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Landowners ignored

Sir:

In response to Andy Sirski's article, "Your company guide
to renting land" (Graineas, April 12), I might should write an-
other article for the future, a complete
guide to owning land and
renting it to others.

His figures are very good for some landowners, but not too realistic for the
landowner. He may have $500 or more per acre, which
may also have been a renter at one time, so he probably un-
derstands the problem. Mr. Max and Andy Sirski show little
understanding or concern for the
landowner, who is an inte-
gral link in the whole chain of
farming.

Anyway, back to the $500 at 10 percent (low) comes to $50
return if invested. Land taxes are probably $4 to $6 per acre.
The figures for a $500 per-acre return to the landowner. Oth-
ernwise, he, along with our pro-
vincial government, is subsidizing the renter (which
Sirski failed to take into account in his rental figures).

The author did not say how many
landowners
Association to help us real-
ize a little better return on our
hard-earned investments.

It would be nice if you would
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 include articles that are a little more
objective. For instance, not everyone is anti-social. Can't you just see a disgruntled renter
going to work hard for low wages
that would be rampaging if we
did not have unions. We com-
plain about union activity and long, but when we quit farming, we
all look for union jobs.

As I have renters and many relatives in
Canada, this is not

Lonesome Landowner

Srds, B.C.

Andy Sirski says he'll write
an article for a landlord. — Ed.

Romanov sheep oversold

Sir:

I read the article entitled "A
600% lamb crop is a reality" written by Lyle and Doreen Bowles of Maple Creek, Sask. (Graineas, April 12).

I usually use articles like these, written by breeders in farm
magazines, on their expe-
riences with Romanov in a
package I send to people interested in that breed. I can use the
title of the Bowles because it contains many incorrect statements and allegations which I think your readers should be
aware of.

Many times it came to my attention that breeders were exaggerating the potential and the attributes of the
Romanov and by doing that, are discouraging new land owners, and damaging the reputation of the breed. An example of
that is in a breeder in the U.S. who claimed his line of Romanov is larger and heavier than Southdowns. I have written an arti-
cle entitled "Romanov Facts and Myths" which covers much of
what I believe in is acceptable and appreciated, but going overboard in doing so and writing false and exaggerated
claims may be misleading to prospective buyers. Also, it does not serve the breed.

M.H. Falun
Geneticist
Agriculture, Memida
Lemmonville, Que.

Another sheep producer

took issue with the article on

Page 9 in the May 13 issue.
He feels that "an article on
subject appears on page 40 of
this issue. — Ed.

Chicken info

Sir:

I cannot say enough about the quality newspaper you peo-
ple produce. From off-farm in-
vestments to markets, and good in-
formation to the best in farm humor. Also, there are always

and they get pinched by our
fridge by magnets until the
next time I get them out of
the fridge into a scrapbook I have
added to for several years. Many
of your articles I have tried to read the

I am considering going into

chickens and remembered reading an article you
published this summer. Thanks to your
Graineas Index, I found it. It is called "You can have raise and

Would it be possible to have this article sent to me? I sure
would appreciate it.

Don Lee
Holman, Mass. Sent. Also we're sending The fine art of butchering
chickens" from the November 1988 issue. It was great.

Canada's problems

Sir:

The money's all gone, there will be no need for a New Con-
stitution. Our teeter-totter economy is balanced. We are in the mid-
point of a recession. Yet Joe (Who) can pledge millions to the
richest section of our world cover its scars from the recent Gulf War.

We have never before 

witnessed such pompous indiffer-
ence to reality. This must be-

be an act of a true states-
man. No matter that Canadian
are sleeping in the streets, a
large portion living below the
poverty line. Perhaps it is im-
portant just to lead the way

in further indebtedness.

Our national debt has almost
reached the point of no return, and every right-minded person
should find out something our gov-
erning body is fully aware of. Our support: the budget is in
balance. Politicians have reached the conclusion that stupidity by itself is almost as obsolete as the sabot-
aged tiger.

The BNA Act made its appearance but after a cen-

tury we still have that famous
piece of paper controlling us.

Canada's population in Quebec and Oc-