

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

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would allow the use of Commodity Credit Corporation stocks to recapture markets lost due to subsidies, to expand existing markets, and to establish new markets.

There are immediate problems facing farmers that we must address, namely financing for this year's crop and threats of foreclosure.

Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA) will be joining me in introducing legislation which addresses the problem of limits of FmHA operating loans and the financial difficulties faced by many farmers because of events beyond their control.

The key provisions include: increase the current limit on FmHA operating loans from \$100,000 to \$500,000; make it clear Congress intends for the administration to work with farmers to defer, reschedule, reamortize, and consolidate loans to avoid involuntary liquidation in cases where a farmer has a chance of recovering; and provide authority for the Secretary to reschedule and reamortize loans over a longer period of time.

There is no doubt that foreign demand for food and fiber will increase in the years ahead. Ten years from now, there will be 700 million more people in the world to feed and clothe.

Thus, the prospects for a growing and profitable agriculture economy here in the United States are bright. There will be times, however, when weather conditions and other factors will cause

production and consumption to become out of balance, such as the situation which exists today.

To prevent severe recession in our agriculture economy, we must take bold new initiatives to bring a balance to production and more stability to prices. I'm optimistic you'll see the 98th Congress move in that direction.

Sen. Thad Cochran
R-Ms

Don't give a hoot

As a reader of Lancaster Farming, I recently read with grave concern one of its latest articles about the severe punishments imposed upon those who should willfully or accidentally shoot a golden or bald eagle (Lancaster Farming, Jan. 22, 1983, "Pa. creates eagle reward fund," A39).

This marks another milestone unfairness and injustice on the backs of those who make an honest living from the fruits of the soil. The inability to distinguish between accidental, willful and necessary killing is quite typical of many previous laws, wardens and regulations.

Just how scarce bald and golden eagles are, at this time, I am not fully prepared to say. But if there is a scarcity of hawks, it's because they were such a nuisance to poultry farmers, bird lovers and the like that people shot them off. They had better let them be scarce. I know from experience. I wasn't born yesterday.

Same goes for crows and some others. Last fall I saw thousands of them feasting in a man's cornfield,

not too far from where I live. That doesn't look like they were a very endangered species. Fact is, they are smarter than we are and the dumb wardens who protect them. Fact is, if they seem scarce, it's because they have learned to go somewhere else. That's the place to keep them, not in cultivated territory.

Eagles are no angels, either. They have been known to raise havoc in a flock of sheep, etc. Yes, even attack a child (so I have heard). A large hawk can swoop down into a flock of chickens and carry one off with lightening speed, frightening and injuring many others in the mad scramble.

Wild animals and birds are allright in their proper bounds, but it should be up to the farmer or landowner to decide whether they are doing him too much damage or not, and not some half-baked game warden.

There used to be, and may still be, an old English common law to that effect. It gave a person the right to shoot or kill any bird, beast or fish damaging his or her property.

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Editor's Note: We feel it is important to preserve not only farmland, but any of life's endangered resources including the bald eagle. Man's impact on nature, both positive and negative, has been documented by scientists over the years and has led to the creation of laws to protect man from animals, and vice versa, as the odds of survival shifted.

While damage to chicken flocks can be attributed on occasion to a marauding hawk, much blame has been borne by these easily-seen targets when the real hen-house thief was a black-masked raccoon, sly mink, or cunning fox. And

Farm Calendar

Saturday, Feb. 12

Garden Spot Young Farmers banquet, 6:45 p.m., Blue Ball Fire Hall.

Cumberland County Holstein annual meeting, 10 a.m., Allenberry, Bolling Springs.

Monday, Feb. 14

Bradford DHIA directors meeting, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Towanda Motel.

Bradford Horse Club meeting, Extension Office, Towanda, 7:30 p.m.

Poultry Servicemen Seminar, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn North, Rt. 501, Lancaster.

Franklin Conservation District, 9 a.m., Assembly Room, Franklin County Administration, Chambersburg.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Cecil Co. Dairy Day, Rising Sun, Md., Calvert Grange Hall, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Schuylkill Winter Vegetable Meeting, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Ringtown Banquet Hall, Ringtown.

Bradford Corn Meeting, 8 p.m., Extension Office, Towanda.

Lancaster Crops & Soils Day, 8:30 a.m. Farm & Home Center.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

Foreign Animal Disease Advisory Committee meeting, continues

scare stories of eagles snatching children are the results of overzealous imaginations since it is a physical impossibility according to experts.

Most eagle depredation in sheep flocks occurs in the West, where sheep range unprotected on wintering grounds. Usually sick and injured lambs are the victims.

tomorrow, Federal Bldg., 6505 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, Md., 9 a.m.

Kent Co., Md. No-Till Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.

Adams County Fruit Production meeting, 9 a.m., York Springs Fire Hall, York Springs.

Somerset Co., N.J. small farmer course, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 4-H

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Now is the Time

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than the thermometer says it is, you're right. It is colder. Every year many people are severely frostbitten because they dressed according to the thermometer and not according to the "chill index" temperature.

The chill index is a combination of wind velocity and temperature reading. You've probably heard it reported on the weather broadcast. An example of the chill index is this: at ten degrees fahrenheit above zero with a ten mile per hour wind, the chill temperature to exposed skin is actually nine degrees below zero... not ten above as the thermometer reads.

That's why farmers and others who work outside in the winter should dress warmer than they feel is necessary. Remember - when the wind is blowing, the temperature not only feels colder, it is colder. Don't dress for the thermometer... dress for safety, and dress warmly.

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11:00 AM



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