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Out On A Limb— President's Message



Ahhh spring finally is beginning to force this unusual winter weather to be relegated to the history books. Tapping Maples for sap in January? A chance for more normal weather would make us all a bit less uneasy. Planting season is soon to be in full swing and preparing the ground for the coming season is on everybody's mind. A common concern will be the additional costs for

fertilizer and pesticides. Long term projection suggests that higher prices are here to stay, and we must work to keep the dramatic shifts up and down under some control, whether it comes from conflicts in a foreign land or from a natural disaster in one of our energy producing areas. We are all facing a challenge and looking at options, our choices are to become more efficient, recapture and reuse, or to postpone

nonessential. Agriculture and farmers have faced adversity before; working together they can find new solutions and share the success. Farm Bureau has brought together many tools to help in the decision process and it is available on the world-

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Mark Your Calendars Now, Ag Day at the State House is May 3rd! Call our office for more information, or to find out how you can participate

Attention MFBF Members!

The Massachusetts Farm Bureau as well as The American Farm Bureau are looking for members to be a part of Farm Bureau's Agricultural Contact Team (FBACT)

FBACT is the American Farm Bureau Federation's grassroots action network. FBACT members voice the concerns of agriculture nationwide to members of Congress, the White House and its administration.

FBACT members agree to respond to a maximum of four alerts per year (8-Congressional session).

FBACT alerts are initiated by AFBF and are distributed to FBACT members in all 50 states. FBACT alerts will be pertinent to all 50 states, so no regional issues are used. FBACT members respond to the alert. The contact with their member of Congress can be made by phone, fax or e-mail utilizing the FBACT site.

To help FB members maximize their time, stay abreast of the issues and remain connected with their elected Officials, the following information is accessible:

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Northeast Farm Business Outlook for 2006

By Carol Sobson

First Pioneer encourages all progressive farm business people to budget and plan for the coming year. To assist in doing so, we offer the following perspective on economic outlook.

The U.S. economy is expected to experience another good year of growth during 2006. The first half in particular should be strong due to hurricane rebuilding efforts. Businesses are expected to expand payrolls as they've squeezed about as much productivity as possible out of current staffing levels. The housing market will continue to grow but off from the record pace of recent years, dampening consumer spending somewhat as the slowdown in asset appreciation is felt. The U.S. dollar, meanwhile, will likely weaken during the year -- increasing the attractiveness of U.S. products abroad while reducing foreign competition here at home.

As for farm inputs, bumper corn and soybean harvests in 2004 and 2005 will ensure adequate supply for the world market and keep U.S. prices lower. Continued strong demand and tight international supplies of crude oil will keep prices high on all petroleum and petroleum derivative products, including diesel, fertilizer, and plastics.

Some specifics based on the best information available to us at this time:

- ✦ Avg. corn price down \$0.21 = \$1.85/bushel (range of \$1.60-\$2.00/bushel)
- ✦ Avg. soybean price down \$0.34 = \$5.40/bushel

(range of \$5.00-\$5.70/bushel)

- ✦ Avg. soybean meal price down \$15 = \$168/ton (range of \$155-\$180/ton)
- ✦ Avg. price for dairy feed down 7.0-9.0%
- ✦ Avg. crude oil price (West Texas Intermediate) up \$9 for annual average of \$65/barrel
- ✦ Avg. gasoline (regular) price up \$0.18 for annual average of \$2.45/gallon
- ✦ Avg. diesel price up \$0.10 for annual average of \$2.51/gallon
- ✦ Avg. natural gas (residential) price up \$0.63 for annual average of \$13.36/mcf
- ✦ Avg. fertilizer cost +10%
- ✦ Avg. wages +3%
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News From Worcester County Farm Bureau:

On March 8, 2006, The WCFB board of Directors voted to apply for a Department of Agricultural Resources Farm Products Technical Assistance Grant. This Grant would allow WCFB to hire a Agritourism Consultant to come to Members' farms for an onsite visit with follow-up recommendations on how to increase Farm Revenues.

WCFB will coordinate the farm visits. Regular Worcester County Farm Bureau members will be able to sign up to have the consultant come to their farms in May or June 2006. The cost to the Farmer will be determined once the Grant is secured.

