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Dear C.F.T.C. Commissioners,

GOD Commands Thou ShA14 Not Steal! Who? exempted the Chicago board of traders? Reread my letter to you, dated June 13, 2000!

American and World FARMERS NEED an HONEST MARKET PLACE and HONEST DEPENDABLE FAIR PARITY PRICES comparable with other Occupations! JUSTICE FOR EVERYONE!

1981, A Bushel of Wheat and a Barrel of Oil were selling \$4.00 Each! What happened? Is gas more Important than FOOD? Our U.S. Elected employees REALY GOOFED UP. ABRAHAM LINCOLN decided NOT to Buy Railroad rails from abroad; If we build the Factories and Build Our Rails We will have the Factories, Rails, Railroads AND OUR MONEY! Our U.S.D.A. is predicting a 9.97 Billion bushels of CORN Crop. U.S.D.A. Parity Price Calculats CORN, per bushel at \$6.67. LOCAL GRAIN price quotes 11;30 a.m. Thursday, July 6, 2000 CORN; \$1.49 Down four. Soybeans \$4.53 Down four. TOTALY DISHONEST VALUE PRICE QUOTES from c.b.o.t. quotes. TRUTH QUOTES: CORN DOWN \$5.18 a BUSHEL DOWN FIVE DOLLARS and a second se EIGHTEEN CENTS! From United States Department of AGRICULTURE \$6.67. SOYBEANS \$4.53 DOWN \$9.57 from previous Parity Price. \$14.10. SOYBEAMS \$4.537DOWN \$9.45 from latest LOWERED U.S.D.A.FIGURES! WHY With friends like our U.S.D.A. and the C.B.O.T. WHO NEEDS ENEMMYRES? HONEST MARKET QUOTES SIMPLY TERE THE TRUE MARKET VALUE!

(ABRAHAM LINCOLN) IDEA, We would build More Factories for JOBS; Manufacture Our OWN ETHANOL (GAS) from our corn and DIESELFFUEL from our SOYBEANS. YESS, WE WOULD HAVE THE FACTORIES AND JOBS, THE ENERGY FUELS WE USE AND NEED. BEST OF ALL HAVE OUR MONEY! BRAZIL and other Countries are being self sufficient. Meanwhile the U.S.D.A predicts figures for Harvest months in These insider figures to the C.B.O.T. speculative SHORT (BEAR)TRADERS? (IF they take from those that have labored and or ETC. Invested in machinery Farmland what is rightfully theirs? speculatively sell short that which does NOT EXIST to manipulate the FAIR PRODUCERS PRICES DOWN TAKING THE PRICE VALUES for them that DID NOTHING TO PRODUCE ANYTHING OFVALUE in my OPINION are DECEPTIVE THEIVES and should be arrested and made to pay for their CRIMES AGAINST THE PRODUCERS OF COMMODITIES: BY LAW. Only explaination that more production, prices fall to 30% or LESS! WHY? We all should REJOICEand be GLAD in OUR GOOD FORTUNES! Maybe their should be a LAW ONLY THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF BUSHELS offered for SALE can be SOLD.
WHAT would YOU DO if your EARNED INCOME WAS TACKEN and YOU were only the contraction of the contr were only able tosell your PRODUCTION FOR TWENTY FIVE OR THIRTY FIVE CENTS ON THE FAIR EARNED DOLLAR VALUE PRICE? REVOLTING Respectfully

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# Livestock/meat

### SPRINGFIELD

Lean hog carcasses: Are 1.00 to 2.00 high-

er. 55-56.9 pt 66.75-70.74; 53-54.9 pt 64.25-50.74; 51-52.9 pt (1)60.25-70.74; 49-50.9 pt 59.25-68.12; 47-48.9 pt 56.25-64.35. Sows: Steady. US 1-3 300-500 lbs 32.00-35.00; 500-600 lbs 34.00-36.00; few over 600 lbs 36.00-37.00. Boars: Under 300 lbs mostly 27.00-32.00. Over 300 lbs 12.00-17.00.

### PEORIA

Hogs: 650 Trading moderately active; barrows and gitts are 1.00 higher.
1-2 230-260 lb 47.50-48.00; 2-3 260-280 ib
45.50-47.50.
Sows: All weights are steady; 1-3 300-400 lbs. 34.50; 400-500 lb 36.00; 500-700 lb
37.00-38.00.
Boars: Over 300 lb 14.00; under 300 lb
30.00.

30.00. Cattle: 100 Load trading moderately com-

pared with last Monday, choice slaughter steers and heifers 1.50 lower, cows not enough to establish a market.

Slaughter steers: Choice 2-3 1,050-1,350 lb 67.00-67.50; select and choice 1,050-1,250 lb 64.00-66.50; select 1,000-1,200 lb 60.00-63.00.

