

Corn Growers ask Reagan for 'Credit Crisis' panel

ST. LOUIS — The National Corn Growers Association has stongly urged President Reagan to immediately establish an Agricultural Credit Crisis Panel to provide a high-level review of the entire agricultural credit system.

NCGA's letter to the President said this Panel would:

- Analyze and ensure the short-term stability and solvency of the Farm Credit System.

- Provide transitional coordination between the current credit crisis and the completion of the 1985 Farm Bill.

- Provide recommendations on the long-term credit needs of agriculture.

"The credit crisis facing American agriculture affects not only thousands of farmers, but main street rural America including agricultural lending in-

stitutions," says NCGA President Varel Bailey of Anita, Iowa. "Most significant is the potential collapse of the Farm Credit System—the lender holding 40% of all farm debt totaling \$78 billion.

"Such an Agricultural Credit Crisis Panel could provide the Administration, Congress and American farm families with realistic reform proposals to put the Farm Credit System back on a sound financial footing while developing a workable, bipartisan consensus. We are encouraged by, and supportive of, recent congressional actions to initiate a General Accounting Office study of

the Farm Credit System. In addition, NCGA is calling on the respective House and Senate committees to hold immediate hearings on the farm credit crisis and specifically the solvency and reform of the Farm Credit System," says Bailey.

economy. Preliminary findings of this study have conclusively indicated a significant negative impact on the general U.S. economy is associated with the farm credit crisis and continued lack of profitability in the nation's largest industry.

"NCGA and several other agricultural interests have conducted an indepth study and analysis of the financial problems facing America's agriculture credit system and the effects of the credit crisis on the national

"The Farm Credit System and the infrastructure of American agriculture cannot be allowed to collapse. Without taking positive and corrective actions immediately, this collapse will occur," says Bailey.

Flea, tick control

NEWARK, DE — Unfortunately, the summer weather that brings sunshine, picnics, cookouts and fun also brings ticks and fleas. Pet owners, in particular, know how hard it is to control these persistent pests.

But relief is available. The Delaware Cooperative Extension Service has new, updated information sheets on ticks and fleas to help with identification and control. The fact sheets were prepared by University of Delaware extension entomologist Mark Graustein.

Many people don't realize, Graustein says, that three different kinds of ticks infest the Delaware area—the American dog tick, the brown dog tick, and the black legged tick—each of which present a different problem.

Fortunately, few of the 1,600 varieties of fleas normally pester humans. Only cat fleas are common in this region, although others turn up occasionally, the specialist says.

The fact sheets describe the insects' habits and emphasize the potential health hazards of flea bites and tick-borne diseases such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Lyme disease.

The publications also offer tips on insect removal from pets and humans, and outline procedures for safe pesticide use to control ticks and fleas both indoors and outdoors.

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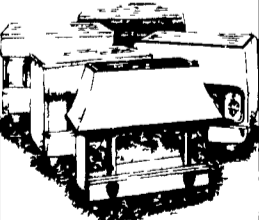
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