

# FARM FORUM

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science-based information on food safety and nutrition to...various groups." Nowhere in this article is any information about food safety and nutrition given by IFIC.

If information is not given to the consumer about food safety and nutrition by industry, by the farming industry, or anyone else, how can we expect to get a balanced response from the consumer? He doesn't know anything. And the manufacturers of genetically modified foods don't know about long-term effects of the foods they produce either.

They haven't done these tests because the FDA doesn't consider genetically modified products as "new" foods and doesn't require these tests.

I personally support work on biologically modified plants and believe it will in the future produce superior products for all animals, including humans. However, I do not believe industry has done enough testing for safety and has not informed the public as to what is known and not known. And I would include in the same category the International Food Information Council and now also *Lancaster Farming*.

Clifford Stirba  
Paradise, Pa.

**Editor:**

Lancaster Farmland Trust fully supports recent letters and editorials that have lauded George Delp's generosity and tremendous accomplishments.

Mr. Delp recognized early in the '90s that there was a critical need for farmland preservation in Lancaster County. As was typical of his response to important issues, he did not sit on the sidelines and watch the fray from afar. Rather, as a member and later a Trustee and Honorary Trustee, he devoted his personal energy and resources to the challenge. Leader that he was, he made a difference.

George Delp was one of the farsighted pioneers responsible for bringing agricultural land preservation into the mainstream of Lancaster County agriculture. We will miss him, but future generations will benefit immensely from his spirit and vision.

— Thomas D. Stouffer  
President  
Lancaster Farmland Trust  
Lancaster

# FARM CALENDAR

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tion, Walnut Springs Farm, 9 a.m., (410) 658-2121.  
Franklin County Dairy Calf Sale, C.V. Antique Engine Show, Chambersburg, 7 p.m., (717) 263-9226.  
Earth Day Celebration, Lancaster County Environmental Center, Central Park, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., (717) 295-2055.  
Alumni Weekend Celebration, University Park, thru April 21.

Sunday, April 22

Earth Day.  
American Forage and Grassland Council Annual Meeting, Northwest Arkansas Convention Center, Springdale, Ark., thru April 25.  
Deer Density and Carrying Capacity Workshop, Cornplanter State Forest Headquarters, Forest County, 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

Monday, April 23

4-H Capitol Days, thru April 24, (717) 278-1158.  
MidAtlantic Farm Credit Meeting, Modern Maturity Center, Dover, Del., 6:15 p.m.  
Managing Aquatic Weed Growth in Pennsylvania Ponds, Greensburg Garden and Civic Center, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Deer Density and Carrying Capacity Workshop, Cornplanter State Forest Headquarters, Tionesta, 1 p.m.-6 p.m.  
Foot and Mouth Disease and BSE meeting, Washington County Courthouse, 7 p.m., also Berks County Ag Center, Leesport, 7 p.m., (717) 772-2852.

Tuesday, April 24

Nutrient Management Plan Writing Workshop, Penn State, ASI Building, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
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