

FARM FORUM

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"Therefore take no thought for the morrow." I was taught that it meant that we should not concern ourselves with what might happen in the future.

Then, Psalms 118:8 says, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." If you trust in the Lord, then you would not even consider a contract that had a biosecurity clause in it. Biosecurity is configuration of man's thinking.

There are many other scripture verses that come to mind, but I do not have the time or space to go into detail. What seems so strange to me is that many of the Mennonites, and even a few Amish, have succumbed to the pressuring of the companies that advocate biosecurity and make it a requirement of contracts. These same people belong to churches that preach about "unequal yokes in business and dealings with the outside world," yet close their eyes to their brotherhood doing just that.

I wrote to Lawrence Althouse,

who writes your scriptural article each week, asking him to include something about this sometime. I feel that it is a worse failure than the demise of farming in general, when the farmers become so conscious of monetary gains that they must resort to practices that are the opposite of what the Bible and God teaches. Trust in God above all things, and accept failure as His plan for you.

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Editor's Note: Certainly the things in life that we cannot control are best put in the hands of a loving Father God. In faith we shall come through these trials better disciplined to be useful in His service.

But to know to do good and do it not is sin. James 4:17. Can a man take fire to his bosom and not be burned? Proverbs 6:27. Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge, but a fool layeth open his folly. Proverbs 13:16. Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuses instruction. (Verse 18)

A fool hath no delight in understanding but that his heart may discover itself. Proverbs 18:2. He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster. (Verse 9).

I would be hard pressed to call anyone a Christian who did not do everything possible on the farm to prevent disease from spreading both in your own herds and flocks, and onto neighbor's herds and flocks, especially down stream, or down wind. In addition, if your animals and flocks are sick or carrying disease the food you produce for God's children in the cities may very well make them sick.

Biosecurity is simply doing all you can to protect your animals and flocks from getting sick. To keep your place clean and spread a little disinfectant around from time to time should not be that much of a conflict with a man or woman's religion, I would not think.

Farmers Invited To Dairy Focus

HONESDALE (Wayne Co.) — Dairy farmers are invited to a Dairy Focus Forum on June 22 at the Large Group Instruction Room at the Honesdale High School from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Local and state legislators have also been invited.

This meeting came out of the plight of our local dairy farmers who find it hard to stay in business with the current milk prices. Some topics to be discussed include the importance of agriculture to the economy of the state and Wayne County, as well as the importance of developing a vision statement to make sure agriculture remains in Wayne County.

Other topics to be discussed include having a Dairy Advo-

cate in the county and improving incentives for Agricultural businesses in Pennsylvania. There will be two panels where producers will tell of their experiences starting to farm in Wayne County and incentives offered by other states to encourage farmers to come to their area.

The general public is invited to show their support for their local dairy industry. The dairy princess, Allison Mignerey, and her court will be at this meeting promoting the dairy industry serving milk, cheese, and ice cream. More information about this meeting can be obtained from the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce at 570-253-1960.

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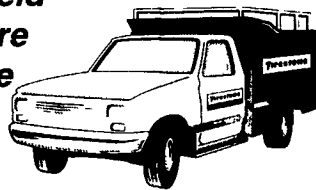
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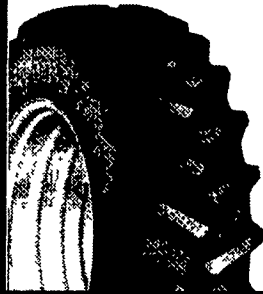


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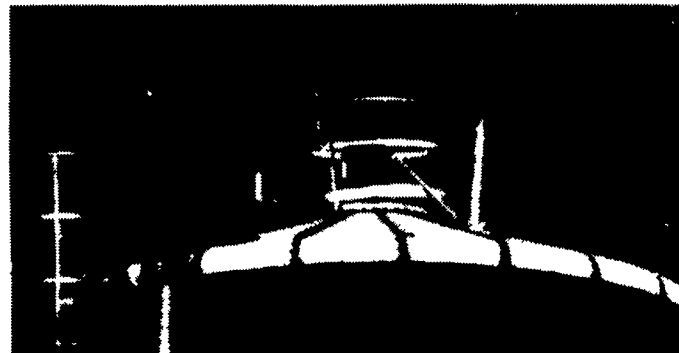
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