This will be a great chance for Farm Bureau members to discover some of the new opportunities that have allowed other farms in the state to grow, expand, and increase profitability.

Stay Tuned for Further Details!

Scholarship Opportunity!

Worcester County Farm Bureau President Jon Nourse announces that the County is accepting applications for the 2006-2007 college scholarship award.

Applicants need to be children of regular WCFB members and need to be accepted into natural resource, veterinary, animal science, forestry, and or other agricultural courses of study enrolled in either a 2 or 4 year program.

Applicants at any stage of their schooling (freshman or otherwise) will be considered .

The \$500.00 scholarship is awarded every May and is renewable. For the application or for information, contact Jon Nourse at 508-366-2644 or jwnourse@aol.com.

Immigration Reform: What's Happening Now

Recently, I attended the AFBF Labor Advisory Committee Meeting in Dallas. Here is a brief update on what is happening.

Currently, there are 10-14 million illegal workers in the U.S. with 500,000 to 750,000 working in agriculture. At least half of all hired agriculture workers are illegal. Hundreds of thousands continue to cross each year. Most everyone recognizes the value of these workers as they account for about 10% of the U.S. workforce and they perform tasks that most U.S. workers will not perform.

Congress and the President have promised to deal with this situation on many levels, these including enforcement both at the border and within the U.S., a guest worker program to allow foreign workers to enter the U.S., and an adjustment of status policy to deal with illegal workers already here.

The problem is that efforts to date appear to be dealing only with the enforcement issue. We have all heard reports recently about farmers in Arizona and California not having enough help to harvest winter crops.

Recently, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation (H4437) which deals only with enforcement. Even though the House leaders said that they would follow up this bill with a guest worker program and adjustment of status, they seem unwilling to do so now. The U.S. Senate has set a deadline to pass legislation on this issue. As with the House, there are many ideas but not much consensus on guest workers and adjustment of status. The Senate President has set March 27th as the date by which the Senate must reach consensus on these issues. If they do not, it is very likely that the Senate will pass the same legislation as the House did. If the Senate does this, it is also likely that the President will sign it because it does beef up border security and enforce immigration laws.

The impact from this would not be good for US Agriculture. At least that is the general consensus. Although agriculture no longer employs the greatest percentage of illegal workers (~10%), it has the most to lose

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Job Announcement

Dick's Market Garden - a family owned and operated nursery and fruit & vegetable farm in Lunenburg, MA - is looking for an honest and knowledgeable person to join the farm.

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Free Agricultural Pesticide Waste Collection

Two pesticide waste collections for farmers will be held this spring. The first is on Saturday, April 22nd at the Smith Vocational School in Northampton and the second on Saturday, May 6th at the Town of Orange Transfer Station. The collection events are free to any farm or agricultural operation in western Massachusetts. Accepted wastes include: pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, poisons, and unknown pesticide substances. This is a non-regulatory collection service.

Farms and other agricultural operations can dispose of pesticides at no cost but must pre-register. Farms can register by calling the District at (413) 772-2438 or by [email at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org](mailto:info@franklincountywastedistrict.org). All participants must be prepared to submit an inventory of their waste when they register.

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Farmers are encouraged to dispose of unwanted and unusable chemicals that may pose a hazard to their family, livestock, and farm. Any pesticide that becomes unusable as originally intended is waste. Pesticides become unusable when they have exceeded their shelf life, if they are banned for use by the US EPA or are no longer registered for use in Massachusetts, or they are unknown because labels were lost or unreadable. Old pesticides, neglected or in poor storage, may be exposed to children, livestock, and pets causing serious injury or death. Containers may corrode causing leaks. Fire or flooding may cause pesticide releases that can contaminate soils and groundwater leading to costly cleanup.

For more information, contact the District office at 772-2438. Hearing impaired individuals can contact the District through the Massachusetts Relay at 711 or for TTY/ASCII access dial 1-800-439-2370.

Essex County FB Scholarship Available

This scholarship is available to any student accepted to a 2 or 4-year college or university and whose family has an active Essex County Farm Bureau membership.

The family should have ties to horticultural or agricultural backgrounds, and it is desirable, but not necessary, that the student would like to stay connected in some way to the farming community. The scholarship is \$1000 and is awarded by early May.

