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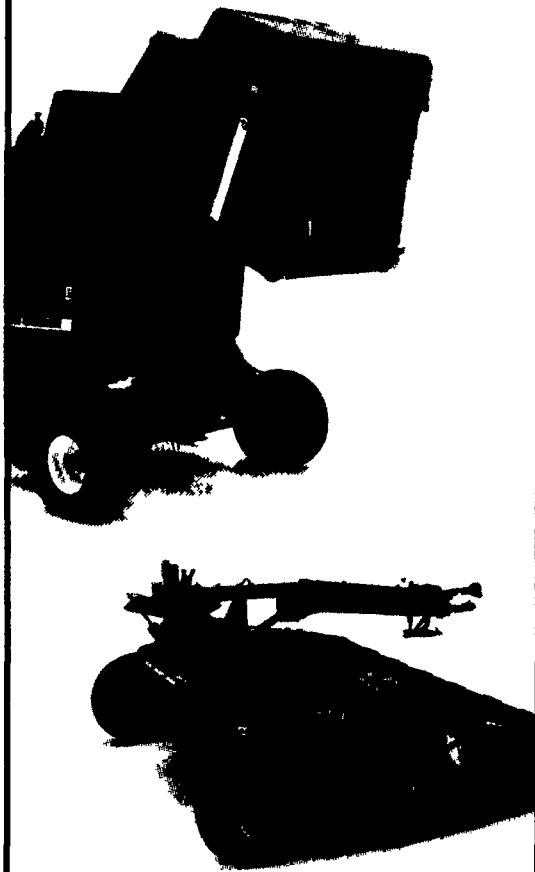
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❖ FARM FORUM ❖

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acres of land across 19 states, including significant acreage in Pennsylvania.

In this year's bill, the conference committee recognized the value of the government's investment in prime farmland preservation and has increased funding toward this goal over the next six years. Additionally, Congress took a radical step toward market pricing by reforming the federal peanut program.

Moving away from Depression-era farm subsidies and quota systems, we are beginning to treat peanuts as we do other commodities under Farm Bill programming. I am pleased that we have made progress in our endeavor to stop the public crutching of commodity prices and artificial control over peanut supply. However, we have much more to accomplish if we are serious about ending the government's practice of micromanaging agricultural production across the U.S. Our continued subsidization of row crops in the nation's southern and midwestern states will have profound effects on the rest of America in the billions of dollars taxpayers will spend.

Agriculture is Pennsylvania's largest industry, providing for some 60,000 farming families within the state. Dairy is our number one agricultural sector. Our dairy farms house an average herd size of 140 cows and by any calculation, this illustrates the predominance of small to mid-size farms in our commonwealth. Our farmers do not run extensive agricultural operations, and while crops such as corn and soybeans are also staples in Pennsylvania, many of our crops do not qualify for or participate in government programs such as those covered by the Farm Bill. Our farmers will not be among the 10 percent of American farm owners who stand to receive 2/3 of the federal commodity funding that the Senate has just approved.

Pennsylvania's farmers, on the contrary, embody what we mean by life in the farm country of rural America. These are the family farms that will be buried by our subsidized overproduction. Federal

commodity programs are not just disproportionately concentrated on big farming outfits, they are ultimately damaging to market prices. In the end, an already exorbitant bill for our taxpayers will become even more expensive, as prices continue to drop and drive more small farms out of business.

Congress will destroy the livelihood of these farming families and forever change the traditional culture of rural American life, and the taxpayers will be charged for all of it.

It is ironic that the final vote on this bill comes at a time when we are debating the President's authority to negotiate fast-track trade agreements in the interest of opening the world market. The Farm Bill's subsidy provisions undermine America's purported commitment to free trade by implementing the same kinds of agriculture programs we often criticize European countries for.

We are setting a terrible example for our trading partners and making an expensive mistake. The Senate has shown no sympathy for the small farmer, no leadership in opening free, fair markets, and complete disregard for American taxpayers. I will not, in good conscience, support legislation that is so clearly wrong for our nation and damaging to Pennsylvania.

— Sen. Rick Santorum

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Delmarva's Chicken Industry Works To Prevent Avian Influenza

GEORGETOWN, Del. — Delmarva's chicken industry continues its intensified biosecurity program to prevent the introduction of avian influenza into the peninsula's more than 5,600 chicken houses.

Avian influenza, a major threat to chickens but not humans, has been causing devastating losses to the poultry industry in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

In recent weeks more than 145 turkey and chicken farms have been quarantined in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley with the loss of more than three million birds. The virus has not been detected on Delmarva.

Delmarva's poultry industry has been on high alert for nearly two months and has taken many steps to limit traffic between the Shenandoah Valley and Delmarva, to increase bird health monitoring on Delmarva, and to impose tighter biosecurity standards.

Thanks to the donation of 800 pounds of Virkon® S disinfectant by DuPont Chemical Solutions Enterprise and Antec International, Del-

marva's poultry industry has another tool to help prevent the introduction of the virus onto Delmarva. This donation will provide more than 25,000 gallons of disinfectant that can be used in chicken houses and on vehicles, equipment, and shoes.

"Preventing the virus from reaching Delmarva's chickens is the most effective biosecurity measure we can take," said Bill Satterfield, executive director of Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. (DPI), the trade association for the local chicken industry. "DuPont's donation of the highly effective Virkon® S disinfectant provides us another tool to keep Delmarva's chickens disease-free. We are grateful to DuPont for its interest and support."

DPI is encouraging everyone to do their part to help protect Delmarva's chickens. Tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of economic activity are at risk from avian influenza.

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