Slaughter heiters: Choice 1,000-1,300 lb 67.00-67.50; select and choice 1,000-1,200 lb 64.00-66.50; select 900-1,100 lb 69.00-63.00.

MAY OUR GOD ALMIGHTY GRANT Food Produceing Farmers Honest Fair

Prices for YOUR ABUNDENT CROPS and FOOD FOR ALL; Their Labor, Abolish the most Hated Property Taxes.

Commodity & Unit	Prices Received	100% Parity	% of Parity Received	Prices in Cents/Lb.	
Wheat, per bushel	\$2.55	9.66	26	4.25	
Corn, per bushel	2.01	6.67	30	3.58	
Barley, per bushel	2.13	5.95	36	4.43	
Grain Sorghum, cwt.	3.15	10.50	30	3.15	
Soybeans, per bushel	4.99	13.90	36	8.31	
Oats, per bushel	1.24	3.38	37	3.87	
Dry Edible Beans, cwt.	14.90	49.40	30	14.9	
Cotton Upland, lb.	.450	1.78	25	.450	
Milk, cwt. (all)	11.90	31.60	39	11.9	
Beef Cattle, cwt. (all)	70.10	155.00	45	70.1	
Calves, cwt.	110.00	198.00	56	110.0	
Hogs, cwt.	46.90	102.00	46	46.9	

Source: Again talautal Prices - National Agent altural Statistics Service, USDA

JUSTICE FOR ALL!

PARITY IS ONE HUNDRED CENTS IN EVERYONES INCOME DOLLAR!

LEAD AND GUIDE US IN RIGHT from wrong!

DEAR GOD we Pray and THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY GREAT BLESSINGS!

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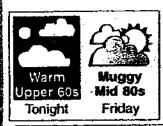
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MORE VALUE PRODUCTS EQUAL BETTER PRICES, BETTER ECONOMY! WONDERFUL GOOD NEWS! U.S.D.A. predicts 9.7 Billion CORN CROP! HONEST DAYS WORK EQUALS HONEST DAYS PAY! PARITY! IF THAT MEANS ONE BILLION BUSHELS of carryover, WONDERFUL!

TIMES TWO AND ONE HALF GALLONS OF ETHANOL converted per BUSHEL CORN! and MORE EMPLOYED PEOPLE JOBS! MORE FACTORIES; TWO and ONE HALF BILLION GALLONS OF ETHANOL FUEL! PLUS TWENTY EIGHT POUNDS OF HIGH PROTEIN HUMAN and ANIMAL FOOD! (PER SAVINGS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN IMPORTED OIL!

Daily Leader Thursday, July 6, 2000

# Forecast



Partly cloudy tonight, low in the upper 60s. Light northeast winds. Partly cloudy Friday with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the middle 80s. Mostly cloudy Friday night with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the upper 60s. Saturday will be partly cloudy, with a high in the upper 80s. Sunday will be partly cloudy, with a low near 70.

Courtesy Graymont Co-Op 11:30 a.m. today Corn: 1.49 Down four. Soybeans: 4.53 Down four. Wednesday's closing:

Corn: 1.53 Soybeans: 4.57 Wednesday Pick 3: 5-6-6: 8-5-4 Pick 4: 1-2-2-8: 3-9-4-1 Little Lotto: 02-13-22-25-29 Lotto: 08-19-25-33-37-48

Lotto Jackpot: \$2.5 million OFAR MERSDNOMARKETSU

# orn traders lack guts; soybean pits getting rougher

cember Corn: The boys and girls who ames in the Chicago Board of Trade's tures pits, worked all week within a 7 t trading range. Prices were high at ¼ and low at \$2.19. The weekly close 2.19 ¼; 8 ¼ cents less than the previous Traders seem to lack the guts to step on arket until the corn crop gets through ution.

ne areas have received good solid rains, others have watched storms split spart ass over their farms. Reports of isolated where heavy rains have fallen consishave producers wondering if they will e to complete the planting of this year's

wember Soybeans: The games in the an pits were a bit rougher during the week of June. Traders jumped on other soybean futures and rode them to \$4.78 ½, before anyone could say? Prices recovered to \$4.79 ¾ by the end, meaning we lost a 21 cents a l for the week ending June 23.

e Bears are feeling pretty smug right nut it is a long time until soybean harnd a lot can happen to wipe the grin off ir faces and deplete their checkbooks.

icle Joe Sez: Billy and Gabe have been ing around buildings and doing odd jobs d the Home Place. We got about 50 perf the beans sprayed before we received I rain during the week of June 19-24.

e corn is almost head high and ready to

have been "under the weather" so to for about three weeks now. It seems my bout with pneumonia last winter ed more than just water in the lungs. I to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center to me tests run, and found out that I had a in my heart that wasn't working propline doctors scheduled more tests, and idings confirmed that indeed, I needed a job." It seems that the aortic valve was orking right and that was causing my to have to work twice as hard as nor. On top of that, the tests showed I had

