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over Pennsylvania.

I whitewash dairy barns as a sideline to supplement our farm income and I get many ideas from listening to the heart of America, "the true American farmers."

As I travel around to thirteen counties in our state I hear, and see many different things that most farmers don't realize are happening or better yet are never informed about or maybe I should say "don't have time to care about."

Always rushing to keep working harder because they are told to, make more milk and we will market it for you.

It is my opinion that if they are true dairy leaders, if they truly wanted to tell the farmers

something that they should do, that would be in their best interest, they should tell them to stop producing as much milk for a while until we can get a hold on our share of the market price.

Do you think that the co-ops who are supposed to speak in the best interest of their producers... are?

The majority of the milk produced in America is still controlled by the co-op concept. Yet why has the price farmers receive to produce milk way below cost?

Are the large co-ops processing co-ops?

Understanding your sorrow.

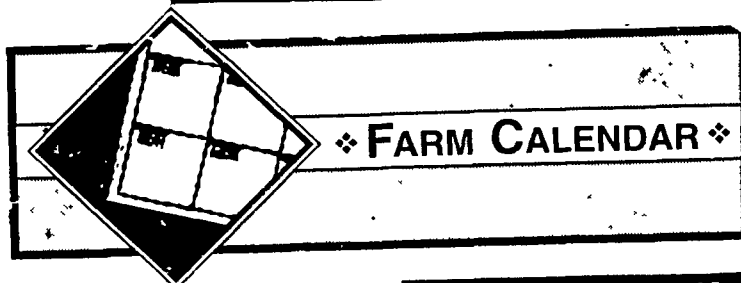
Peter A. Seman  
Thompson

Editor:

Thank you for your editorial (Dec. 11, A-10) Your assessment of the situation dairy farmers are facing is very accurate. The future of the dairy industry is very bleak and I wanted to let you know that as a dairy farmer I appreciate someone in the farm press finally having the guts to state that all is definitely not well. I can only hope that producers will use this latest financial melt-down as an opportunity to join as a united front and to rail against a system that has very nearly eliminated them. At this time, if we all curl up in balls in the corner then you are absolutely right — goodbye dairy farmers!

Thank you again.

Cyrus S. Cochran  
Westfield



❖ FARM CALENDAR ❖

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Saturday, December 25  
Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, January 4  
Risky Business-Solutions, Financial Management Seminar, Fogelsville, 9 a.m.

Solanco Young Farmer Program, Money Management In The Ag Enterprise, Solanco High School, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 5  
Crop Insurance: Making It Work For You!, Lebanon County Expo Center, Lebanon, 9 a.m.

Thursday, January 6  
Adams County Holstein Association Annual Meeting, York Springs Fire Hall, York Springs, 7 p.m.

Annual Dairy meeting with Glenn Shirk, Vo-Ag Dept., Octorara High School, 7:30 p.m.

Pa. Tobacco Marketing Association Auction at Orlon Industrial Park, New Holland, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, December 21  
Fulton County Agribusiness Breakfast, McConnellsburg American Legion Post 561, 8 a.m.-9 a.m.

Wednesday, December 22

Thursday, December 23

Friday, December 24

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