

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

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much less dairy farm wives sending them to you. The Amish Vanilla Pie uses margarine as does the Turkey Tetraxini, and the Mississippi Mud Pie uses a large container of whipped topping. If dairy farm families used more dairy products, perhaps the sur-

plus would be less. Shame on use as dairymen! The margarine manufacturers must be laughing up their sleeves — or all the way to the bank. Mrs. Ellen K. Arwacost Hickory Hill Farm, Inc. Upperco, Md.

Goat story corrections

In our story about the Dutch Country Dairy Goat Association Meeting, in the June 6 issue D4, George Haenlein, dairy specialist for the University of Delaware, points out two typographical changes. Pennsylvania is the only state in the Union with research in

goats milk, not just goats, currently taking place. Haenlein also stated that the funding, not 'finding' for the goat research projects was 'pitiful'. We hope these corrections will clear up any misinformation given in the article.

Come what may, we'll produce

Spring is here again, and, as usual, dairymen tend to forget outside worries as they concentrate on fixing fence and planting crops. Come-what-may; taxes, price support levels, high cost of doing business in general, all become secondary at this busy time of year.

Probably that's a good thing too, since our heads are reeling after year-long accusations of over-production and high CCC purchase costs. A farmer feels the need to get out in the clear air to refresh his brain cells and renew his faith in himself after reading the deluge of headlines depicting him as a welfare recipient drinking from the public trough at the expense of taxpayers.

Our problem seems to be

productivity, the same challenge that troubles the rest of the nation. According to Treasury Secretary Regan, "American business has to get out there and be productive."

With us, however, it's not lack of productivity that bedevils us but rather, too much. If we were to follow the example set by the rest of the work force, we would adopt a forty-hour week and in a short time, the problem would be solved; lower production and higher prices to consumers.

That probably is not the goal of the Department of Agriculture however, since they continue to aim at a cheap food policy which requires abundant food supplies. The Secretary's latest recommendation is that the new four-year farm bill contain a provision

giving the Secretary the option of setting the support level between 0 and 90 percent of parity, the most discretion ever requested by any Secretary up to this point.

We will oppose such a policy since it would have the affect of practically eliminating the benefits of the present price support program and would offer no guarantees to dairymen.

According to a recent Congressional Budget Office study, "Continuing the present support level would probably result in no major change in dairy farmers' real income or in dairy prices. It concluded further that a return to the 75 percent level would place downward pressure on both income to increase imports."

Sounds like something we've been saying and will very likely turn out to be accurate.

Organizations representing handlers take an unreasonable approach when they attempt to lower dairy farm income to reduce dairy product prices to consumers. It would be as unreasonable to expect handlers to cut their profits in order to lower prices to consumers as it is to expect dairymen to take reduced income for the same reason.

Consumers cannot expect lower food prices when all other costs are increasing. Dairy products are still a good buy and we need not apologize for their cost.

Let's get our morale up and hold our heads high as we plant our crops. Food will still be in demand next year and no one but farmers can produce it. Feeding the nation is a proud accomplishment.

Edward McNamara
NEDCO President

Farm Calendar

Today, June 13
Seventh Annual Horse Show and Country Fair, sponsored by Humane League, Lancaster Riding and Tennis Club
28th annual dinner meeting of Berwick Vegetable Co-op, Maria Assunta Hall, Monroe St., Berwick, registration, 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.
Lebanon County Dairy Princess Contest, Lebanon area fairgrounds, crowning 8:30 - 9 p.m.
Blue Mountain Dairy Goat Show, Allentown Fairgrounds
Adams County Dairy Princess Pageant, Biglerville High School, Biglerville
Huntingdon Holstein Club picnic, Shavers Creek, Community Bldg., Petersburg

Sunday, June 14
PA Berkshire Assn. and -PA Chester White Assn. summer picnic, 1 p.m., Lebanon Fairground

Tuesday, June 16
FFA week at Penn State, continues through Thursday

Wednesday, June 17
Southeast Regional Livestock Judging-Clinic, Downingtown, Devereux Soleil Farms, 9 a.m.
Adams County fruit growers meeting and tour, 6:30 p.m., Rice and Rice Orchard, between Brysonia and Wenksville
Cumberland Co-op Sheep and Wool Growers Wool Pool, Carlisle Fairgrounds, 7-3

Thursday, June 18
PA poultry federaton annual conference, Host Corral, Lancaster
Eastern Regional Fitting and Showing Workshop, PA Holstein and Guernsey Assn., Guernsey Sales Pavilion, 9:30 a.m.
Ceiba Geigy tour, Leroy Esben-shade and Charles Hummer farms, RD Manheim, 10 to 6
Franklin County Extension Oil and Gas Leasing meeting, 8 p.m., Kauffman Community Building

Saturday, June 20
Sevens Valleys Farm, 10-4, Seven Valleys
Chester County Country Fair, Nottingham Park, 11-8

Now Is The Time

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and just about all of the larvae survive when the weather is wet and when there is enough grass to protect them from the sun. Within three weeks after eggs hatch, the larvae have reached the infected stage. When the animal eats grass contaminated by larvae, the life cycle is completed.

The latter part of June and July is a good time to give worm treatment to animals on good pasture. The newer worm

medicines are safe, highly effective and easy to administer. However, the choice of medication depends on the type of worms in the animal. This can be determined by microscopic examination by a veterinarian. Sheep and young cattle can be wormed by feeding them medicated wormer pellets. Horses can be wormed through the feed. After giving worm medicines, the animal should be moved to new pasture.

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