## Midwest Grain Commodity Report



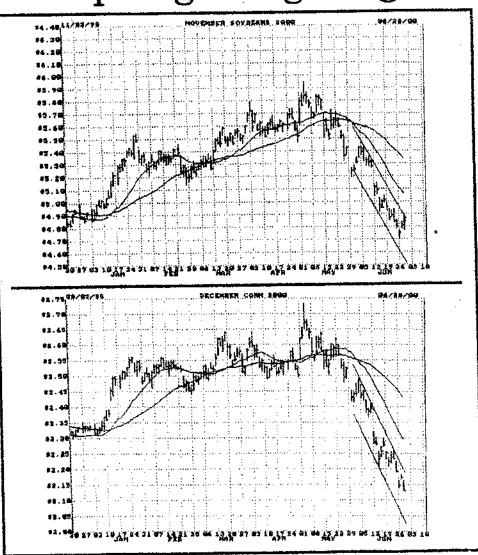
By Joe Grant Commodity Analysis

suffered a silent heart attack sometime during the past six months.

Good health is something most of us take for granted As long as I can get up and go, my mind tells me that "Hey, you ain't Rocky qr Rambo, but you are doing fine." Little aches, pains, or scratches that don't go away, often are warning signs of bigger things to come.

Often we go through the emotions hoping that things will get better. Sometimes our health insurance or lack of health insurance causes us to shy away from tests or treatments. A basic hospitalization plan often will not cover sophisticated tests unless a person has been admitted to the hospital. In some cases, this may be too late to stop a disease that could have been cured if treated at an earlier date.

Perhaps there is a need for reform within the healthcare insurance industry, but I doubt that the government can solve all of the problems at a national level. It is up to each of us to make sure we understand our coverage on insurance, and to learn the warning signs of the diseases that can compromise our personal health. The doctors assure me that I will be up to speed by harvest, they can't promise



that I'll be as strong as Rocky or as tough as Rambo!

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EXTREMELY LOW PRICES EQUALS STRESS, FARMERS POOR HEALTH! Z M.

# <u>The</u> <u>Law</u> <u>Perverted</u>

See it the law takes from some persons what belongs to them, and gives it to other persons to whom it does not belong. See if the law benefits one citizen at the expense of another by doing what the citizen himself cannot do without committing a crime.

without delay, for it is not only an evil itself, but also it is a fertile source for further exils because it invites represals. It such a law — which may be an isolated case — is not abolished immediately, it will spread, multiply, and develop into a system.

Frederic Bastial, "The Law".

(These prophetic words were written 140 years ago. We have not yet learned)

# **FORUM**

Daily Leader Wednesday, February 2, 2000

# What You Think

# Against property taxes

First Amendment right to freedom of speech has a component where you are free not to speak. Freedom of belief — you're free not to support somebody.

I do not support the property tax system.

Attention political wannabes: Allow public school systems to become private schools. Competition for student vouchers from sales and income taxes, no more need for property tax system. Teachers earn their own living will be qualified to instruct students better equal opportunities to earn their living today.

Objections to personal real estate property taxation.

Revenue, Section 5. (c) "On or before Jan.
1, 1979, the General Assembly by law
shall abolish all ad valorem personal
property taxes and thereafter shall
replace..." "ad va-lo-rem in proportion to
the value, according to the worth."
(Income and Sales taxes) replaced unfair
ad valorem personal property taxation;
years ago by Fairer Income and Sales
Taxation Systems.

Income tax is collected one time per earned dollars.

Sales tax is collected one time per spent

dollars.

Ad valorem personal (real estate) property taxation systems; assess inflated figures and levies C.O.L.A.S., perks, pensions, plus? to tax paid employees benefits taken under the color of law from privately earned, savings investments from private ownership benefits and retirement plans.

Over and over every year on the same private investment dollars. Wrong, unfair taxation systems; repeal (abolish forever).

> Lloyd Metz Fairbury

# Letters to the Editor Policy

LETTERS must not exceed 350 words and ALL letters must be hand-signed and contain the true name, address and phone for verification. The Leader reserves the right to condense or reject any letter and limit frequent writers. The time period for letters written by the same person is 30 days. THE VIEWS in letters and columns don't necessarily reflect the opinion of the Dally Leader.

THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM NEEDS TO GROW UP AND EARN ITS OWN LIVING; AS THAT IS THE MAIN OBJECTIVE TO TEACH STUDENDS!

DOWE NEEDTHE CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE HAS LOST ITS MAIN REASON FOR BEING IN BUSINESS!

TO PROVIDE A MARKET FOR SELLERS OF COMMODITIES TO MEET WITH BUYERS!

TO PROVIDE HONEST FAIR MARKET PRICES AT PARITY WITH OTHER OCUPATIONS!

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