Please contact Glenn Cook at (978) 388-4592 for an application.

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wide web. Your input is helpful as well, and your success could help many others, I encourage you to become interactive in helping others to find solutions and to prosper and succeed during the coming months. Watch our newsletter and the Farm Bureau websites for new and current information as it becomes available.

Now becomes an important time to become active and to follow the debate on timely issues. Immigration reform is a hot topic in Congress these days, with debate that ranges from protection from terrorists with increased border security to protecting American wages and jobs from inexpensive foreign or undocumented labor sources. Look around you, we as a nation have welcomed many into our country and through history many immigrant ethnic groups have done exactly as they do today: embrace the available jobs, get an education, assimilate into our country and build successful lives as Americans. We have by estimates 10-14 million immigrants in this country living and working here without status. We have estimates of 500,000 to 750,000 working in agriculture. Contrast there are about 30,000 working under an H2A visa, and the recreation industry is confined by the 60,000 limit in the H2B program. These documented workers and the process to recruit them can not and will not fill the worker positions required to keep our country competitive and affordable for all that would live here. It is hard to imagine the effect a sudden loss of even a portion of the 10-14 million undocumented people living in our communities would have on our economy, our production and our national secu-

As debate continues we all must convey to our elected officials to refrain from going towards extremes and to view the situation with intent to resolve our immigration dilemma. We have created an opportunity with in this world that makes us the envy of all people with less opportunity to provide for family needs. I do not believe we as a nation can afford to turn our backs to those that aspire to improve their own situation. We must control our borders, establish and maintain the rules that allow immigrants to come and to join our nation's workforce, and we must find a means to correct our ineffective oversight of those that come for a visit and stay for a lifetime. We must not in the process forget the contributions that immigrants do each and everyday for us. We must not succumb to a mentality that states the answer to our labors needs is simply a higher standard of pay or benefits. We cannot punish our businesses that employ in many cases the only workforce to show up to a job posting, and we can not survive in the new world economy if laws and regulations drive basic labor cost upwards and beyond a cost of production that becomes noncompetitive in the marketplace.

Look around you in every community and in every place you shop, eat, and even work and you will find an immigrant or a child of an immigrant that comes to America for a better life. It does affect each and every one of us. It is our issue to find the right solution too.

By Alex Dowse, President of Massachusetts Farm Bureau and the President of C.A. Dowse & Son, Inc.—Home of "America's Best Crunchin' Apples Since 1778."

Preserve MASS BARNs!

Sadly, in today's changing agricultural economy, hundreds of sturdily built, local landmark barns are lost every year in Massachusetts. The Preservation Mass Barn Task Force is bringing expertise to Massachusetts' barn owners to help save these important resources. On Saturday, April 1st, the Preservation Mass Barn Task Force, in partnership with the Essex National Heritage Commission, is co-sponsoring a "Barn Basics" Seminar at the North Shore Commu-

nity College in Danvers, Massachusetts. The seminar will focus on practical information for owners, architects, engineers and preservationists on up-to-date measures for repairing barns and similar post and beam structures, such as carriage houses. Maintaining barns in continuing agricultural or new uses will be discussed. Specialists will provide both historical information and technical advice.

Advance registration, prior to March 24th, for the all-day workshop is \$35.00. After March 24th registration is \$45.00, including walk-in participants. Lunch will be available for an additional fee of \$10.00. Registration forms are available on-line on the Barn Task Force pages at www.preservationmass.org or at Preservation Mass, Old City Hall, 45 School Street, Boston, 02108, telephone 617-723-3383.

