

Farm Calendar

- Today, April 18**
National Trotting Pony Sale, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg.
- Monday, April 20**
Pa. Sheep & Wool Growers Meeting & Pool Sale, Penn State, concludes tomorrow.
- Tuesday, April 21**
Delmarva Poultry Boosters Banquet, Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, Salisbury, Md.
Solar & Wind Energy Meeting, 8 p.m., Myersdale Area High School, 8 p.m.
All-Grange Banquet, 7 p.m., Hershey Convention Center, meeting begins at 1:30 p.m.
Blue Mountain 4-H Club, 7:30 p.m., Adams Electric Co-op Bldg., 204 W. King St., Shippensburg.
Penn Manor Young Farmers meeting on fly control.
Bradford County Conservation District, 7:30 p.m., Ulster Fire Hall.
- Wednesday, April 22**
Northeast U.S. 4-H Conference, Allenberry, Boiling Springs N.Y. State Calf Sale, State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, N.Y.
FFA Area Speaking Contest, Penn Manor High School, 1 p.m.
- Thursday, April 23**
Pa. Poultry Federation Fund Raising Banquet, 6 p.m., Host Farm, Lancaster.
Quarter Horse Sale, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg.
Brownstown FFA Banquet, school cafeteria.
New York State Holstein Sale, State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, N.Y.
Bradford-Sullivan County Farmers' Assn., 7:45 p.m., Monroeton Fire Hall.
- Friday, April 24**
PFA political action committee meeting, 6 p.m., Sheraton Harrisburg Inn.
York County Farmers' Forum Meeting, 7 p.m., Rutler's Restaurant, Red Lion.
- Saturday, April 25**
Penn State Little International

Letters To The Editor

Dear editor:
Your recent comments on confinement housing for livestock were, to say the least, disappointing. For an editor with a gang buster's and grab the bull by the horns approach to writing, your April 11th editorial barely slapped the issue with a wet dishrag.

I'm still reading your article and trying to figure out whether you're walking down the fence rail or, having chosen an unpopular view, are skirting the issue.

If you've been bitten by the nostalgia bug — fine. I find galloping through green meadows and spring's breeze fragranced by warm earth a lofty high — even though the meadow's in housing lots now.

However, if you're a Dr. Fox disciple, what can I say? The Fox mentality supposes an ability to translate an animals "feelings" into human terms. The ability to understand an animal is indeed a true gift — and as such, I will have to see Fox interacting with livestock to even believe he knows what he thinks he knows.

It's not easy to trust a Doctor of Animal Science who likes his veggies better. I strongly suspect Fox is a Wolf in Sheep's clothing.

Using lobster farming in Utah as an example was a nice touch. You

Livestock Exposition, 8 a.m., Beef-Sheep Center.
Berks County Dairy Princess Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Ag Center, Leesport.
10th Annual Wayne County Calf Sale, Wayne County Fairgrounds, Honesdale, noon.
Huntingdon County Holstein Club heifer sale, Huntingdon County Fairgrounds.
Lancaster County tree seedling pickup, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Long Park pavilion.
University of Delaware's Ag Day, Agriculture Hall, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

really scraped the bottom of the ideal barrel. I can only assume the initial was to tread lightly one local farmer's footsies, considering the relevance of lobster farming to your readership area.

By the way, do you think if the caged lobsters were shown films of scows dumping garbage etc. into New England waters that the lobsters would feel more at home?

You know there may be a time in the future when farmers live in condominiums. We'll raise chickens & rabbits on the balcony. Anything larger would require a spare den or bedroom (Hey Mom, Bossy's in the bathroom again!). Forget about herds or the pasture to graze them — as an old philosopher once said "As goes the hamster, so goes the caretaker." It never made much sense 'til now.

So, I'm urging you to speak your mind and make it plain. What we don't need are more spineless speakers for agriculture.

**Karen E. Shaw,
Taneytown, Md.**

Dear editor:

This letter is not just to the editor but to all the farmers who are at all concerned about their financial future.

When President Reagan won his first "great victory" in his war on inflation by cutting the April first price increase, I thought, well that's okay. We are producing too much milk anyway. Maybe this will be alright.

However, I have had second thoughts. I thought how did we get in this mess anyhow? We had a fairly good milk marketing system.

We had a government subsidy to stabilize the market when we had surpluses from time to time which not only protected the dairy farmer but the consumer as well with adequate food at reasonable cost.

So what happened? Food for a weapon is what happened. President Carter started the grain boycott against Russia. Now President Reagan continues this same policy.

Therefore, where did the grain go? Well, it has filtered down to the dairy farm now. On its way it fouled up the chicken, beef and hog business.

