

Block appoints cost of production review board

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block today named eleven members to the National Agricultural Cost of Production Standards Review Board, established by the 1981 Agriculture and Food Act.

The board is responsible for advising the secretary of agriculture on the methods used by USDA to estimate the costs of producing major farm commodities and for reviewing parity calculations.

Legislation requires that seven board members be commercial farmers and three others have expertise in cost of production methodology. The eleventh member must be a USDA employee.

Block said the board's chairman will be William Turrentine, a farmer from Garden City, Kans.,

who raises wheat, sorghum and alfalfa. The vice chairman will be Carol Hallett, a nonfarmer representative from Atascadero, Calif., who serves on the agriculture committee of the California State Assembly.

The other farmer members are Oren Childers, Cordele, Ga.; James Milton Devers, Jr., Nichols, S.C.; Lawrence V. Gray, Nampa, Idaho; Timothy N. Hartsock, Chillicothe, Ohio; Milton J. Hertz, Mott, N.D.; and John H. Kautz, Lodi, Calif.

Other nonfarmer members are Marvin R. Duncan, assistant vice president and economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and Bobby H. Robinson, professor of agricultural economics and rural sociology, Clemson University.

The USDA member is George Hoffman, deputy administrator of the Economic Research Service.

CCC drops interest rate

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Commodity and farm storage loans disbursed in November by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation will carry a 9.75 percent interest rate, according to CCC Executive Vice President Everett Rank.

The new rate, down from 11 percent, reflects the interest rate charged CCC by the U.S. Treasury in November, Rank said. It is the lowest interest rate charged by CCC since the 1979 crop when the rate was 9 percent, Rank said.

Farm Calendar

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Bradford Western DHIA, 7:45 p.m., Troy Sr. High School.

Lancaster County 4-H Capon Exhibit, 9:30 a.m., Andy's Catering Service, 1106 Millersville Pike.

Stockholder's meeting, York PCA-FLBA, Embers Quality Inn, Carlisle.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Md. Agricultural Outlook reports, 10 a.m., Calvert County Extension Office, Prince Frederick, Md.

Bradford Lamb Pool, 9-11 a.m., Wyoming Sales Barn.

Stockholders' meeting, York PCA-FLBA, Sheraton Inn, Gettysburg, 7 p.m.

Pa. Rural Electric Assn. annual meeting, Hotel Hershey.

Dairy Technology Conference, 9:30 a.m., Center of Adult Education, University of Md.

Thursday, Nov. 11

Inter-State annual meeting, continues through Friday, Host Farm.

Wayne County Milkers' School, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Belmont Fire Hall, Pleasant Mount.

Bucks County Honey Show, 8 p.m., Mandell Hall Auditorium, Delaware Valley College, Doylestown.

Friday, Nov. 12

Md. Agricultural Outlook Reports, 10 a.m., Frederick County Extension Office, Frederick, Md.

Sheep Breeding & Production Conference, continues through Saturday, Penn State Keller Conference Center.

Farm-City Week annual kick-off luncheon, noon, Quality Inn, Rt. 72, Lebanon.

PEMA meeting, Sheraton, Lancaster, 6:30 p.m.

Lancaster County 4-H Sheep Roundup, 6 p.m., Manheim Fair Grounds

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

First to use and foster

We whole heartedly concur Joyce Bupp's "Farmwife" column of Sept. 25.

Dairy farmers should certainly be the first to use and foster the use of "Natures most nearly perfect for 1." There are so many opportunities when dairymen fail to promote.

For starters, insist that those preparing banquet meals use real dairy products. Someone assumes the responsibility of selecting the menu be it chicken or roast beef. That's the time to say we want the REAL thing.

Are we, as producers, good consumers? Be sure we use real dairy products in our own homes.

Accept the opportunity to take cows to shopping malls for milking contests. That's a great place to promote. Even ask the mall manager—for a place to show off your local Dairy Princess, some calves — pass out dairy recipes, information on the REAL seal, etc.

If we were to visit the offices of the Coca-Cola Co. or attend their

Saturday, Nov. 13
Southeast District 4-H Beef Show & Sale, morning judging, sale at 1:30 p.m., New Holland.

Pa. State Beekeepers Association annual meeting, Green Gables Motor Inn, Lewistown.

1982 Rodeo, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg.
Pa. Farm and Power Equipment Association annual convention, Hershey Convention Center, continues through Wednesday.

banquets, would they be serving Pepsi?

The Armacosts of Hickory Hill Upperco, Md.

Now is the Time

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expansion underway. Hog producers are, however, still cutting production.

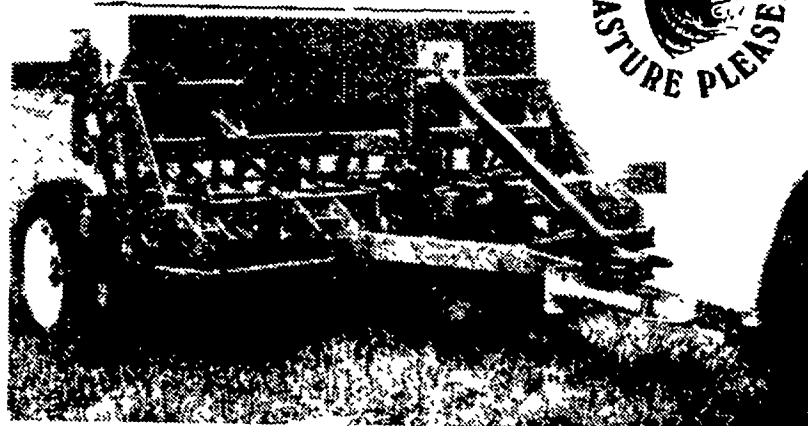
They have 12 percent fewer hogs on farms than a year ago, and breeding numbers are down 13 percent. Producers intend to cut December 1982-February 1983 farrowing 4 percent below the low level of a year ago. The hog business should be profitable for another year reports Chester D. Hughes, Extension Livestock Agent.

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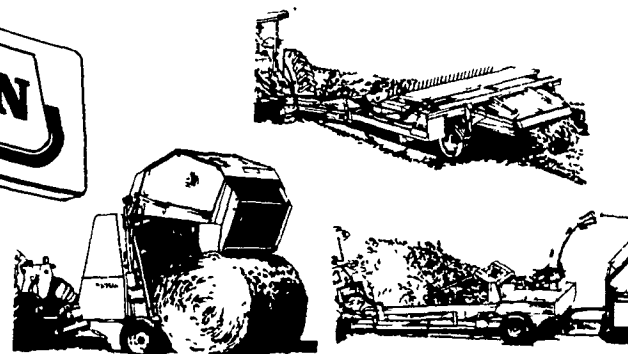
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