

# On being a farm wife - And other hazards Joyce Bupp



Supermarket lines will no doubt be extra long for the next few days. Piled up in carts — in addition to the usual food, cleaning supplies, paper products, cosmetics, pet food, etc. — will be the seasonal plump turkeys, sweet potatoes, cranberries, stuffing mixes, pumpkin pies and whatever other goodies families' traditions and tastes dictate. Pizza, tacos or mousakka, perhaps, even?

Thanksgiving on the farm always seems to have an extra aura of warmth about it. Maybe it's because, at least for one day, our nation collectively ponders the freedom and abundance with which we have been blessed, an abundance deeply rooted in the rich soils of America's farmland.

This Thanksgiving finds the ag community still wrestling with the age old problems of drought, supply-demand imbalances, lopsided international trade policies, lagging cash flow, and too many jobs to be condensed into too few hours.

Still, I can glance at the family around the dinner table, and then out the kitchen window and

beyond, and count blessings in every direction.

A herd of them roams the hillside, earning their living for the moment grazing the corn stubble and alfalfa residue, preserving precious feeds for colder days of snow cover. That they have demolished what was left of an aging raspberry row is irrelevant, and perhaps in itself a blessing, forcing me to replant these favorites at a more productive location.

Other four-legged, black and white blessings munch away at feed in the dairy barn, returning it to us in the forms of milk and "used hay" for recycling onto the fields.

Especially this year we are grateful for the blessings of feedstuffs in silos and hay storage areas, even in quantities less than in more normal harvest seasons.

Often, as I split the strings on a bale and spread it in troughs for eager calves and heifers, my mind turns to a very unique blessing in the ag community. That blessing is the generosity of farmers who have shared their abundant yields

with others facing empty barns, and of thousands of others who in some way are physically or financially assisting in sending feeds this year to hungry farm animals.

And a related critical shortage this year has given us a renewed personal appreciation for a blessing we inevitably take for granted from day to day.

Water. Never before — and we literally pray that never again — have we come so close to running dry. Indeed, for many weeks, it has been impossible to draw water in the house during late morning hours. That is the period of the day when the cattle drink deeply after morning feeding, and milking equipment cleaning cycles are also pulling from the water supply.

For three months, the turn of a house faucet during those hours brought little more than loud, gurgling bubbles of air. And sometimes still does.

Various efforts to return the flow of our underground water supply, tapped into when we dug up the meadow during extensive Chesapeake Bay clean-up program implementation, had proved unproductive. Our water supply levels continued to drop, and the pump sucked more air every day.

Now, timely rains have helped a bit, and a sort of "last ditch

emergency" redirecting and retaining area for water seems to be at last easing the crisis.

For the moment, at least, we are holding our own, water-wise.

So, for that blessing, and for the

blessings of loving families, caring friends and neighbors, compassionate fellow farmers and the continuing gifts of life, health, and daily needs from the Almighty, we do truly give thanks.

## Keystone Cornucopia

### Set For Feb. 9

HARRISBURG — The fifth annual Keystone Cornucopia has been slated for Feb. 9, 1987, at the Hershey Convention Center. The theme for this year's event is "Pennsylvania: Land of Bountiful Harvest."

"The Keystone Cornucopia is the one banquet of the year where all agricultural organizations — producer as well as processor — join forces to celebrate the bounty of the Commonwealth's agricultural community," said Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations President Ivo V. Otto Jr. "It is an opportunity for us to showcase our industry before our elected state and national officials."

The gala affair, featuring Pennsylvania-produced foods,

begins with a 6 p.m. reception, followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. The planning committee will also feature a well-known speaker for the short program.

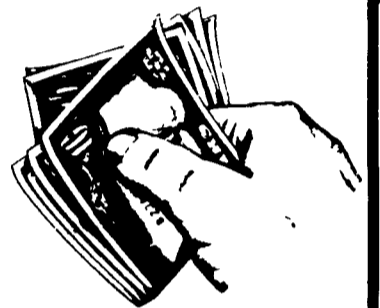
Tickets for the event go on sale in December and are \$25 each if purchased before Jan. 16, 1987. After that date, tickets will cost \$30 each. They may be reserved by calling the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives, 717-232-7232, and speaking with Cindy Goodling.

The Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations is a trade association representing more than 65 businesses comprising the varied aspects of the Commonwealth's agricultural community.



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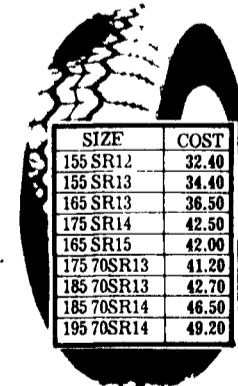
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