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for food production. The world's cities and towns are in or near fertile river valleys and areas that contain prime farmland. Prime farmland is a very small area of land when compared to all the marginal, grazing and highly erodible farmland. As the cities and towns expand prime farmland is destroyed forever. In the U.S. almost 4 square miles of prime farmland are destroyed every day, which is one-third of all land developed for

roads, houses and factories. The third problem of soil erosion is more massive than most people realize. Most farmers worldwide are not practicing adequate soil conservation even though many low or no-cost best management practices (BMP's) are available. Every time there's a thunderstorm, fast rain or flood, rivers run brown and dump precious topsoil in the Chesapeake Bay, Gulf of Mexico and the world's oceans. As the topsoil layer gets thinner, yields will suffer. New seed varieties won't help much. There's a limit on solar energy and water per acre so why does the Hudson Institute expect great increases in yield?

Other factors to consider are high salinity on irrigated land and cities taking water rights from farmers.

In conclusion, let me state that a major portion of information that is heard or read is distorted or falsified for various reasons. An example of this happened before the Civil War. Literature was printed that proved that the Bible supported slavery and buying and selling of people. I hope Lancaster Farming readers have a large variety of reading materials to help them form a truer picture of the world.

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Editor:

I really enjoy the L.F., especially the "B" section. It usually comes on Monday here in Western PA. Once in a blue moon it comes on a Saturday. I like to read Joyce Bupp write-ups, if anybody knows words, she does. If you don't read it, please do, it's worthwhile.

The write-ups of the past dairy princess Sat., Sept. 28, 1996, issue written by Louann Good was very good.

This is one time I was proud to live in Washington County (Western PA) to see our Beverly Robinson Minor's pictures of her being chosen dairy prin-

cess. The Robinson family was noted for having Jersey cream line milk. Her dad Roy Robinson and brother Clyde had a milk route in Charleroi where I grew up and our family had a few milk cows. I had to peddle milk to the door steps by walking. The Robinson's had a milk route with the highest paid quart of milk as it was rich Jersey cream line milk. Bev Robinson Minor's husband Sam and family live across the road of the 84 Livestock Auction and run a business known as the "Spring

House." They do catering work. Have home cooked meals and bakery, and sell jug milk. Their buttermilk is the best tasting buttermilk with bits of butter. Their slogan at the store, "The Spring House," stop to see us. Want to get to know you. When I come to the store, it's usually afternoon time. I see Sam Minor, Bev's husband with his rosey cheeks looking around for a bite to eat, as he was up before breakfast doing chores, milking the moos. Also see Mars-ha Minor making pies, they all are hard working people.

As their past milk maids related their experiences to being chosen dairy princesses, they talked about what it did to them in their lives. They still are promoting milk. Want to end with, if you can't get ahead, use the one you have. You all take care. As parts are hard to find.

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