



## OPINION

### Keep Us Out Of Foreign Hock

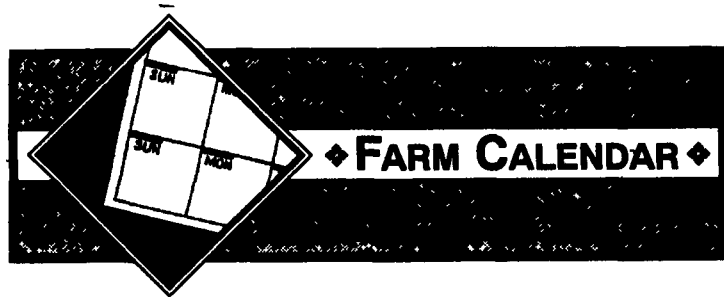
About 25 percent of the value of our farm products comes from exports, more than \$45 billion this year. Until somebody figures out how to get American consumers to willingly spend more money for their food, expanding export markets are our best opportunity to produce most efficiently, effectively, and profitably.

Dean Klechner, president, American Farm Bureau, says increased standards of living around the world are changing our markets and the demand for our products. The sale of bulk commodities is declining somewhat in value and market share. Foreign competition plays a large role in this decline. On the good side, we see mushrooming foreign demand for our fresh fruits, nuts, and processed foods.

Last year, we exported \$98 million worth of frozen french fries to Japan, for example. We don't know of a single frozen french fry grower. We grow potatoes. Other American workers truck, process, market, distribute, advertise, and do all the other steps needed to get an American potato into a Japanese wok. One of every six American workers already depends on agriculture. Increasing exports will make an even greater contribution.

President Bill Clinton is also aware of the contribution farmers make to the export situation. Speaking at the national rural conference at Iowa State University in Ames last week, President Clinton said, "We have a \$20 billion surplus in agricultural trade. We've got a big trade deficit in everything else."

Being in debt to other nations provides the greatest weakness in our economic system. Farmers and related agribusinesses certainly do their part to help keep us out of foreign hock.



#### Saturday, May 6

Capitol Area Beekeeper's Association Eighth Annual Short Course, Dauphin County Ag and Natural Resources Center, Dauphin.

Goat Field Day, Rosemary K. Sprengles' Troubled Acres Dairy Farm, York County, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Apple Blossom Festival, South Mountain Fairgrounds, Arendtsville, thru May 7.

Pa. Draft Horse and Mule Clinic, Butler County Fairgrounds, 8:30 a.m.

Maryland Sheep and Wool Growers Field Day, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, Md., thru May 7.

Poultry Auction, Bloomsburg Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.

#### Sunday, May 7

Pa. Association of Meat Processors Convention and Meat Product Competition, Scanton Convention Center, Penn State, thru May 9.

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival First Annual Shepherd's Auction, 1 p.m.

Delaware Valley Milk Goat Association meeting, Stump Hollow Farm, 1:30 p.m.

#### Monday, May 8

Poultry Management and Health Seminar, Kreider's Restaurant, noon, and Days Inn, Shamokin Dam, 6 p.m.

Clean and Green Educational Seminar, Ephrata High School Auditorium, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

#### Tuesday, May 9

Clean and Green Form dropoff meeting, Eugene Martin Farm, New Holland, 12:30 p.m.-9

p.m.

Farm Pond Management Seminar and Field Trip, Dauphin County Ag and Natural Resources Center, 7 p.m., field day May 25, 6 p.m.

Clean and Green Educational Seminar and dropoff meeting, Ephrata High School, Room 192, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Clean and Green Educational Seminar, Garden Spot High School Auditorium, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

#### Wednesday, May 10

Clean and Green Form dropoff meeting, Martindale Fire Hall, 12:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Clean and Green informational meeting, Hoffman Building, Solanco Fairgrounds, Quarryville, 7:30 p.m.

Clean and Green informational meeting, Ken Zurin Farm, Mount Joy, 6 p.m.

Clean and Green Educational Seminar, Manheim Central High School Auditorium, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

#### Thursday, May 11

Clean and Green Form dropoff meeting, Amos Huyard, New Holland, 12:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic States Veterinary Clinic, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, Md. SRBC meeting, The Inn at Turkey Hill, Bloomsburg, 9 a.m.

Clean and Green Educational Seminar, Cocalico High School Auditorium, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

#### Friday, May 12

Eastern Emu Expo Trade Show and Conference, Lancaster Host Resort, Lancaster, thru May 13.

Hardwood Lumber Manufacturers



### Now Is The Time

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#### To Attend Clean And Green Meetings

Reassessment notices will be in the mail.

One important option for Lancaster County farmers is Act 319, or Clean and Green.

To help farmers better understand Act 319, Lancaster County Cooperative Extension has planned two more meetings on Act 319. The first one will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9 at the Hoffman Building at the Solanco Fairgrounds, Quarryville. The other meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15 at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

I will be presenting the program at both meetings. We will be discussing why Act 319 was enacted, the appraisal process in Lancaster County, Clean and Green values, and how farmers may enroll.

For one 91-acre farm in the county, Clean and Green may save the farmer more than \$5,500 in taxes in 1996. In addition, by enrolling in Clean and Green, this farmer's taxes would be about \$100 higher in 1996 compared to 1995.

Also, other organizations are planning meetings on Act 319 and scheduling dropoff points where notary publics will be available and applications will be accepted.

