



# OPINION

## From The End Of The Farm Lane

Beautiful dairy farms are a credit to the community and to the state dairy industry. And the efforts of the Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification program are to be commended. This program encourages dairy farm families to keep their farms looking good so that consumers of dairy products who drive past the farm will have a favorable impression of their source of dairy products.

The program started in the mid-west and came into New York State about eight years ago. The Pennsylvania version of the program has recognized 353 dairy farms over the last four years.

Early each year, applications from the ten state districts are received. By May, district volunteers have set up their road-side inspection teams and during June Dairy Month activities recognition is given to the local winners. A farm sign and a certificate are part of this local recognition.

Many people, organizations and businesses have supported this worthy program at district level. At the state level, The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, and the Pennsylvania Milk Promotion Program have provided the funds for the low-cost program. *Lancaster Farming* has helped to add to the reward of the program by providing an 11 x 14 color photo print of each winning farm. This color enlargement is presented to each farm family during Dairy of Distinction ceremonies held each year at Ag Progress Days in August at Rock Springs.

We believe all the volunteers involved in the Dairy of Distinction program deserve a "thank you" from the dairy industry. And all the winners including the 82 new winners this year, should take credit for their part in the total efforts to promote milk from the end of the dairy farm lane.



### NOW IS THE TIME

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#### To Plan For Fall Seeding

The late summer and early fall seeding season is coming rapidly; August seedings of alfalfa should now be in the planning stage. Winter barley and wheat seedings should be planned and orders placed for the right kind of seed. Don't wait until seeding time and then discover the supply is exhausted. Certified seed is highly suggested in order to realize the most from all inputs.

If you plan to use homegrown seed from a healthy field, they should be tested at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture seed lab; don't waste time and money on poor quality seeds; you could be spreading disease and more weeds.

#### To Control Sweet Corn Earworm

One of the annual problems for sweet corn producers is the corn earworm and this year is no exception. The very hot weather creates ideal conditions for them. Indications are that the adult corn earworm population is getting pretty heavy and that means possible trouble for the growers of sweet corn. The corn earworm does not overwinter in Pennsylvania but migrates from the south and begins to build-up in July. It is the second generation of corn earworm that is present in August through September that becomes a serious problem to the sweet corn growers.

If you are concerned about corn

earworm injury, start treatment as soon as eggs are found on the silk. Apply sprays at 3-day intervals when ears are 20% in silk until a week before harvest. This may mean 5 to 7 applications, but it should produce a maximum of ears free of corn earworm. Carbaryl (Sevin) does a good job. Always follow label directions.

#### To Take Time To Be Safe

Once every four years the average farm laborer can expect to be injured so severely that medical attention is required. Our safety engineers tell us that agricultural workers are much more susceptible to accidents and injury than industrial workers.

Many pieces of farm machinery need to be repaired and adjusted on the job. Some of this is done while the machinery is operating and on the run. This is dangerous and we urge you to stop the machine and shut it off before any adjustments are made. Just a few seconds of patience could save a life or a vital part of the human body. Keep in mind however, it is not the machinery that is at fault in

most cases, but the operator who does not take time to be safe.

#### To Keep Dogs Under Control

The summer months increase outdoor activity with your dog. Keep in mind that a dog owner's responsibility is to keep their pet under control at all times. Free roaming dogs cause accidents, bite, damage property and can be a general nuisance. They also carry disease from farm to farm. Dogs are personal property and the owners are responsible for any damage caused by their pets.

Many dog related problems would be alleviated if owners were more aware of their responsibilities. All pet owners really need to do is to have their dogs licensed and keep them under control. Remember, all dogs six months of age or older must be licensed. A license is an inexpensive means to identify your dog if it should stray. It also shows you care for your pet.

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## Farm Calendar

#### Saturday, July 14

Maryland Angus Field Day, McGill Creek Farm, Earleville, Md.

