



# OPINION

## Discard Pesticide Containers Properly

Farmers and ranchers are often concerned about disposing of potentially hazardous ag chemicals and their containers.

Most ordinary trash in the U.S. is disposed of in sanitary landfills. However, these sites are generally prohibited from accepting waste classified as hazardous by the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Since contaminated ag chemical containers and waste chemicals often fall into this category, farmers often have difficulty disposing of these properly.

According to the Alliance For A Clean Rural Environment (ACRE), the first part of the solution is to rinse the chemical containers properly. Rinsed containers aren't hazardous. Laboratory tests have shown that proper rinsing results in essentially harmless, nearly residue free containers, regardless of which ag chemical they originally contained.

Probably the fastest, most efficient and convenient container rinse method is pressure rinsing. Special hose-end attachments are available which easily puncture plastic and metal containers, producing a forceful spray inside the empty container. By holding the container over the opening to the spray rig or holding tank while rinsing, rinse water can be captured as it drains from the container spout.

Triple rinsing can be as effective as pressure rinsing, although it is more time consuming and labor intensive.

Rinsed according to label directions, ag chemical containers are classified as ordinary solid waste. Be aware, however, that some waste disposal operators will still turn away rinsed containers, even if they have adequate landfill capacity.

States also have jurisdiction over burning and burying containers on private property. While these disposal methods don't violate federal laws, the states frequently apply different rules. For example, open burning and burial of containers is outlawed in some states.

Collection and recycling programs are being organized in a number of states as pilot programs. But the success of any disposal or recycling program hinges on the guarantee that only properly rinsed containers will be brought in by farmers. Without this guarantee, landfill operators and recyclers, wary of handling hazardous waste, won't accept the containers. If you have the opportunity to participate in a recycling program, be sure to rinse all containers properly.

## Farm Calendar

**Saturday, May 25**  
Northwest Keystone Junior Beef Classic, Crawford Co. Fairgrounds, Meadville, thru May 26.

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**Monday, May 27**  
Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 28**  
Snyder Co. farmland preservation meeting, Middleburg High School, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 29**

**Thursday, May 30**  
EAYFA Ag Issues, "Food Safety," Kreider's Restaurant, 7:30 a.m.

**Friday, May 31**

**Saturday, June 1**  
Chester Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Herr Foods Auditorium, Nottingham, 7:30 p.m.

Bucks/Montgomery Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Richland Mall, Quakertown.

Wayne Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Belmont Fire Hall, Pleasant Mt., 8 p.m.

Franklin Co. 4-H Beef Club annual 4-H Spring Preview Beef Show, Shippensburg Fairgrounds.

Bradford Co. Erosion and Sedimentation Workshop For Timber Harvesters, Camp Lackawanna, Vosberg, 8 a.m.

**Sunday, June 2**  
Wooded Stables and Equestrian School, Moorestown, N.J., 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Monday, June 3**  
Butler Co. Wool Pool, Lawrence Co. Fairgrounds, thru June 4.

**Tuesday, June 4**  
Butler Co. Wool Pool, Lawrence Co. Fairgrounds.

**Wednesday, June 5**  
Twilight potato meeting, Handwork Farms Potato Storage, Germansville, 6:30 p.m.



**NOW IS THE TIME**

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### To Practice Biosecurity

Animal diseases are one of the major problems facing poultry and livestock producers. As we increase animal units per farm, the chance for disease outbreaks also increase. With the recent discovery of a new avian influenza virus as outlined in last week's Poultry Pointers by Dr. David Kradel, reminds us of the need for effective biosecurity programs.

Biosecurity is a defensive plan to keep disease organisms away from animals. An effective biosecurity plan includes: 1. Posting signs, locking buildings, and controlling visitors. 2. Insisting all

**Thursday, June 6**  
Feeding Holsteins For Beef Workshop, First Baptist Church, Port Allegany, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

**Friday, June 7**

**Saturday, June 8**  
Adams Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Biglerville High School, Biglerville, 8 p.m.

Lebanon Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Lebanon Co. Vo-Tech School.

Somerset Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Somerset Area High School, 7:30 p.m.

Bradford Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Troy Senior High Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

Pa. Young Dairymen's Association, southcentral district, meeting, Logan Bower Farm, Blain, 11:30 a.m.

Dairy Goat Showcase, Allentown Fairgrounds, 8:30 a.m.

