

NOW IS THE TIME

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS
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A LIVING HOPE
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To Apply Manure
This is the season of the year that a lot of manure is applied in preparation for corn planting. We need to be concerned with proper application of liquid and solid manure in such a way as to minimize odors and avoid pollution complaints.

Applications should be made from mid-morning to mid-afternoon to allow maximum odor dispersion and manure drying before the calm, nighttime hours when neighbors are home from work. Fields for disposal should be downwind, rather than upwind from neighbors. Whenever possible the manure should be plowed or disked into the soil as soon as possible after spreading. This practice not only minimizes odors but also preserves nutrients and reduces potential for surface run-off that causes water pollution.

To Attend Poultry Progress Day

The Annual Poultry Progress Day will be held Thursday, March 6, in the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster. Registration will start at 8:30 in the morning and the program will end at 3 p.m. Lunch will be available.

The Poultry Association Education Committee has planned a program which will include Dr. Richard Grubb, secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, reviewing the department's Marketing and Export Initiatives; Senator Noah

Wenger discussing Waste Management and Your Environment; Dr. Larry Jenkins, farm management specialist at Penn State, reviewing Taxes and the Poultry Farmer and an overview of the new farm Bill, Marketing Order Update by John Hoffman, Pennsylvania Poultry Federation; Poultry Pests and Their Control by Dr. Clarence Collison, Extension entomologist at Penn State; New Ideas in Poultry Product Development by Bruce Large, Victor F. Weaver, Inc.; Equipment and Ventilation Management by Felix Hart, Big Dutchman and Barre Lang, manager Lang Ad Associates reviewing How The Public Views Your Product. We'll also have an Avian Influenza Update.

We encourage producers and people interested in the poultry industry to attend this important meeting.

To Use Heat Lamps Safely

A portable heat lamp is a useful item around the home and farm during cold weather. The lamp's infra-red rays can be used to keep pigs from freezing, relax aching muscles, or warm crankcases of tractors and automobiles so they'll start easier. The heat lamps can also be used in brooders for small pigs or lambs, or baby chicks or at your workbench to give you quick heat.

But, I'd like to add a word of

caution: A heat lamp can be dangerous because the lamp's rays can easily burn you, the same as a sunburn.

Also, if you are using the lamp continuously for a long period, use a porcelain socket. Brass and most plastic sockets will not be able to stand the heat. Another thing in a brooding area, use a wire or chain to support the lamp. Don't hang it by its cord; the cord was designed to carry the current and not the weight. Remember, a heat lamp can come in handy around the farm or home in cold weather. But handle it with care.

To Develop Good Pesticide Records

The arrival of March means the beginning of a new growing season and warmer weather. And, the use of various spray materials and chemicals will be a common practice. They're all intended for a special purpose, if used correctly. In order to protect the producer from the danger of having excess residues in food and feed crops, it is very important that accurate records be kept. This is true on crops as well as with livestock.

In case the producer is charged with excess residues, these written records may save your business. Don't rely on your memory or oral statements; they will not stand up at a hearing or in court. Be sure records list the name of the material and the rate and date of application.

do. People are seeking a living hope.

It is this timeless concern to which the first Epistle of Peter was addressed. Writing to the Christians in northern Asia Minor who were either facing or undergoing severe persecution, the writer of 1 Peter brought to these people a message of encouragement and hope in the midst of an ominous situation: "By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading..." (1:3,4).

And precisely what is the nature of that imperishable hope he proclaimed? Note that he did not promise that the persecution would soon be over. Nor did he suggest that they would be spared from having to suffer as Christians for their faith. So what kind of hope is that? What kind of confidence can that bring us?

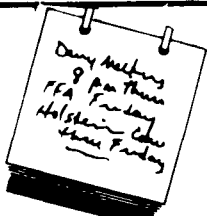
FAITH'S OUTCOME

Actually, the very best of all hopes: "As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls" (1:9). These bodies of ours cannot be sustained forever. The lives we live, no matter how we cling to them, will flicker out sooner or later. The things we build will crumble and turn to dust. We are not saved from the fact of death, but from the consequence of it. Although our bodies perish, if our souls are saved by a loving God, then nothing in the world can take away from us the inheritance that God has prepared for us in his other world.

It may be, as Peter writes, that "now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials," but in time we will be "born anew, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable..." (1:23).

