced after some use, is recommended. Don't take chances with respiratory ills when they can be prevented.

TO RECOGNIZE FERTILIZER VALUE IN MANURE

With the heavy livestock and poultry population in this part of the country, the fertilizer value of manure becomes a big budget item. With fertilizer prices on the increase, great savings can be made when this livestock and poultry by-product is properly handled. The average manure from farm animals will contain about five pounds of nitrogen, five pounds of phosphorus, and nine pounds of potash per ton. Poultry manure is much higher and will average 23-38-32 depending upon the type of droppings and litter content. To get the most fertilizer value from manure it should be stored out of the weather, or ap-

plied and incorporated into the topsoil. Manure that is applied daily during the fall and winter and remains on top of the ground will lose most of its fertilizer value. Local farmers are urged to calculate the fertilizer value of the manure when buying other commercial fertilizers.

TO AIM FOR HIGHER YIELDS

Greater output per acre must be the goal in the future. We only have so much land, but most agronomists feel that greater yields are in the future. The farmer should know his soils and meet the needs. Also, use quality seeds and get the work done on time. Timing is very important on all practices for higher yields. Disease and insect control is a "must" for greater yields. With the pressure for maximum food and fiber output per acre growing each year, we need top management practices for higher yields and greater profits. Be a "Johnny On The Spot" and get the jobs done when and how they should be—that's good farm management.

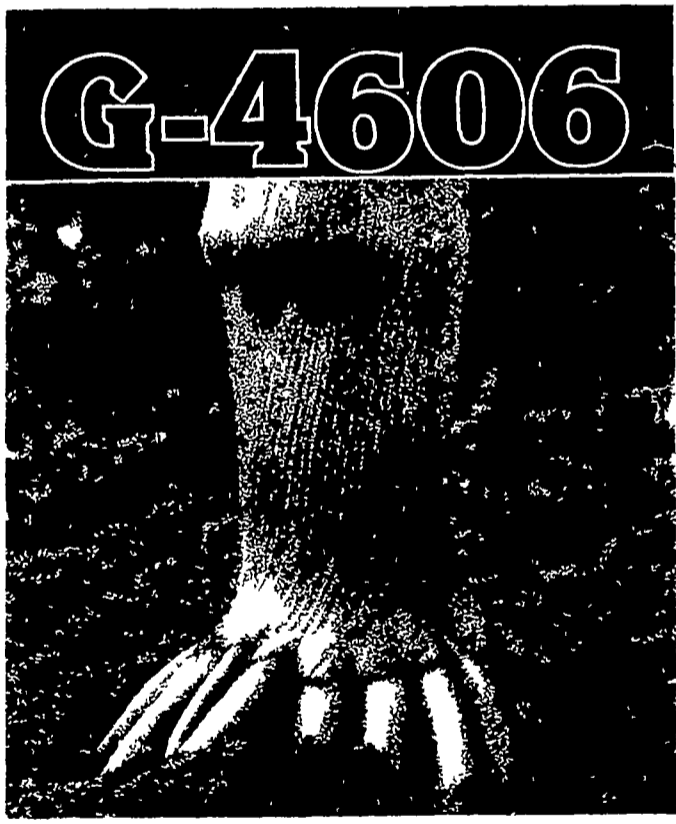


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