

OUR READERS WRITE

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isn't accomplished by observing the 40 hour week for what the farmer averages per hour for his time and investment is mighty low. The amount of money that is tied up in land, buildings, livestock and equipment today is staggering.

Instead of more government blunders, we need a more constructive attitude by the farming community towards their problems and their future. Instead of expanding more and more, milking 3x per day, buying computers to figure out how to run your business when your debt load is already swamping you, why not cool it a little. It has been too easy to borrow money, and the lending institutions need to share the blame for these surpluses - You don't need the biggest tractor in the neighborhood - stop hoping the other guy goes broke first. Take a more responsible attitude. If you are a dairy farmer, then get some of that surplus off the market; you can afford to raise your calves on milk and use dairy products on your table. You can do more to promote your products even though the farmer is the only producer of raw materials that is expected to help pay to advertise the finished product.

The ADA certainly needs some sound advice on how to best spend the advertising dollar.

Be sure you serve dairy products at your organization meetings and banquets - give dairy products as door prizes and gifts - ask for milk when you eat out. There is plenty that can be done that will help a lot. "Light a candle instead of cursing the darkness" and hopefully the future will be brighter for all of us.

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Crops Day agenda listed

LANDISVILLE — The Pennsylvania State University will hold a crops day at their Southeastern Field Research Laboratory near Landisville on Thursday.

The Crops and research areas to be covered at the field day are as follows:

Corn - commercial hybrids; tillage; nitrogen materials, timing and rates.

Soybeans - varieties; weed control in conventional and no-tillage.

Forage - varieties and fertility.
Potatoes - varieties and insect control.

Tobacco - varieties and insect control.

Snapbeans - varieties.

Flowers - varieties.

In addition to viewing the research, visitors will be able to ask the Penn State specialists questions about crop production.

The field day will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Lunch can be purchased at the field day from Lancaster County Farm women Society #5.

Directions to the Research Laboratory from the east, west and south are exit from Rt. 283 at the Landisville-Salunga exchange. Go north toward the Armstrong Warehouse and turn left at the warehouse unto Shenk Road. Proceed approximately 1 mile to covered bridge and turn left thru the bridge. Just beyond the bridge follow the signs. From the north take Rt. 72 south toward Lancaster. Approximately one-half mile south of Manheim (immediately past Manheim Auto Auction) turn right onto Auction Road. Follow Auction Road to Research Laboratory.

Why? Why? Why?

To The Editor:

I too must echo Mr. Harold R. Stoudt's concern about the need to destroy the flock of birds in Berks County or for that matter any of the birds that were not clinically sick, especially those having positive antibody titers to the Avian Flu.

I wish someone would explain just why this is necessary when one considers the following:

The state requires that children be immunized against rubella (German Measles). That requirement can be eliminated if the child has a blood test done and that test indicates that there are antibodies present against the rubella virus. This means that the child is protected - why aren't those chickens?

Consider the Tuberculin test - we all know someone who has had a positive skin test to the Tuberculin. This test result means that the person has antibody, either from coming in contact with the disease or by having had the disease, but a check with your local health department will confirm the following treatment plan: If the person has clinical symptoms, they will treat, but in the absence

of signs, the person will simply know they are a positive reactor, and have antibody, not disease. (Admittedly this is a gross simplification of a very complicated disease), but my point is that they don't kill people who have a positive test, they many times see no reason to even treat them.

The Coggins Test in horses is but another bit of wasted money for the average person. This test too measures antibodies, and if you don't have a clinically ill animal, why destroy them. Just consider the money that "someone" has made from all these fiascos. I understand the rationale behind the Coggins test, but unless all horses are tested, (and if you can't get children immunized, how can you get a lesser animal tested) you simply have got to realize the ridiculousness of the test. Remember how many horses were destroyed that had positive Coggins several years ago - most of them had no clinical disease.

Remember the gas lines a few years ago? Doesn't this all strike a familiar cord?

Please won't someone with an immunology degree explain why my thinking is wrong. Help me and others understand in simple terms my error.

I most close again by stating from Abraham Lincoln that "To sin by silence when you should protest makes cowards of men."

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More on AI

The words of Ralph Waldo Emerson should be prominently displayed on every farm in America, particularly here in Southeastern Pennsylvania, "For what avail the plow or sail or land or life if freedom fail". Why? First, because, historically, tyranny takes aim at the tillers of the soil. Once food production is controlled and reduced, the rest of the population is easy prey to despots. Stalin and Mao knew that and methodically murdered millions of farmers. Secondly, because of what has happened here in eastern Pennsylvania in the illogical slaughter of millions of birds and now the depopulation of Fred Wrights irreplaceable flocks to satisfy a federal bureaucratic vendetta.

The priceless genetic pool of avian disease resistance that Wright has preserved should be the object of scientific study instead senseless annihilation. What are the factors in wild birds that give them superior resistance to avian flu as contrasted to the super bred birds that fall to disease so readily? The issue of natural immunity is being ignored in favor of more drugs, vaccines and dependence on government "ex-

perts!"

Is this only a part of a much larger conspiratorial plan to eliminate the small farmer and bring about a greater concentration of power in government and multi-national corporations? Let's face it, that is the way it is working out, planned or not.

The tactics used on Fred Wright by the government are very similar to those used by communism. Namely, use of fear and intimidation to eliminate the objector so the others will cooperate fearing more of the same. In almost every area freedom is being eroded. Most of us in America don't really appreciate freedom because that is all we've ever known. I feel emboldened to say that if just half of the people familiar with the grave injustice that has been imposed on Fred Wright were to write or call their elected representatives, it would have been stopped. What have you done lately for the freedom you still enjoy? Don't wait until the knock on the door at midnight; it will be too late. "FOR WHAT AVAIL THE PLOW OR SAIL OR LAND OR LIFE IF FREEDOM FAIL?"

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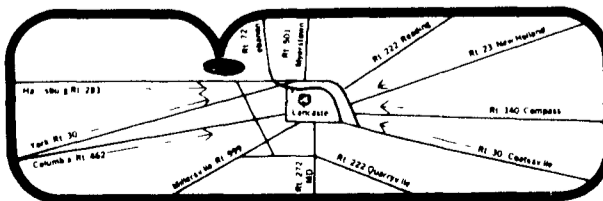
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