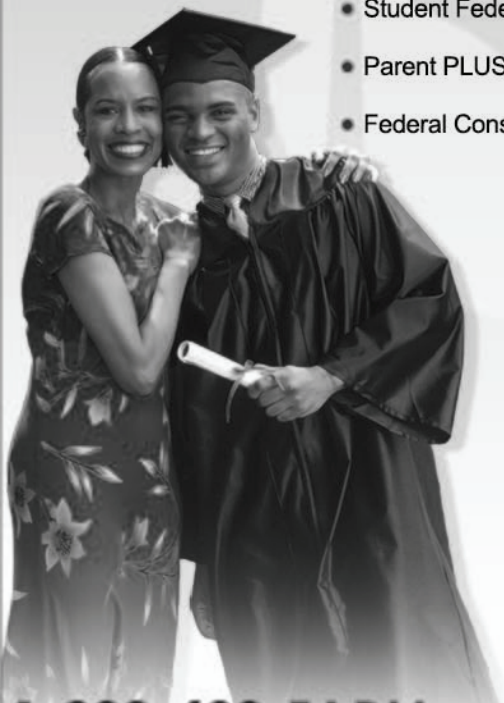


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The Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs is now accepting applications from forest landowners interested in participating in the Forest Viability Grant Program. This program provides business planning assistance and implementation grants to landowners wishing to establish or improve forest-based businesses. Eligible landowners may receive up to \$5,000 in technical assistance for the preparation of a Forest Viability Business Plan in return for a 5-year covenant protecting the land from development. Landowners with a Forest Viability Plan are then eligible to receive grants worth \$250 per acre (up to \$20,000) for implementation of the plan in return for a 20-year covenant. Any private landowner with at least 20-acres of forest land that is not currently protected by a deed restriction is eligible to apply. Applications are available at www.comm-pass.com. Under "Search for Solicitations" search for keyword "Forest Viability." The application deadline is May 1, 2006.

For more information please contact:

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 The Forest and Wood Products Institute
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 978-630-9360

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or visit: <http://www.mwcc.mass.edu/programs/FWP/ForViab.html>

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updates directly from AFBF.

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Issues and Legislation – Members can view current action alerts, current legislation, and key votes.

Guide to the Media – Media contact information can be obtained either by zip code or by clicking on a specific state. You can obtain local media contact information, search for individual reporters/editors/producers, and organizations. Letters to the Editor can be sent by email to media from this page.

If you would like to participate in FBACT and gain access to special internet information and e-mail issue alerts, please send your Name, Address, Phone number and Email to jconners@massfarmbureau.com. You will receive information directly from AFBF shortly thereafter, including passwords and a full description of the program.

Unfortunately you must have internet access to take part in this program.

*Thank you in advance for your participation-
together we can make a difference!*

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proportionally. Conservative estimates place over 50% of hired agricultural workers as illegal. In addition the following are generally accepted impacts of this type of limited legislation. Up to one third of the U.S. fruit and vegetable sector will likely disappear. Between \$5 billion and \$9 billion in U.S. production would be lost to foreign producers. Net farm income for the rest of agriculture would decline by as much as \$5 billion annually. Ag farm wages would rise from an average of \$9.50 per hour to \$14-\$16 per hour without benefits.

An additional thought: The H-2a program is the only real guest worker program that currently exists. Only about 30,000 workers come to the U.S. using this program. High cost, threats from Legal Services, bureaucracy, and housing requirements are all reasons why the H-2a program is not more successful.

What is going to happen in the future? Your guess is as good as mine. But we will keep you posted.

By Rich Bonanno, Vice President of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation

MFBF ANNUAL MEETING DATE—MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

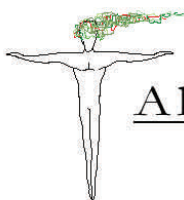
This past annual meeting the delegate body accepted an invitation to venture to the western part of the state for our upcoming annual meeting. While a hotel is not yet locked in, we have a very short list and are ready to announce the date—get out your calendar, and be sure to reserve the date now—November 30th and December 1st. If last year was any indication, it will be a great success and a wonderful opportunity to learn about ag. policy and issues, as well as set the organization's course for the coming year.

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Spring Bantam Show

The New England Bantam Club, Inc. will be holding its Spring Show in Middleboro, MA at the National Guard Armory on Sunday, May 7 - 9am to 2pm The event is open to the public and there is no admission fee. In addition to bantam (miniature) chickens and ducks, standard size chickens may also be exhibited. The show features hundreds of birds and provides many prizes and specials. To obtain a show book or place an ad in the show book, contact Dave Anderson, 2 Standish Rd, Bridgewater, MA 02324 or 508-942-6208 or via e-mail at NEBantamclub@aol.com Full page ads are \$30, half page \$20 and business card or quarter page ads \$10. In addition to the exhibited birds, there is a sales area, raffle items, and food services. For more information, visit the club's website at www.newenglandbantamclub.homestead.com



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