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Farm Calendar



- Saturday, March 1**
Nut Tree Grafting Workshop, Dauphin High School, 9 a.m.
- Monday, March 3**
NW Cattlemen's Beef Meeting, Steese's Restaurant, Mercer, 7 p.m.
Octorara Young Farmer's meeting, West Fallowfield Christian Day School, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 4**
York County Holstein Club's spring barn meeting at Doug and Joanne Cope's, Dillsburg, 1 p.m.
DHIA Director's Meeting, 8 p.m., Fayette County Extension Office.
Northumberland No-till Conference, Farmer's Best Restaurant, East Lewisburg, 10 a.m.
Lancaster County Dairy Days, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Farm and Home Center.

- Swine Management Seminar, Blain Firehall, Blain.
- Swine Artificial Insemination Short Course, Penn State University, 11 a.m.
- Juniata-Perry Swine Management Seminar, Blain Fire Company, Blain, 9:30 a.m.
- Cedar Crest FFA Banquet, 7 p.m. Cedar Crest Middle School cafeteria.
- Wednesday, March 5**
Lancaster Conservation District Board Meeting
Pa. Potato Growers Institute, Toftrees Country Club, State College; continues through March 6.
Commercial pesticide applicator's meeting, University of Maryland Adult Education Center, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, March 6**
Lancaster County Poultry Progress Day, Farm and Home

- Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Southeast District DHIA meeting, Midway Diner.
- DHIA workshop, Cumberland County Extension Office, Carlisle, 1 p.m.
- DHIA Workshop, Big Spring High School Group Room, Newville, 7:30 p.m.
- Delaware Valley College Dairy Society Banquet.
- Friday, March 7**
Mid-Atlantic Workshop for Disabled Individuals and Families in Rural and Agricultural Communities, Sheraton Inn, Frederick, Md.
Grain Drying Conference, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Farmer's Direct Marketing Conference, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Dayton Grange Hall, Middlesex County. Registration and dinner, \$10.
Pa. Flying Farmers Annual

- Convention, Hershey Convention Center; continues through March 9. Contact David Kruger, 717-867-2384 for reservations.
- Manheim FFA Banquet, Country Table Restaurant, 6:45 p.m.
- Saturday, March 8**
Berks County Guernsey Breeder's Association Meeting, Shartlesville Grange Hall, 11 a.m.
- Raising Farm Animals on Limited Acreage Seminar, Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 10**
Cumberland County 4-H Dairy Banquet, Penn Township Firehall, Huntsdale.
- Dairy Day, Mercer County, Sheraton Inn, West Middlesex, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 11**
Pa. Corn Conference, University Park, Keller Conference Center, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Lancaster County Dairy Day. Lebanon County Extension Annual Meeting, 7 p.m., Schaeferstown Firehall.
- Wednesday, March 12**
DHIA meeting, Jo-Lyn Diner, 10 a.m.
- Berks County Extension Milking School, Berks County Ag Center; continues tomorrow.
- Thursday, March 13**
Garden Spot FFA banquet,

- Lampeter Firehall, 7 p.m.
- Farm Transfer Meeting, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Penn State Turkey Conference, Sheraton Inn, Gettysburg, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- Mercer County Sheep and Wool annual meeting, New Vernon Grange, 6:30 p.m.
- Inter-State Dinner Meeting, District 18, Zimmies Diner, Mifflintown, 11:30 a.m.
- Friday, March 14**
Pa. Guernsey Breeders 55th annual meeting at the Quality Inn in Lebanon; continues through March 15.
- Inter-State dinner meeting, District 26, 7 p.m., Kauffman's Ruritan Building.
- Saturday, March 15**
NE Regional Christmas Tree Grower's Meeting, 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m., Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke.
- Pa. Ayrshire Breeder's Annual Meeting, Grantville Holiday Inn, 10:30 a.m., Contact Milt Brubaker, 717-626-5788.

Inter-State District 18 sets meeting

SOUTHAMPTON, PA - The Juniata Local of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative District 18 will hold its annual dinner meeting March 13 at 11:30 a.m. at Zimmies Diner, Mifflintown, Director William H. Bradford announced. Guest speaker will be James S. Fraher, Inter-State economist. Fraher will review the cooperative's goals for the coming year and will discuss dairy provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill. Larry Noss, Juniata Local president, will conduct the meeting. Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative District 18 covers Huntingdon, Juniata and Mifflin counties and the southwestern part of Snyder County.

