

# NFU Praises Senate Ag Committee For GATT Amendments

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Union (NFU), today praised the president of the National Farmers Senate Agriculture Committee for

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adopting an amendment to the pending 1990 Farm Bill that "sends a clear signal that Congress intends to protect the interests of U.S. farmers during the GATT agriculture negotiations."

Committee members adopted the amendment as part of a package of changes they are considering in the trade title of the 1990 Farm Bill. The amendment calls on U.S. negotiators to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) to seek the elimination of direct export subsidies but not to enter into agreements that would "unduly restrict the authority of the United States to provide for the stabilization of its agricultural economy."

NFU President Leland Swenson said the committee's action should tell U.S. GATT negotiators that they don't have "unlimited authority to trade away" U.S. domestic farm programs.

"It shows the committee's clear intention to maintain its right to set a domestic farm policy agenda for the U.S. and not turn that responsibility over to overseas bureaucrats," Swenson said.

Swenson's group is concerned that the U.S. position in the GATT

talks to do away with "trade-distorting" farm programs is too broad and will limit the authority of Congress to develop domestic farm programs.

The Senate measure states that the GATT agreement should still allow U.S. farmers to have "an income safety net to protect against market instability" and should "allow countries to provide income support from the vagaries of the market directly or indirectly through self-help efforts."

"Adoption of this amendment is a step in the right direction,"

## CVC Spring Meeting Held

CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.) — The Advisory Committee of the Cumberland Valley Cooperative recently held its annual spring meeting at the Lighthouse Restaurant, Chambersburg.

After a luncheon, the meeting was opened by Chairman of the Board, Paul E. Hornbaker, Shippensburg. Hornbaker introduced Henry A. Zajac, general manager of the Cumberland Valley Cooperative.

Zajac reviewed the financial statement of the co-op and cov-

Swenson said. "We hope the House Agriculture Committee will take similar action as it marks up the farm bill. Over this past year (House Agriculture Committee) Chairman (Kika) de la Garza has said many times that U.S. farm policy will be written in Washington, not Geneva. We hope he will urge his committee to include similar language in the farm bill adopted by the House."

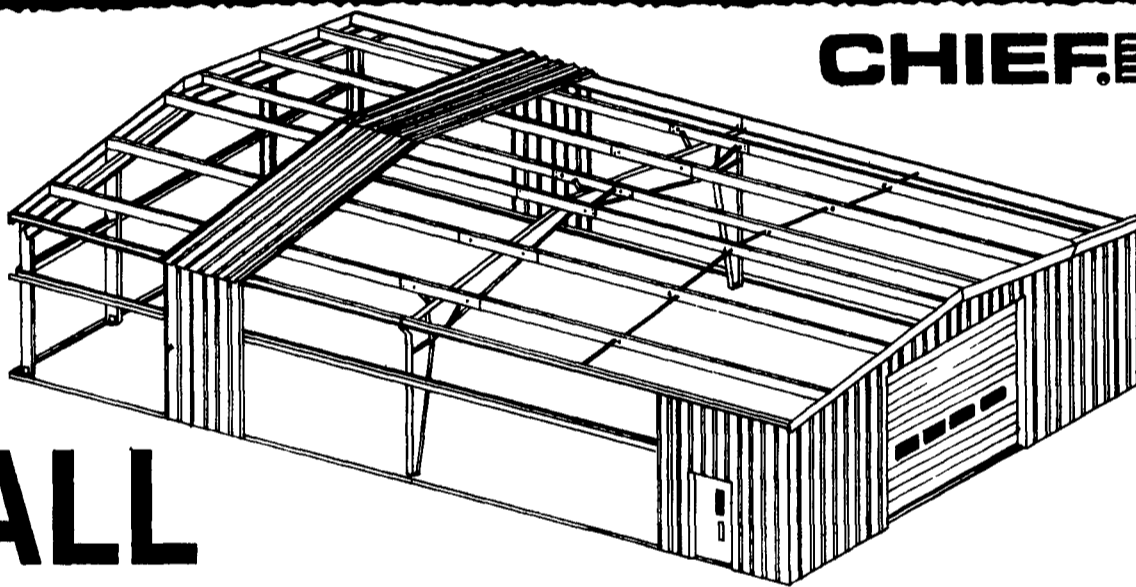
Swenson said his group will lobby to make sure the newly-passed GATT amendment remains in the Farm Bill.

ered operational highlights. He reviewed the changes in agriculture taking place and how it affects the farmer and cooperatives.

Jim Marshall, of Greencastle, a representative from Youngs Mineral, and Dr. Frank Janicki

The following members of the advisory committee present were: Richard Commerer, Carl Kelso Jr., and George Cubbler of Shippensburg; Donald Keller, Carl Pugh, Sr., and R.C. Shoemaker of Chambersburg; Marlin E. Bloser, and Gary Shughart of Carlisle; David Gettle and Roy D. Wright of Newville; and Wayne Hensel of Newburg.

Members of the executive committee of the board of directors present were, in addition to Paul E. Hornbaker, Harry Mohn of Newburg, R. Craig Fulton of Shippensburg, J. Robert Myers of Chambersburg and Wayne F. Craig, president, of Orrstown. A total of 20 attended this early spring meeting.



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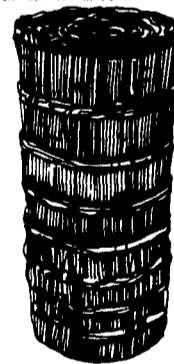
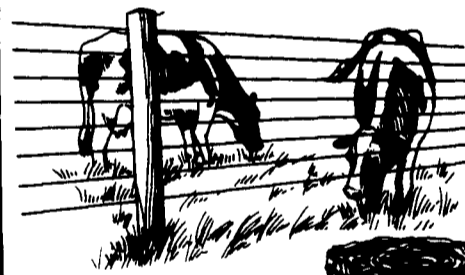
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