

Embargo facts

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to buy from private U.S. companies a minimum of 6 million tons of U.S. corn and wheat yearly, and the United States agreed to facilitate the sales. No maximum was set, except that shipments of more than 8 million tons in any one year could be made only after prior consultation with the U.S. government. The 6-million-ton minimum purchase was to be about evenly divided between corn and wheat.

The embargo was invoked three months into the fourth year of the grain agreement, in which U.S. and Soviet officials had agreed that the supply level for U.S. wheat and corn could be up to 25 million tons. When the embargo was ordered, the Soviet Union had contracts for delivery during the agreement year of about 21.8 million tons of U.S. grains - 6.7 of wheat and 15.1 of corn. About 5.5 million tons of this had been loaded or shipped, leaving 2.5 million to be shipped to reach 8 million tons. Contracts for 13.8 million tons were cancelled. The embargo also forced cancellation of contracts for 740,000 tons of soybeans, 400,000 tons of soybean meal and 70,000 tons of soybean oil.

The United States met the fourth-year grain commitment, and the 8 million tons for the fifth

year had been sold and virtually all shipped by April 1 - 3 million tons of wheat and 5 million tons of corn.

The Commodity Credit Corporation agreed to assume the outstanding contractual obligations on grain and soybeans, and adjustments were made in the grain reserve and other programs in an effort to cushion the impact on farm prices.

U.S. officials met in Washington January 12, 1980, with officials from Canada, Australia, the European Community and Argentina, seeking their cooperation. The first three agreed not to replace U.S. grain blocked from shipment to the USSR, but Argentina said it had no control over the destinations of its exporters' shipments.

Increased demand in other markets more than offset the canceled Soviet contracts and total U.S. wheat and feed grain exports rose by more than 16 million tons - from 91.6 million in 1978/79 to 108 million in 1979/80. Wheat shipments increased by 1.6 million tons to China, 1 million tons to Yugoslavia and were up substantially to Bangladesh, Romania, Morocco, Czechoslovakia, East Germany and several Latin American countries.

Children can help in energy battle

YORK — Energy conservation is not for adults only. Youngsters can do a lot to save energy, too. Parents can set the best example for their children by making some basic facts available to them and by practicing when they preach, says Joan Lamberson, home economist.

Water seems to hold a fascination for children. They tend to have a heavy hand on the faucet when getting a drink of water or when brushing their teeth.

Children can be taught to fill a glass with only as much as they intend to drink and to turn the water off when brushing their teeth. Teach youngsters to turn faucets off completely to avoid drips. If height is a problem, make or buy a stool so the children can reach the faucet adequately.

When it comes to bathing, a little water can go a long way with children. Small youngsters can take a tub bath together to save water.

Another energy weakness children are prone to is standing in front of an open refrigerator while deciding what to eat. This wastes electricity by causing the refrigerator to work harder, and if

you have an old-style manual defrost refrigerator with the freezer inside the unit, it will cause ice to build up rapidly during the summer months.

Teach children to think about what they want before they open the door. If they don't know what they want, perhaps they aren't really hungry.

Be creative in thinking of ways to save energy in your home. If your children like cool drinks on hot summer days and perpetually head for the ice trays in the freezer, try filling an ice chest with enough cubes to last the day. You will save energy in your freezer and will be setting a good example for your children on how to conserve.

You can cut down on the number of drinking glasses used in a day by marking each child's cup with his or her name. One cup per child each day can go a long way toward saving you or your dishwasher time and energy.

Be patient when trying to teach children energy conservation and keep in mind that you may serve as their most prominent example of how to conserve.

Bassler assumes U. of Md.

Extension post

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Robert E. Bassler, Jr., New Windsor, has been appointed Extension Environmental Quality Engineer in the Dept. of Agricultural Engineering, University of Maryland in a joint announcement by Larry E. Stewart, Department Chairman and Robert L. Jones, Carroll County Extension Chairman.

Bassler, who will be located in the Carroll County Extension Office, Westminster, will be responsible for educational programs relating to Maryland's Water Quality Plan and the pilot Rural Clean Water Program in Carroll County.

He will work closely with County Extension Agents and Soil Conservation Districts on activities

aimed at helping Maryland farmers meet water quality standards. His location in Carroll County will enable him to work directly with Double Pipe Creek farmers in the RCWP project.

Bassler is a graduate of Francis Scott Key High School where he was active in 4-H, FFA, dairy and ag mechanics projects. He received his B.S. in Agricultural Engineering at the University of Maryland in 1979 and was employed by Agway, Inc in sales engineering prior to his Extension appointment.

Bassler is a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, and the New Windsor Volunteer Fire Company. He lists backpacking and rock climbing among his hobbies.

Chester County Equine Council

names board of directors

CHESTER COUNTY EQUINE COUNCIL



CHESTER — Officers of the Chester County Equine Council were recently elected.

President of the newly formed committee is Leslie Sharpnack, an avid horse enthusiast who is a member of the Valley Forge Riding and Driving Association and the Delaware Valley Combined Training Association.

Vice President Sabrena Paaby is also a member of these two associations and is the manager/trainer of Mine Run Farms in Malvern.

Cooky McClung, equine journalist and member of Doc Addis Hunt and Lewisville Hunt, was elected secretary.

Treasurer of the Council is Pat Theurkauf, secretary of the Pickering Hunt and member of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeder's Association.

Other members of the Executive Board are Valerie Kanavy, president of Unicorn Trail Designs; Lisa Knox, manager/instructor of Echo Valley Farm; and Claramay Stearly, member of the Trail Riders Association.

The first general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at the Widener Am-

phitheatre, New Bolton Center, Kennett Square. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. All horse enthusiasts regardless of

background are invited to attend. For further information, contact Cheryl Moran, Chester County Agricultural Agent, 215/696-3500.

Game Commission special permits return \$44,566

HARRISBURG — Special permits issued during the most recent fiscal year by the Pennsylvania Game Commission returned \$44,566 to the Game Fund, a recent compilation shows.

During the 1979-80 fiscal year there were 3320 special permits issued, compared to 3200 the preceding year for \$43,065.

In 1979-80, the largest number of permits, 1258, went to disabled persons for hunting from vehicles. The permits carry a nominal fee of \$1 each.

The greatest return to the Game Fund was through the issuance of 328 fur dealer permits at a cost of \$3200.

The 307 licensed taxidermists in the state paid \$7675 for the permits issued to them.

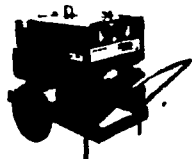
Private regulated shooting

grounds operators paid \$6310 for their 141 permits, while 408 propagators paid \$6120 for their permits.

Nonresident fur dealers were charged \$3400 for the 34 permits issued to them, while the 165 dog training permits issued returned \$3300 to the Game Fund. The final major item on the list was the 28 commercial regulated shooting grounds permits issued for \$2000.



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