

# Loan Programs For Disabled

NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has a loan program designed to help members of socially disadvantaged groups, including minorities, acquire land for farming.

Under the new program, FmHA is to try to find persons in these categories who are interested in farming and can qualify for a

FmHA farm ownership loan.

The agency is also prepared to sell or lease a farm held in its inventory.

Additionally, the FmHA can also provide other loan and technical assistance, if needed, to help the borrower get started.

The program was included in the Agricultural Credit Act signed in 1987, and funds have been

reserved for farm purchases based on the population of socially disadvantaged persons. Population groups involved are Hispanics, Native Americans, Blacks, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

Those who think they may be eligible and who are farming, or would like to farm, are urged to contact the Lebanon office of the FmHA at (717) 274-2879.

# Leaders OK Deduction Increase

ORLANDO, Fla. — Sheep industry leaders representing 48 state associations okayed an increase in the promotion deduction that supports promotion of lamb and wool products.

Meeting at the American Sheep Industry Convention, ASI's producer board voted unanimously to ask the Secretary of Agriculture to up their deduction on wool incen-

tive monies to seven cents per pound. The increase was spelled out in the 1991 sheep industry referendum and will take effect for 1992 payments on wool sold in 1991 if the secretary approves the request.

The increased funding will add \$1 million to the sheep industry promotion coffers, which stand at

\$6.2 million for promotion. It also provides that 10 percent of all funding go back to state associations for promotion and marketing programs.

The promotion deduction in 1991 and 1990 was six cents per pound of wool and is deducted through the ASCS Wool Incentive Program.

# Goat Association Sets 'Kidding' Seminar

SELLERSVILLE (Bucks Co.) — The Delaware Valley Milk Goat Association will be holding a "Kidding Seminar" on February 2 at the Boyertown Borough Hall, 100 S. Washington St., Boyertown.

The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. and will consist of video and slide presentations, discussion session, and hands-on demonstrations

of how to handle some problems involving the birth of kids and lambs.

This seminar is open to all interested parties for a small donation to the organization. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Archie or Sindi Michalik, (215) 453-9574, evenings.

# ABS Releases New AI Manual

DeFOREST, Wis. — American Breeders Service (ABS) announces that the third edition of the artificial insemination manual is currently available.

The new manual educates readers about artificial insemination practices and can be used as a reference tool.

With the new edition, information regarding reproduction has been moved to the beginning of the manual to aid breeders in

learning about the reproductive equation. Also, the dairy cattle breeding terminology has been updated and the new edition includes an udder care management chapter.

The manual can be ordered by calling ABS' customer service number at (800) ABS-STUD and asking for item number S30022, A.I. Management Manual. Cost for the manual is \$15 retail.

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Mr. Franklin brings to this seminar more than 36 years of on-farm practical, documented research. His education came partially from working at the side of Dr. V.A. Tiedjens, author of the authoritative text, "More Food From Soil Science" and the developer of modern Agriculture's most efficient solution fertilizers.

We look forward to your participation in this seminar. Wives and friends are welcome, for they, too, have a vital stake in your farm future. If you have any questions, please call the phone number below the seminar you are interested in.

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Easton Inn (formerly Sheraton)  
185 South 3rd Street, Easton, PA  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Contact: Beverly Mast - Oxford, PA  
(215) 932-4296

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Old Post House Restaurant  
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Between Nottingham and Oxford, PA  
(2 miles south of Oxford, PA)  
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### Thursday, January 30

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