

Now Is the Time

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feeder calves should be treated for stomach worms soon after arrival on the farm. The same thing is true for dairy heifers in this part of the state. Heavy population of

livestock makes the parasite problem more severe. Fecal samples of animals taken to the local veterinarian is the best method of determining the exact infection.

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

Great grain robbery

If you liked the great grain robbery of 1973 — when the Soviet Union all but stole our wheat out from under us by purchasing it for a fraction of what it was worth — you're going to love what's going to happen next year.

The good news is the Reagan Administration has given the Soviets permission to buy up to 23 million metric tons of grain next year. The bad news is, since farm prices are at extremely low levels, the Soviets will once again be paying bargain basement prices.

It's our own fault, due to the ridiculous way we sell our grain on the international market.

We're a one nation OPEC when it comes to international grain sales. We export 85 per cent of the soybeans in world markets, 70 per cent of the corn, and 50 per cent of the wheat.

That being the case, you'd think we'd insist on the maximum return for our product, just at OPEC does for its oil. But we don't. We simply put it on the international market and ask other countries how much they'll give us for it. They "give" us as little as they can.

This week the House of Representatives voted on an

amendment I co-sponsored to the 1981 Farm Bill which would change all that. It simply allows the Secretary of Agriculture to get the maximum return from our international grain sales by setting a minimum price for export sales, the same as every other major grain exporting country does.

The amendment includes a provision to make sure the extra money from that minimum price policy actually gets back to American farmers. As the grain companies sell grain abroad, the Secretary of Agriculture would be empowered to collect the difference between the free market domestic price and the minimum export price. That money would be stored in a Grain Bank and returned to farmers, pro rata, based on yearly production.

Net farm income — in real, inflation adjusted dollars — threatens to be lower this year than any since 1935. Yet we continue to sell our grain in the world market for less than the average cost of production.

We must insist on a profit.
Congressman Tom Harkin
Washington, D.C.

Farm Calendar

Monday, Oct. 26
Pa. State Grange Convention, Jaffa Mosque and Altoona Sheraton, continues until Thursday.
Tuesday, Oct. 27
Extension Income Tax Workshops, Meadville, continues until Thursday.
United Egg Producers Annual Board Meeting, Palm Springs, Calif. continues through Friday.
Chester County Holstein Banquet,

7 p.m., Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church.
Wednesday, Oct. 28
Delmarva Poultry Short Course, 7:30 p.m., Georgetown Substation.
Adams Ag Council, Extension Office, 9 a.m.
York County Beef & Lamb Roundup, Thomasville Livestock Auction.
Thursday, Oct. 29
Unit #1 NEBA Annual Meeting,
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Body lice are very common and before the hair coat gets much heavier, animals should be clipped, sprayed or dusted. Parasites are hard on animals and hard on the pocketbook.

To Control Mice and Rats
Birds may migrate south for the winter, but mice and rats migrate from the outdoors to the indoors. And they may choose your home. When nights become chilly, mice

and rats move into garages, storerooms and barns. And if there's food in these areas, they're likely to set up housekeeping there until colder weather drives them into your house.

Mice can crawl through holes or cracks as small as a dime. They can enter where pipes go through the wall. And some are so bold, they'll run through an open door while you are entering the house.

If you find signs of mice activity, there are two good ways to get rid of them. If there is just one or two mice, a trap is a good remedy. Bait the trap with bacon, peanut butter or cheese and set it near a wall so that the trigger is pointed towards the wall. If a large number of mice are present, then baits are more effective. The bait should be put in bait stations so children or pets cannot get to it.

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