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Henry B. Hoover Inc., Ephrata, 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m., also June 20 and Aug. 22.

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

Clean and Green dropoff meeting, 950 W. Fairway Dr., Manor Township, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

USDA NRCS Nutrient Management Computer Program Demonstration, Westmoreland County Extension, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24

Lancaster County Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program, Allen D. Espenshade, Mount Joy, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., also June 21, Aug. 23, and Sept. 20.

Lancaster County Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program, G&G Feed and Supply, Manheim, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., also June 21, Aug. 23, and Sept. 10.

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

Clean and Green dropoff meeting, 156B W. Main St., West Cocalico Township, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Clean and Green dropoff meeting, 5581 Old Phila. Pike, Salisbury Township, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Barn ventilation meeting, Lebanon County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

USDA NRCS Nutrient Management Computer Program Demonstration, Penn State, University Park, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday, May 25

Lancaster County Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program, Little Britain Agri Supply, Inc., Quarryville, 9 a.m.-1:30 a.m., also June 22, Aug. 24, and Sept. 21.

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

Clean and Green dropoff meeting,

315 Clay Rd., Warwick Township, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Clean and Green dropoff meeting, 159 Mertz Dr., Mount Joy Township, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

USDA NRCS Nutrient Management Computer Program Demonstration, Berks County Extension Office, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Friday, May 26

Clean and Green Educational Seminar, Farm and Home Center, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

Clean and Green dropoff meeting, 716 Nottingham Rd., Fulton Township, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, May 27

Handicapped Riders and Drivers Event of the Devon Horse Show, Devon Showgrounds, Devon.

Keystone Beef Classic, Crawford County Fairgrounds, Meadville, 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 28

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30

Lancaster County Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program, dropoff site, Benjamin L. Landis, Strasburg, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., also June 27 and Aug. 29, and Sept. 21, 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

Lancaster County Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program, dropoff site, P.L. Rohrer, Smoketown, 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.,

also June 27 and Aug. 29.
Clean and Green Educational Seminar, Donegal High School, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31

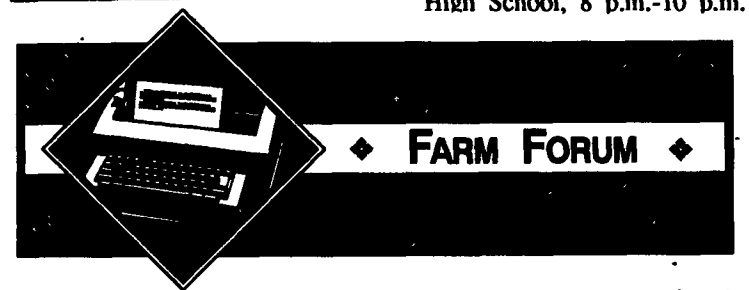
Clean and Green Educational Seminar, Conestoga Valley Middle School, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

Thursday, June 1

Lancaster County Clean and Green deadline.

Cream Ridge Twilight Fruit meeting and Strawberry Breeding Showcase, Rutgers Fruit Research and Extension Center, Cream Ridge, N.J.

Clean and Green Educational Seminar, Columbia Borough High School, 8 p.m.-10 p.m.



Editor:

This letter is being written in response to your editorial of May 13, 1995, in which you expressed support for private landowner compensation in matters involving the enforcement of environmental/natural resource related regulations.

As patriotic Americans who serve as stewards of our country's land and water resources; as a people that appreciate and respect God's creation, why must we be paid not to destroy or damage fragile environmental resources such as springs, seeps, streams, wetlands, and endangered species' habitat such as bald eagle nesting sites?

Paradoxically, it is more frequently the case that private property values are increased by taxpayer or government investments in such improvements as roads, utilities, parks, and by favorable zoning. Should not the property owner reimburse the government in these cases in order to be consistent with your philosophy? Also, should not a private landowner reimburse his or her neighbors when the use or abuse of their property results in a decline in value to his neighbor's property? And should not the landowner, when his exceptional stewardship of his

property results in increasing the value of surrounding properties, be compensated?

Private property rights need to be protected. Just compensation when land is purchased by the government is critical. (Also purchase of eminent domain needs to fully be justified before being applied.) Landowners, however, need not be paid to be good stewards. That is our responsibility and accompanies the right to own land.

Paul Solomon
New Freedom

Editor's Reply:

Thanks for your thoughtfully written letter. We can easily agree with your "philosophy" if we may also add a pretheses.

(The taking of wetlands and the protection of endangered species must be fully justified before applied.) Landowners, however, must be paid when good stewardship has nothing to do with the taking of land for environmental reasons. That is the government's responsibility and accompanies the right to take private land for hidden agendas to disrupt food production and/or the disruption of the use of America's God-given vast wealth of renewable resources, such as timber or corn.

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