

Now is the Time

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from surface water contamination. Water from feedlots and barnyards should not be allowed to flow directly into public streams; pastures or holding areas will prevent the possibility of pollution.

To Feed Animals More Energy

Animals need to consume adequate amounts of energy and be in good flesh if they are housed in a cold environment. They depend on heat generated by their own bodies to maintain normal body temperatures. To accomplish this, they need to have sufficient reserves of fat and energy for the body to metabolize into heat. Extension Dairy Agent, Glenn Shirk, emphasizes that it may be necessary to increase energy intake by feeding more grain, more corn silage or milk replacers of higher fat content.

Once you've helped animals to generate more body heat, it is equally important to help them conserve it. Well fed animals with heavy hair coats have two effective blankets of insulation. One is the hair coat itself with all of the dead air spaces that exist between the hair fibers IF the hair coat is kept clean and dry and if it is protected from the winter winds. The other is the layer of body fat we've encouraged the animal to develop. A word of caution: let's not allow animals to become overconditioned; that's unhealthy and costly. The other thing we can do to preserve body heat is to protect animals from direct contact with such good conductive

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

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destroyed, his neighbors help rebuild it. This is the custom of barn raising. Another fine example of this tradition is our volunteer fire companies which date back to the time of Ben Franklin.

Many of the so-called "welfare" programs now administered by the government were once the domain of volunteer groups. President Reagan has urged Americans, who are physically and financially able to increase their volunteer efforts.

Regardless of one's views of the president's budget cuts, it is important to note that the taxpayer is benefitting from the Reagan program since the government is getting a smaller slice of our paychecks.

Also, billions are still being spent on the "safety net" of social programs. There has always been a need to help those who fall through that net. That is why volunteer groups are so important.

According to the latest estimates, there are now 175,000 formal volunteer groups in existence in the U.S., with thousands more informal ones.

In order to see that volunteer efforts are properly channeled, the president has created a 44-member "Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives," chaired by William Verity, the head of the Aranco Corporation of Ohio.

In creating the task force, the surfaces as metal or wet, cold concrete and soil; give them a clean, dry, well-bedded place or a mat to lie on.

president said one of its functions would be to "develop, support and promote private sector leadership and responsibility for meeting public needs."

Your volunteer efforts will not only help others, but will also give you a special reward which cannot be measured in money.

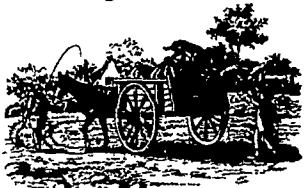
There's an old saying that if you want a job done, go to the busiest man or women in town and he or she will do it. No matter how crowded your schedule, there's always room for one more project if it really needs to be done. (You'll notice the head of the president's task force is the chief executive of one of the nation's largest companies.)

There are numerous opportunities to get involved. Many religious and community groups sponsor programs which provide help for the needy. Their efforts provide food, clothing and essentials to the less fortunate.

The words of Thomas Jefferson are especially appropriate in this day in age:

"It has been said that we feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the man beaten by thieves...because we receive pleasures ourselves from these acts."

Rep. Ken Brandt
The Majority Policy Chairman
Harrisburg



Farm Calendar

- Today, Feb. 6
Ephrata Area Young Farmers annual banquet, 6:45 p.m., Durlach-Mt. Airy Fire Hall.
- Monday, Feb. 8
Poultry Servicemen's Seminar, Holiday Inn North, Rt. 501, Lancaster, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin County Conservation District, 9 a.m., County Administration Bldg., Chambersburg.
- Tuesday, Feb. 9
22nd Annual Weed Science Society of America meeting, Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass, continues to Thursday.
Montgomery County Extension annual meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Center, 400 Market St., Norristown.
Hunterdon County Extension, N.J. Certified Pesticide Applicator Test, 7:30 p.m., Extension Center.
Maryland Holstein Convention, continues Wednesday.
Milk referendum meeting, 1 p.m., Lancaster Farm and Home Center.
- Wednesday, Feb. 10
Eastern Shore Dairy Herdsmen Workshop, Chestertown.
- Tri-County Field Crops meeting, Flemington, N.J., 8 p.m., Extension Center.
- Eastern Co-op district meeting, Honey Brook Grange Hall.
- Thursday, Feb. 11
York Small Grains & Soybean Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Kennard-Dale High School, Fawn Grove.
Atlantic Breeders Co-op, District 4, 7 p.m., Blue Ball.
Lancaster Extension Assn. annual dinner meeting, Farm & Home Center, 6:30 p.m.
Adams County Mastitis Workshop, 7:30 p.m., New Oxford High School.
ABC district meeting, Somerset County, Meyer Berlin Community Bldg. 7 p.m.
Bradford Crops Workshop, Wykesing High School, Vo-Ag Dept., 8 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 12
Northern Tier Regional Executive Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Wysox Presbyterian Church
- Saturday, Feb. 13
Garden Spot Young Farmer's annual banquet, 6:45 p.m., Blue Ball Fire Hall

Cambria holds crops day

EBENSBURG — A program on crop production will be held in Cambria Co. on Monday, March 1, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Ebensburg. William Parrish, Cambria County soil conservationist and Leo Noll, dairy farmer from Loretto will coordinate the morning and afternoon sessions. The program will be conducted by Penn State Extension agronomists. They include: Douglas Beegle, soil fertility; John Baylor, forage crops; Joseph McGahan, corn; and Elwood Hatley, small grains and soybeans. Since there will be a luncheon at the church, a pre-registration is required by Friday, Feb. 12. Contact Ronald L. Hostetler, Extension Agent, 814-472-7986.

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