Now our wise government officials are going to write a new

farm bill. They are saying cut the price of milk still more, maybe down as low as 60 percent parity. We don't want to pay for all this surplus milk. These greedy farmers must be controlled. Maybe this is not what they are saying but from what I read it appears this is what they are saying.

If our government is going to use food as a weapon, I don't think we the "weapon makers", the farmers should have to foot the total bill.

While farming is a specialized business and becoming more so, you can't severely penalize one segment without eventually hurting all segments of farming.

Our farm exports have been carrying our nations floundering economy for the last several years anyhow.

In conclusion any farmer who is concerned about his financial welfare should be writing his congressmen and President letting them know we are fed up with being treated like vasals and serfs by an arrogant and thoughtless master.

**Gene Kilby
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Dear editor;

In reference to Mr Fasnacht's misstatements and distortions concerning your editorial "Enough is Enough," which could have been entitled "Enough is too Much," Mr. Fasnacht's first distortion is giving the impression, if not for the Commission's action of confiscation of these lands they most assuredly would have disappeared.

The truth is these lands would not now be under dictatorial power. Yes indeed, every acre would still be here and in the Free Enterprise System.

Next Mr. Fasnacht points to the Pocono, Bedford and Somerset areas as being developed on, shall we say, marginal land. Whatever he means he does not make clear.

Any wonder developers are building where they are? The Commission's confiscation policies have to a great extent forced them to these very areas.

Of course, according to Mr. Fasnacht people need outdoor recreational activities. To heck

with housing needs. Housing is only a luxury. Recreation is a necessity.

Fasnacht tells us several statues have been enacted as incentives to keep land in agriculture. In spite of this land is still being taken out of production and developed, he states. This of course contradicts his earlier statement, concerning the development of the hilly and brushy Pocono, Bedford and Somerset areas.

In reference to the Commission's Policy being supported by Federation of Sportsmens Clubs, this is merely a case of I'll scratch your back, you scratch mine—We the Commission have the Power to condemn and confiscate for those who scratch our back.

Mr. Fasnacht's line concerning in-lieu-of-taxes is indeed disgraceful. He best would have zipped his lip on this. While private owners are paying \$2 per acre for mountain land, I'd be dog-gone embarrassed disclosing a paltry 39 cents per acre as a defense.

Users of Game Lands use the roads leading to such lands and these are services indeed. Stating no services is a Fabrication.

Fasnacht cites the fact the Commission sells timber. There really is no great merit in that. Private owners sell timber also, adding income to the community.

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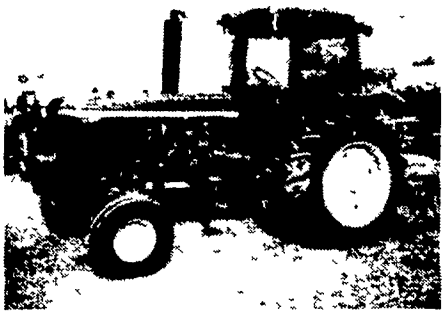
the plankton algae. When these algae are overabundant we refer to this condition as "bloom" in the water. A bloom makes water appear as pea soup. Then the filamentous (stringy) algae show up as long strands or green mats of plant material that often form floating mats. Sometimes it gets so thick as weather warms that the name pond scum is applied. The most effective aquatic herbicides against the algae are those containing elemental copper. With all chemicals applied to ponds consider costs, precautions and any required permits.



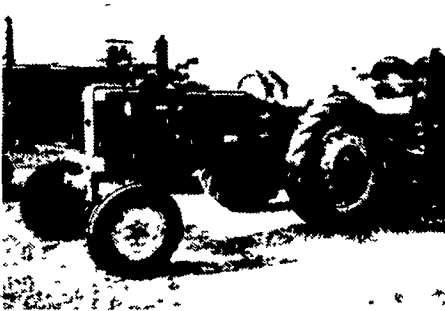
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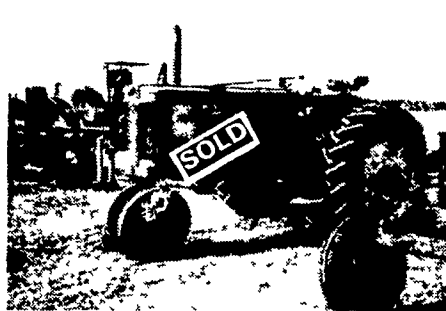
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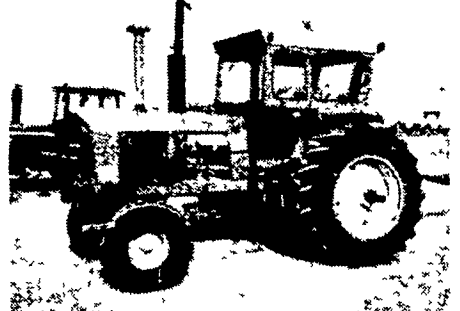
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