

# Farm policy

(Continued from Page C4)

shocks to our agricultural complex, policies will have to be flexible enough to deal with the full range of supply-demand imbalances that could confront us in the years ahead. Past experience with the shortcomings of long-term policies geared to short-term problems should alert us to the importance of greater flexibility.

## Flexibility needed

Equally important, policymakers have to recognize that farm policy cannot move agriculture very far from the market mainstream without touching off self-correcting pressures. Agriculture has simply grown to be too large a sector of the economy and too closely integrated with the rest of the economy for policymakers to move commodity prices and producer incomes contrary to market forces — without substantial costs.

Farm policy can and must work to stabilize the sector from short-lived market extremes. But the costs of policies that move against market fundamentals for any serious length of time have to be carefully weighed against the

intended benefits of such policies. The costs are measured not only in terms of government payments to agriculture, but also in terms of farm sector efficiency and competitiveness.

Similarly, if farm policy is required to serve several incompatible goals, it may end up not serving any of those goals effectively. If the goal, for example, is to promote efficiency and competitiveness of our farm sector, it cannot at the same time guarantee viability to farms that are not viable. This is not to say that social goals related to the alleviation of rural poverty need be subordinated to economic goals of efficiency and competitiveness. It is to say that income support programs may need to be handled separately from farm programs.

The policy options faced by lawmakers are often expressed as two opposing extremes: large-scale management of the farm sector by government, with the sector insulated from the marketplace; and an open marketplace, with farmers responding to market signals, unprotected by government programs.

In reality, the debate we face ahead is likely to be one of which direction we want to move toward, rather than which extreme we

adopt. Whatever the policy choices, they will entail costs, and in no case do farmers escape a major share of the adjustment burden. That's true with current programs just as it's true for new programs.

However, we have to recognize the risks inherent in continuing with farm programs and policies that were designed for a stable world — one where farmers were much more insulated both from the world market for their products and the rest of the economy here at home.



## CLASSIFIED ADS

PHONE: 717-626-1164 or 717-394-3047

### FARM EQUIPMENT

### FARM EQUIPMENT

Horse machinery, J. Deere & McCormack corn planters, McCormack #9 & 7 mowers, riding cultivators, shovel harrows, etc. Also parts for same. Gideon Stoltz, RD 1, Blain, PA 17006.

290 John Deere corn planter, excellent condition. W.C. Allis Chalmers tractor, good condition. Juniata County, Port Royal, PA. James Henry. 717-527-2244.

NOTICE - Buy, sell or trade almost any type horse-drawn equip., mowers, rakes, crimpers, discs, harrows, plows, corn planters, tedders, packers, wagons, Wisc. engines, tobacco planters, etc. Wanted 402 N.H. crimpers, Nickolson tedders. Sam K. Zook, Kirkwood, PA. 17536.

JD 3020 console, standard shift, 72 model. 814-793-4293.

## Bargain Hunters... Stop...Look...Call!!!

**TRACTORS:** JD 2150 4-WD, 2350, 2550 4WD, 4050, 4250, 2640, 2020 Gas, JD "A", Ferg Ind Ldr, Ford 850 w/Side Mt Mower  
**PLOWS:** JD 4200, 3-Bot, right & left, JD 416-A, 3-Bot, 3 Pt  
**PLANTERS:** JD 7000 4- and 6-row, liq fert  
**CONDITIONERS:** NH 472 & 479, JD 1219  
**BALERS:** JD 337 & 347, NH 311, 316, 283 & 271  
**COMBINES:** JD 4420, 6620 Sidehill, 6600 Sidehill w/13' table, 444 cornhead and 15' & 16' platforms and 6 row cornheads  
**KILLBROS** gravity boxes, NH 353 grinder mixer, VICON & LELY spreaders  
**RAKES:** NH No 256 and 258  
**CENTURY** Sprayers, NH Mowers, 3 pt, 451 7' bar, JD & WOODS rotary mowers, pull and 3 pt  
NH 103 Bale Wagon, LAMCO flats, NH For Harv, 782 w/2 heads, NH 30 blower, NH TD-200 Miller Disk, Westfield Augers  
**SPREADERS:** JD 40, NH 329, 513 & 519, Used JD 40  
JD 18-7 and 21 7 drills, JD 115 & 425 disks, JD 415 rotary hoe  
**DEERE & WOODS** 3-pt rear blades, DEERE 716 for wgn  
JD 148 loader, JD 290 2-row corn-planter, NH & LITTLE GIANT bale elevators, HESSTON Stak Wagon  
E Z FLOW Fert drill, HARDI air & boom sprayers, NH 425 skid steer Ldr, PEQUEA & KUHN hay tedders  
JD, WHEELHORSE, DIXON, GRASS HOPPER full line of lawn & garden equipment, AM PRO tillers

