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Agricultural Communications Style & Editing Exercise

Ohio FFA Career Development Event — Nov. 9, 2002

Instructions: Edit the following sentences and paragraph using AP style to correct errors in capitalization, spelling, punctuation, abbreviation and sentence structure. Make your corrections neatly in the space above each line.

PART I

There are no more than two mistakes in each sentence.

1. In the U.S., consumers pay only 12% of their income on food each year.
2. The Muskingum county Ag Celebration will be January 10, 2003.
3. Luke White built 200 yds. of fence in one day. "It was a long day of work," Luke said.
4. Joe Smith, swine Specialist, said hog prices have dropped two dollars.
5. Amy Millers steer is to heavy to show at the fair.
6. There are three hundred and fifty sheap on John Adam's farm.
7. Tom Jones harvested 2,000 bu. of wheat. "It was a good harvest," Tom said.
8. Their were five million broilers in one building.
9. "We need to encourage more participation", said the sponser.
10. Rivers in Grand Rapids, Michigan, are twelve feet above flood level, said Paul Johnson.

PART II

Correct the five mistakes in the following paragraph.

The five day forecast calls for the best harvesting weather in 7 years. Many farmers will be able to get into the fields in early September. Mr. James Thompson, Gleaner combine dealer, says the new Gleaner M will cut harvesting hours drastically for farmers in his hometown of Springfield, Illinois. For more information, contact Gleaner at 330-853-1537.