**Sunday, June 9**

**Monday, June 10**  
Poultry Management and Health Seminar, Kreider's Dairy Farms Restaurant, Manheim, noon.

**Tuesday, June 11**  
Lancaster Co. Beekeepers meeting, Dale and Barb Beiler, Strasburg, 6:30 p.m.

FFA Activities Week, thru June 13.

Centre Co. Sheep and Wool Growers Wool Pool, Grange Fairgrounds, Centre Hall, 7 a.m.

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people entering animal housing wear clean coveralls, boots and hats. 3. Allow only clean and disinfected equipment and supplies on the farm and 4. Avoid contact with other animals. By using biosecurity we will minimize the chances diseases may spread from one farm to another.

### To Review Insurance Coverage

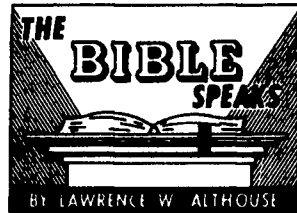
The past several months have seen several farm disasters. These include fires, wind damage, and flooding. Most of these farms have been able to replace lost buildings and equipment due to adequate insurance. Is your insurance adequate to cover an unexpected loss from a fire, tornado or flood? Now would be a good time to set up an appointment with your insurance agent to review your property insurance.

At the same time you might also want to review your health and life insurance coverage. Insurance is a

very important part of your risk management program. It is your responsibility to plan ahead and have adequate insurance to cover the risks that otherwise could put your farm out of business.

### To Have A Tetanus Shot

Tetanus (lock jaw) is an infectious disease caused by a toxin produced by bacteria. The tetanus toxin affects the central nervous system and muscles. The disease is usually fatal. The bacteria causing tetanus is found everywhere, especially around animals and in the soil. They often invade the body through a cut or open wound. Farmers and their families are at higher risk to tetanus since they receive many cuts in the out doors. If you cannot remember when you had your last tetanus shot, chances are real good you will need one. Contact your local doctor and schedule a time to have all your family receive their tetanus shots.



**ARE YOU SHORT-CHANGED?**  
May 26, 1991

**Background Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8-9.**

**Devotional Reading:**  
Hebrews 13:1-8,15,16.

We tend to think that being short-changed is something that happens to us. But in some things we are the ones who short-change ourselves.

This is implicit in 2 Corinthians. Although Paul wants the church there to freely contribute to the offering for the relief of the Jerusalem church, he doesn't hesitate to use some not-too-subtle persuasion. We don't know exactly why Paul has to remind the Corinthians of their commitment to the relief offering. Perhaps when Paul and the Corinthians were estranged they held back on their offerings. **Those Macedonians!**

Notice how he holds up the Macedonians for comparison. Perhaps there was a little rivalry between the Macedonians and the Corinthians. Or maybe Paul is simply using the Macedonians as an object lesson. At any rate, he is careful to point out that, although in "extreme poverty," they gave to the collection with a "wealth of liberality on their part" (8:2). Paul says: "For they gave according to their means . . . and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints" in Jerusalem (8:3). What lay behind this magnanimous gift by the Macedonians? "First they gave themselves to the Lord" and that is the true basis of Christian giving.

If we have problems in fulfilling

our commitments, it is not a money problem or a service problem; the problem is that we have not first given ourselves to God. When we do that, giving money and help to others is not a problem. That's what Jesus said: "For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also" (Luke 12:34). The reverse is also true: your treasure will be where your heart is.

Paul also uses another strategy to motivate the tardy Corinthians: "Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in utterance, in knowledge, in earnestness, and in your love for us — see that you also excel in this gracious work also" (8:7). Apparently the Corinthians prided themselves on their love, for Paul says, "I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine" (8:8). This is how Christ proved his love, "that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor. . . ." If our love is not demonstrated in giving, then, Paul suggests, it is not love. **Not Ready Yet?**

Another appeal is made to the pride of the Corinthians. Paul is sending someone to collect from the congregation "so that our boasting about you may not prove vain in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; lest if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we will be humiliated — to say nothing of you — for being so confident" (9:3,4). Paul is one heck of a motivator!

Finally, Paul comes to the most important motive of all: "The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (9:6). The person who is "not ready" to give — and the ungenerous are never "ready" — actually cheats him or herself. Those who give always have enough, for "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work" (9:8).

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