

Proper Drug Storage Critical For Dairymen

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 STATE COLLEGE (Centre) —
 Dairymen are being debited on
 their inspection by an authorized
 sanitarian if animal drugs are

improperly stored in the dairy
 barn. Current regulations as
 described in the pasteurized milk
 ordinance mandate that:

- Only cattle drugs be stored in the dairy barn.

- Drugs approved for lactating cow use be stored separately from drugs not approved for lactating cow use. Inspectors have generally accepted separate shelves in the same medicine cabinet or refrigerator as long as the shelves are clearly marked "Lactating Cows", and "Not for Lactating Cows".

- Prescription drugs and drugs repackaged by the veterinarian for dispensing must be clearly

labeled, including use directions, withdrawal/withholding times, precautions, veterinarian's name and address; date of dispensing and expiration date should also be included.

- Inspectors have generally not debited dairymen for storage of such products as topical medication, vitamins, minerals, saline or aspirin in the dairy barn.

The purpose of this regulation is to reduce the risk of inadvertent contamination of milk supply with non-lactating cattle medicine or non cattle-approved products. If a dairyman is in doubt about current enforcement of this regulation in his area, he should contact his approved sanitarian.

Practitioners need to properly label dispensed drugs, maintain records of drugs dispensed and their directions, and advise clients on proper storage of medications.

PennAg Co-Sponsors Seminars

EPHRATA (Lancaster) — PennAg Industries Association, an Ephrata based agri-business trade association, has announced that it will be one of the co-sponsors of two upcoming seminars, Agri-Business and the Environment: Strategies for Success and The Free Trade Agreement Conference.

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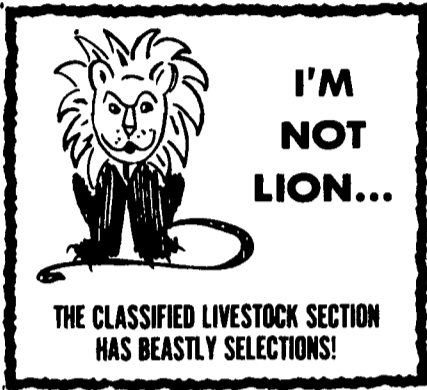
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, the seminar, Agri-Business and the Environment, will be held on February 28, 1989 at the Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA. Beginning at 9:30, this program will focus on the undeniable link between agriculture and the environment. Speakers will include:

Dr. Terry Nipp, Director Water Quality Initiative, National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, Thomas Beauduy, Chesapeake Bay Commission, William Angstadt, Reading Bone Fertilizer Company and Nancy Bushwick, National Center for Food and Agriculture Policy.

The Free Trade Agreement Conference will be held on March 20, 1989 at the Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, Doylestown, PA. Beginning at 9:30, the conference will bring together key leaders in farming,

agribusiness and government to discuss the Free Trade Agreement signed last January by President Ronald Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and its implications for management and marketing by producers and food distributors. Commodity groups will discuss major provisions of the agreement as it impacts on various farm or food products.

For further information on these seminars, please contact PennAg Industries Association, P.O. Box 329, Ephrata, Pa; 717/733-2238.



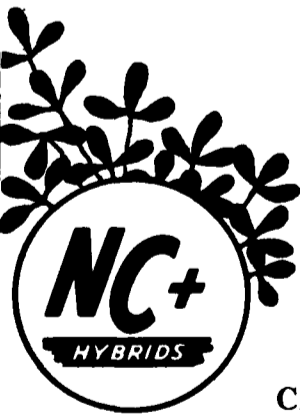
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