

**OUR READERS WRITE,  
AND OTHER OPINIONS**

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Congress is willing to do whatever is necessary to change things.

The Congressional delegation asked for the establishment of a "work program" under GATT aimed at reducing these subsidies within a specific time frame. However, the EEC delegation stubbornly refused even to discuss the question of subsidies or to agree to later discussions aimed at their reduction.

Clearly, the prospect of reaching a fair, rational agreement has gone by the board. Let me state at the outset, though, that we must in no way engage in the kind of protectionism that constitutes restraint of trade. Nobody in Congress rejects protectionism more than I do.

What Congress must do is take firm steps to bring an end to the current situation. I have suggested four steps we could take to tighten the screws on the EEC.

First, the Reagan Administration should fully use the remaining \$90 million earmarked for agricultural export enhancement in fiscal 1983 and made available by an amendment to the

1982 Budget Reconciliation Act. The money can provide direct and credit subsidies to offset predatory practices.

Second, Congress should encourage Agriculture Secretary John Block to consider releasing surplus dairy products into international markets. This would clearly signal our resolve and relieve the taxpayer of the cost of carrying these stocks.

Third, Congress should mandate that the proceeds from the sale and money from other sources be used for additional measures to export farm products.

Fourth, Congress should consider revoking the most-favored-nation trading status of countries engaging in predatory practices, or making them ineligible for International Monetary Fund loans.

I know other senators have other ideas for increasing our exports. I have instructed the staff of the Agriculture Committee, of which I am chairman, to assemble a comprehensive package of ideas which could be introduced in the 98th Congress. We must be prepared to draw the line here and

**Farm Calendar**

**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
York County 4-H Beef Banquet, 7 p.m., Seven Valleys Fire Hall.  
New Jersey Dairy Goat bing.

**Monday, Jan. 31**  
Chester County Extension annual meeting, 7:30 p.m., Extension Meeting Room, Dague Ag and Natural Resources Center, West Chester.

**Tuesday, Feb. 1**  
Cambria County Crops Day, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., United Methodist Church, Ebensburg.

**Tuesday, Feb. 1**  
Pennsylvania Farmers Union convention, Hotel Hershey, continues tomorrow.

**Tuesday, Feb. 1**  
Farm Computerization Symposium, 9 a.m., Lancaster Farm and Home Center.  
38th Annual Pa. Nurserymen and Allied Industries Conference,

continues through Thursday, Penn State.  
Dairy Breeding Course, 7:45 p.m., Ephrata High School Ag Dept.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 2**  
Lancaster Conservation District, 7:30 p.m., Farm and Home Center.  
Kent County, Md., Herd Health Panel, Chestertown, Md.  
Farm Computerization Symposium, Embers Restaurant Carlisle, 9 a.m.  
Somerset Co., N.J., Small Farmers Course, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Bridgewater, N.J., 4-H Center.  
Clearfield County Farm Financial Training, Holiday Inn, DuBois.  
Berks Hydroponic Growers Seminar, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ag Center, Leesport.  
**Thursday, Feb. 3**  
Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmer Beef Management meeting, 7:30 p.m., Union Grove Alternative School, Terre Hill.  
Delmarva Corn & Soybean Technology Conference, Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, Salisbury, Md., 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

fight fire with fire. I hope it won't be necessary, because there are no winners in a brawl, economic or otherwise.  
Sen. Jesse Helms  
R-N.C.

Adams County Vegetable Production Meeting 9 a.m., Penn State Fruit Research Lab, Biglerville.

Adams County Dairy Marketing Workshop, 7:30 p.m. Vo-Ag Room, Gettysburg High School.  
Lancaster 4-H Beef and Sheep Club annual awards banquet, 6:30 p.m., Farm and Home Center.

**Friday, Feb. 4**  
Lancaster Pork Producers annual banquet, Harvest Drive Restaurant.

**Saturday, Feb. 5**  
Ephrata Young Farmer Banquet, Durlach-Mt. Airy Fire Hall, 6:45 p.m.

**Now is  
the Time**

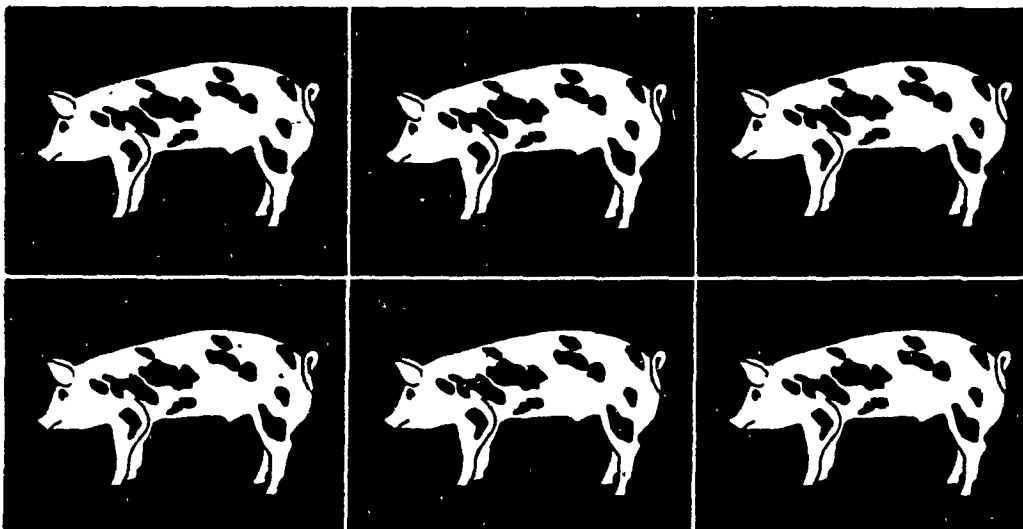
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and explained. By so doing, you can qualify to receive an update training certificate which in turn will get you a license/permit renewal.

During the wintertime a number of meetings are held by Extension and agribusiness. These are ideal times and places to receive your update training certificate to be sent in to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture when requested to do so.

Do not miss the opportunity to get yourself updated well BEFORE your license/permit expires.

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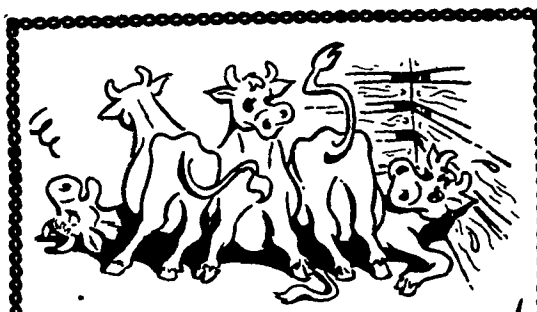
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