

Diverted Acres For Cattle Hit By Association

DENVER, Colo. — Cattlemen, already faced with the problems of marketing a record beef supply, protested today institution of any agricultural program which would "encourage" additional cattle production on diverted acres.

"Cattlemen are meeting extreme difficulties in adjusting supply to consumer demand," Jay Taylor, president of the American National Cattlemen's Association, said in asking Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson to discourage the raising of additional cattle in any future crop support programs.

"It would be disastrous to many cattlemen, operating on land suitable only to grass, if beef surpluses are built up through a Soil Bank plan which would encourage additional livestock production," Taylor declared.

Not Warranted

"While the principles of soil conservation and prevention of greater surpluses of basic crops are certainly laudable, it would be a mistake to create a further surplus of livestock at a time when extra beef production is definitely not warranted," he said.

Taylor observed, however, that he had "every confidence" that the Secretary was aware of the danger to the general livestock and agricultural economy and "would do nothing to jeopardize the efforts of cattlemen to balance supply with demand through normal production and marketing channels."

He pointed out that the many additional cattle produced and grazed on land already diverted in current crop support programs had contributed seriously to the overburdened cattle market this year.

Could Cause Failures

"Additional beef production in the next few years would cause many ranchers and feeders to fail, thus curtailing future production too far for the nation's good," Taylor said.

"The consumer is getting the benefit of greater supplies of nutritious beef at extremely reasonable prices," he said. "Encouragement of extra beef production now will threaten long-range output and may cost the consumer far more in the long run than any saving achieved in crop control now."

"We can not solve one surplus by creating another."

Taylor cited beef promotion, increased research and more efficient production, management and marketing as ways determined cattlemen are solving their own problems without resorting to artificial supports or controls of beef.

Beef Production Up 5%

Americans are expected to consume record amounts of beef and veal this year, with per capita consumption predicted at more than 90 lbs for both meats — an increase of nearly one-third since 1951.

"Beef production shows a five per cent increase over last year and a 96 per cent increase since 1935-1939," Taylor said. "This means that a tremendous amount of beef is being made available to consumers."

"However, prices received for live cattle by ranchers and feeders are dangerously low and reflect our extremely high cattle numbers. More cattle would bring disaster to the precarious balance between supply and demand we are slowly achieving," Taylor declared.

LUCKY YOUNG MAN.

Fort Knox, Ky. — Corporal Richard Sturgell is alive to tell the story of how he was jolted by 2,300 volts of electricity. He came in touch with a wire carrying the voltage while helping to move some army equipment. Taken to a hospital, he made an amazing recovery from the shock.

COPS LOSE LOITERER.

Oklahoma City.—After arresting a 16-year-old youth for loitering, city police took him to the fingerprinting room of the city jail and then momentarily forgot about him. The loiterer hasn't been seen since.

Inter-State to Next Thursday

PHILADELPHIA — Local dairymen will be represented at the annual two-day meeting of the Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel Thursday and Friday, Dec. 8 and 9, when delegates they have elected to attend the sessions take part in a discussion of milk industry problems in the four-state area covered by the Cooperative.

A banquet for more than 800 delegates and dairy leaders on Thursday night will feature Richard J. Werner, executive director of the Milk Industry Foundation, as speaker, and G. Osmond Hyde, Hearing Examiner, U. S. Department of Agriculture, as toastmaster.

General Session Thursday

The annual meeting is the 40th held by dairy farmers from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland who sell milk to the Philadelphia market, and the 20th as the Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative. The first 20 meetings were held as the Inter-State Milk Producers' Association.

The cooperative is divided into 22 Districts and 104 Locals, each represented by delegates at the meeting.

A general session on Thursday will include reports by A. R. Marvel of Easton, Maryland, Inter-State president; H. E. Jamison of Swarthmore, secretary-treasurer, and Dr. James E. Honan, economist.

General manager O. H. Hoffman, Jr., will report on Inter-State's work and plans Thursday afternoon. At Friday's general session, delegates will present resolutions and vote on them.

Thursday Women's Session

A special session for women on Thursday morning will feature a talk by Brice M. Mace, Jr., director of the Food and Agricultural Division, U. S. Operation Mission to Greece, and Western ballads by Jack Valentine of WCAU. Mr. Mace has been in Greece for seven years.

The banquet speaker, Mr. Werner, was born in Minnesota and educated at Oregon State College, the University of California, Stanford University, and the University of Naples in Italy.

He served with the Infantry in both World Wars, and has been State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Commissioner of Secondary Education, and President of Hartnell College in California. He also has been field manager of the Golden State Dairy Products and manager of the California Dairy Advisory Board.

The Milk Industry Foundation which he now directs is the national organization of the fluid milk distributing industry. Its objectives are to promote increased consumption of milk and milk products and to distribute information that will be of interest to producers, distributors, and consumers.

Banquet Entertainment

Mr. Hyde, a native of Idaho and presently with the Department of Agriculture, has had a long government career. He was a prosecutor at the Japanese war crimes trials after the war and was given a special assignment in connection with the milk market order for New York City before returning to active duty in the Agriculture Department.

During the banquet, Charles Shaw of WCAU will broadcast his regular "A. I. See It" radio commentary from the ballroom at 7:30 p. m. Banquet entertainment will include songs by Gene Archer, baritone, and Annette May, soprano, both of Washington, D. C., and dinner music supplied by the Curtis Institute.

Old and New Presidents



Here is the outgoing President of the Lancaster County Holstein-Friesian Assn., Robert C. Groff, (left), RD 1 Quarryville, formerly of Stevens, and the new President, Elvin Hess, Jr., (right), R1 Strasburg. Bob served as president of the Association since its inception and turned his position over to Mr. Hess, a former 4-H Club member and holder of the American Farmer degree, at the annual meeting recently in Gap. — (Lancaster Farming Photo)

Richard Leminger, R2 Denver, last week purchased the 89-acre farm on Route 341 five miles north of Elizabethtown offered by Mr. and Mrs. John M. Brandt in public sale. Price was about \$220 per acre. Walter Dupes, Elizabethtown, was auctioneer.

In public sale the 15-acre farm in Leacock Township offered by Levi Miller sold to his brother, Daniel Miller of R1 Bird-in-Hand for \$13,025. Auctioneer was Frank L. Steller.

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