Remember, June 1, 1995 is the deadline for filing applications for the 1996 tax year.

#### To Prepare For Skunks

Sooner or later your pet will have a run-in with a skunk and bring back an odor that will make him very unpopular.

Paul Krebaum, a chemist, has used an alkaline hydrogen peroxide compound to remove hydrogen sulfide from waste gas streams in his laboratory. This compound also destroys a class of chemicals called thiols, which are the major constituents of skunk spray.

One evening, a neighbor's cat had an encounter with a skunk and was exiled from the house. He tried the usual remedies (tomato juice, etc.) without success.

Krebaum suggested they bathe the cat in a modified version of the

Association of Pa. (HLMA) Timber 95 Expo, Clearfield Fairgrounds, thru May 13. State FFA Leadership Camp, Hidden Valley Boy Scout Camp, thru May 14.

#### Saturday, May 13

Western Pa. Sheep and Club Lamb Sale, Mercer County 4-H Park, Mercer, 6 p.m.

#### Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

laboratory reagent. It worked, and the cat was allowed back into the house.

Here is the formula for pets: one quart of 3 percent hydrogen peroxide (from a drug store), ¼ cup baking soda (sodium bicarbonate), and one teaspoon liquid soap. Thoroughly bathe the animal, working the soapy solution well into the fur. Follow the bath with a tap water rinse.

This remedy may also work for cleaning the front bumper of your car should you hit a skunk.

#### To Control Flies

According to Glenn Shirk, extension dairy agent, the three keys to fly control on dairy farms are sanitation, sanitation, and sanitation.

Without good manure and feed handling practices, neither chemical nor biological control methods will work. Integrated fly control offers the most effective strategy and less insecticide use.

Farmers often overlook feed-based breeding sites. Cleaning up after silo filling and spilled feed is just as important as regular clean-

ing of manure.

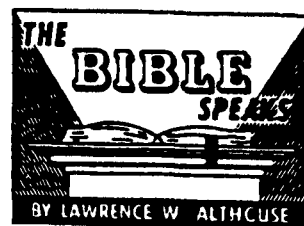
Big round bale feeding areas are major breeding areas for flies. Change the site with each bale and clean up and remove residue from the previous bale.

House flies and stable flies are the major fly pests on dairy farms. House fly is a serious nuisance threat, especially with neighbors. Stable flies look a lot like house flies, but they bite. House flies breed in manure, decaying silage, feed, bedding and other organic matter.

Moisture is required for fly breeding. Stable flies choose many of the same breeding areas as house flies but will not breed in straight manure. They prefer wet straw or bedding with manure, spilled feed, silage, green chop, decaying hay, or other vegetation.

Flies have become resistant to most chemicals registered for use on dairy farms. A regimen that includes careful manure handling and sanitation, parasite releases, and pyrethrum sprays can reduce fly problems.

*Feather Prof.'s Footnote: "Excellence is the exceptional drive to exceed expectations."*



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#### Background Scripture

I Corinthians 9

Devotional Reading:

Galatians 5:13-26

An elementary school boy was showing his report card to his parents, who were upset because he had received a "D" in "conduct." "Yeah," he acknowledged, "that's my worst subject!"

We are fortunate that, finished with school, we are seldom, if ever, graded on conduct. Today two of our "worst subjects" are commitment and self-discipline. It is resistance to commitment that undermines all kinds of relationships — personal, professional, and occupational. It is resistance to self-discipline that underlies so many failures and keeps us from fulfilling our potential.

Over the years we've had a few friends whose predictable response to any invitation was generally, "I'll have to see and let you know." It seemed they wanted to wait and see if something better came along. That's also the difference between living together and marriage — reluctant to commit themselves, people want to keep their options open and avoid responsibility.

#### WHAT IT TAKES

At the conclusion of one of Van Cliburn's concerts, someone is reported to have said to him, "I'd give everything if I could play like that!" Replied the pianist, "Yes that's about what it takes — everything!" Maybe that's why people so admire entertainment, artistic and athletic stars. We share their aspirations, but not their perspirations. Like them, we want fame and fortune; unlike them, many of us are unwilling to pay the price.

In today's world, people seem so much more intent on getting what is coming to them and are obsessed with their rights. The

problem is that when we concentrate solely on our rights and what we deserve, we usually see nothing or no one else. And that is one of the most fatal of human conditions.

Paul outlines and specifies what he deserves as an apostle. On this basis he protests, "Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?" (9:5).

#### MOST IMPORTANT

But then, having established his rights as an apostle, Paul goes on to say, "Nevertheless we have not made use of this right, but we endure everything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ" (9:12). Paul carefully protects his rights as an apostle, but he holds something else much more important: the gospel of Christ.

Some of the most agreeable experiences in my life have been those occasions — all too few probably — when I have stepped aside from my rights and prerogatives and given way to someone or something else. There is deep satisfaction in knowing that some higher good is being served. Personal rights are important, but the gospel is more important.

Maybe the key is to be found at the bottom line. The highest good is not in getting what we deserve, but in getting something more. We may stand on our rights and get nothing more. Using the analogy of the athlete, Paul says, "they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable" (9:25). Wreaths, no matter how pretty, are perishable rewards. Getting what is coming to us is also a perishable reward. To get the imperishable kind, we may have to be willing to forgo demanding what we deserve. For true rewards have more to do with God's grace than what is ours by right.

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