

OUR READERS WRITE

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- ✓ 81 pounds of fresh fruits;
- ✓ 58 pounds of processed fruit and juices;
- ✓ 94 pounds of fresh vegetables;
- ✓ The equivalent of 322 pounds of milk. This includes such dairy products as 18 pounds of cheese and 18 pounds of ice cream;
- ✓ 75 pounds of potatoes; and
- ✓ 5 pounds of sweet potatoes

Multiply this impressive list by 59 to get the average yearly production of one farm worker

This production is unrivaled anywhere in the world. The output per man hour on the state's farms is three times higher than 20 years ago, much higher than in manufacturing industries.

Agriculture is America's most efficient industry and the farmer her most important producer. Let us recognize the important role the farmer plays in our nation's economy.

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Thanksgiving grain petition

A proposal to authorize putting floor prices on grain exports was defeated in the House of Representatives on October 20. That vote was in keeping with the old, continuing error of looking to world markets to solve agriculture's problems.

We are chasing our tails, producing and selling more, even at losing prices, because we are constantly told we must expand markets to get our prices up.

Anyone who thinks the new administration is going to make any real changes in agricultural policy should take note. The first USDA official, aside from Secretary Block, to speak at the department's annual Outlook Conference (in early November) said: "The new farm bill will continue the market orientation, a pattern we've been pursuing for a decade and a half."

America's family farms and

precious topsoil are being destroyed at a quickening pace. But the policy-makers keep pretending there is a free market" and won't intervene to impose a floor price on grain exports. They know that by USDA's own figures the prices we are

getting don't even cover the cost of production.

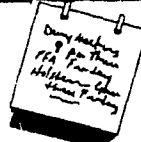
The bargain-priced grain mostly goes to wealthy trade competitors who can build up their industry and sell items back to us that put Americans out of work. Also, poor countries rely on the availability of our low-priced grain and are less interested in their own agriculture, which leads to hunger and a more dangerous world for us all. (I say this as a returned Peace Corps volunteer).

Now a crucial time for Americans — not just farmers, because it involves us all — to make known their desire for a real change in agricultural policy. A hurried effort, called a Thanksgiving Grain Petition, has been started by some farmers, asking that the export floor price proposal (by Congressman Weaver, of Oregon) be reconsidered.

"We, the undersigned, petition the Congress and the Department of Agriculture to intervene in the export grain market to stop sales at prices that are below the farmers' cost of production. At such prices, exports sales have grown to

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Farm Calendar



Today, Nov. 21
Hunterdon Co. N.J. Annual Board of Agriculture meeting, 7 p.m., Quakertown Fire House.

Montgomery County DHIA annual meeting, 6:45 p.m., Christopher Dock School.

Farm City Day of Delaware County Farmers Association, Through Sunday.

Lancaster County Farmers Association Farm-City Week tour program, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, same time.

Sunday, Nov. 22
Lamb & Wool Marketing Conference, Sheraton Inn, State College. Continues until Tuesday.

Monday, Nov. 23
Forage & Seed Conference, 11 a.m. Keller Conference Center, Penn State. Continues tomorrow.

Dover Young Farmers Spouse Night, 7:30 p.m., Dover High School -ag room. "Fire

Prevention on the Farm." Ag Day meeting, 10 a.m., Room 103, PDA Building, Harrisburg. Bradford 4-H Leaders banquet, 8 p.m., North Towanda Methodist Church.

Wayne County DHIA annual meeting; 7:45 p.m., Pleasant Valley Grange Hall.

Tuesday, Nov. 24
Delaware irrigation meeting, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sheraton Inn, Dover.

Ephrata Adult Farmers, 7:45 p.m., Ephrata High School Ag Dept., "Sludge Fertilization Program."

Thursday, Nov. 26
HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

Friday, Nov. 27
Uniontown Poultry & Farm Show, Uniontown, Continues until Sunday.

Bradford 4-H County Council meeting, Extension Office, Towanda, 7 p.m.

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003	3	3	A
004	25	25	B
005	17	17	A
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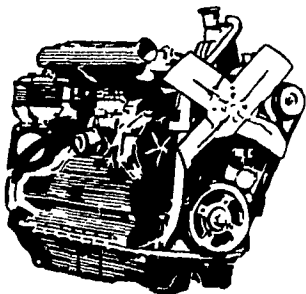
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