### BUY or RENT-INQUIRE NOW!

- 48 HP Tractor with rotary cutter or other tools!
- Tye Drill - to sow new grass into your old grass fields!

### United Farm Tools, 6T, 10' x 7' UTILITY BOX

with hyd. augers, sep. engine to run hyds., use for fert. or feed.

**\$3,000 or best offer!**

call 215-434-1212 for this one



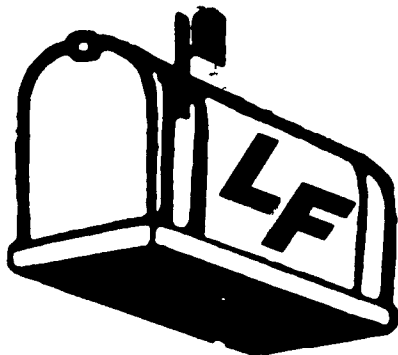
SPEERRY NEW HOLLAND

### KERMIT K. KISTLER, INC.

Serving Our Customers Since 1945  
Lynnport, PA 18066  
State Highway Rt. 143  
Phone 215-298-2011

# HANDY CLASSIFIED AD ORDER BLANK

**IMPORTANT: Be sure to include name, address, and word count PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY**



Please publish my \_\_\_\_\_ word ad \_\_\_\_\_ times  
(Number of Words) (Number of Times)

starting with the \_\_\_\_\_ issue. Classify under \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: 9 A.M. THURSDAY OF EACH WEEK'S PUBLICATION**

**RATES: 20¢ Per Word, \$2.40 Minimum Charge**

For ads running 3 or more consecutive times with no change deduct 20 percent discount. (See rate chart at beginning of classified section for an example of discount.)

### MAIL TO:

LANCASTER FARMING  
P.O. Box 366, Lititz, PA 17543

NOTE: Please do not use this form for Mail Box Market Ads, see instructions in Section B with Mailbox Markets.

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12-\$2.40
13-\$2.60	14-\$2.80	15-\$3.00	16-\$3.20
17-\$3.40	18-\$3.60	19-\$3.80	20-\$4.00
21-\$4.20	22-\$4.40	23-\$4.60	24-\$4.80
25-\$5.00	26-\$5.20	27-\$5.40	28-\$5.60
29-\$5.80	30-\$6.00	31-\$6.20	32-\$6.40
33-\$6.60	34-\$6.80	35-\$7.00	36-\$7.20
37-\$7.40	38-\$7.60	39-\$7.80	40-\$8.00

### FEED & SEED

### FEED & SEED

## HAY BAG™

50" dia. x 132" 48 lbs. 10 bags per roll ... **\$41.75**  
60" dia. x 150" 57 lbs. 10 bags per roll ... **\$46.50**  
Available in both black or white  
Quantity discounts  
10 to 24 rolls ... **5% Off**  
25 & up ... **10% Off**

A strong five mil. linear low density polyethylene bag. For storage of high moisture hay, that ferments in a 3 week period.

Contact:

### Silver Creek Supply

R.D. #1, Box 346  
Port Trevorton, PA 17864  
**717-374-8010**

Also Available Upon Request At:

**Elam Zimmerman Farm**  
Mechanicsville, MD

**John R. Martin Farm**  
Ephrata, PA

**Miller-Lake**  
Belleville, PA