Schaefferstown Folk Festival, Alexander Schaeffer Farm Museum, Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., 11:00 a.m., thru July 15.

Clarion Holstein Town and Country Day, Grissman Farm, Rimersburg, noon.

Lancaster Co. Goat Field Day, Windy Hill Goat Dairy, Manheim, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, July 15

Schaefferstown Folk Festival, Alexander Schaeffer Farm Museum, Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co.

Crawford Co. Holstein picnic, Robert Waddle Farm, Townville, noon.

#### Monday, July 16

South Central Holstein Show, Cow Palace, Timonium, Maryland, 10:00 a.m.

Susquehanna County Dairy Tour to Canada, thru July 21.

Southern Conservation Tillage Conference, Raleigh, N.C., thru

#### July 17.

#### Tuesday, July 17

Penn State Plant Material Short Courses, Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center, thru July 18; repeats July 31 and August 1.

Adams Co. Small Grains/Milo Field Day, Eisenhower Farm, 9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Southern Conservation Tillage Conferences, Raleigh, N.C.

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## Farm Forum

**Editor:** Recognizing the importance of public debate, I rarely take issue with press reports of controversial issues, even when reporters quote critics who twist the facts. But Vernon Achenbach's story on the new state budget is misleading and wrong.

When Achenbach quotes an unnamed man who claims to have worked on the budget, I'm left to wonder if a man who won't identify himself tells a true story.

Senator Wenger's quote that the

state surplus is gone fails to recognize the fact that Pennsylvania finished the fiscal year with a \$136 million surplus in spite of revenues that fell below expectations.

In addition, your readers should know that funding for animal health programs WAS NOT CUT. Previous line item appropriations for seven animal health programs were lumped together, and the funding for those programs now appears in the budget under the

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**THE BIBLE SPEAKS**

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**TRAIN UP A CHILD**  
July 15, 1990

#### Background Scripture:

Proverbs 22:1-16.

#### Devotional Reading:

Romans 12:1,2,9-21.

There is a familiar passage in Proverbs 22 that I stumbled over as I read it: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (22:6).

Both as a father and as a pastor I have tried to live by that precept. Yet, in my own experience the promise of Proverbs 22:6 has not been fulfilled. I sometimes lament that I was apparently unable to transmit to my own children and the children of others many of the precepts I so highly valued. In the lives of other people I have also seen grown children do just what the writer of Proverbs said they will not do: depart from the teachings of their parents and church.

I have mourned with parents whose children have committed crimes and known full well that that was not what they taught their children by both word and example. I have heard mothers and fathers say, "You didn't learn that in our home," and I have believed them. Parents have taught the value of a "good name," (22:1) but some children nevertheless choose "silver or gold." Churches have taught children to share "bread with the poor" (22:9), but some of those children have learned instead to "oppress the poor" (22:16). Institutions have

attempted to instill "prudence" and "humility," but children have nevertheless chosen "the thorns and snares... of the perverse" (22:5).

#### IN THE LONG RUN

So why should the writer of Proverbs say, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it?"

One reason is simply that, although it often fails, in the long run it still seems to produce the best results. We have long known that groups that make religious education a vital part of the child's up-bringing will still be more positive, and constructive than those that do not. Statistics have repeatedly told us that children of Jewish homes will tend to be less likely to be in trouble than those of Christians, I am embarrassed for Christians to have to admit that, but it is true. Similarly, the children of Mormons generally live on a higher moral level. We can hardly escape the conclusion that those of us in the standard brand-name Christian groups are less dedicated to educating our children in the Christian faith.

The second reason is that, even when it seems to fail, it remains as a standard by which our children can judge and compare the values that are contrary, and if they choose, embrace again at any time. Our children may reject much that we have held to be essential in life, but, if we continue to espouse and uphold these values, they have something to which they can return, if they will. In a sense, our children can never "depart from it." They may choose not to follow it, but it will always be there to call them to return.

So, let us continue to "train up a child in the way he should go..."

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