

PFA Backing Benson's Drop Of Milk Parity

The board of directors of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Asso said Friday, that lower government price supports for manufactured dairy products, as announced by Secretary of Agriculture Benson, are preferable to "cow quotas", which are being advocated by some proponents of continued high price supports.

In an interpretation of the policies of the state wide organization the PFA board of directors sent a telegram to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson, complimenting him on his recent announcement that dairy support price levels will be rolled back to 75 per cent of parity on April 1.

In a telegram to the Secretary, the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association board of directors said:

"We strongly commend you for your announced intention of lowering the price support level on dairy manufactured products to 75 per cent of parity. We believe your action to be completely in line with the intent of the law as passed by Congress, and we most certainly find it in line with the policies adopted by our voting delegates in annual session last November.

"Our policy resolutions read: Price support programs should contain just enough protection to avoid a complete collapse of agricultural prices. They should tend to encourage the use of supply and demand as the major factor in setting prices. We recommend that the Federal Government get out of the price support, subsidization and marketing business as soon as feasible."

"We encourage you to carry out your announced intentions and pledge ourselves to support your action in every way possible. We believe the final result of continued high Government price sup-

ports on dairy manufactured products will lead to "cow quotas" which would place Pennsylvania dairymen in a straight jacket from which they could not escape.

In explaining what is meant by "cow quotas," Farmers' Association President, G. A. Biggs of McConnellburg said that quotas have been applied to acreage of crops that are supported by government subsidies, which through the year have virtually ruined the business of producing crops by efficient producers.

"The same thing can, and probably will, happen to the dairy business if we continue to permit our government to interfere with the normal supply and demand on the dairy markets," said Biggs.

"Farmers everywhere," said Biggs, "are completely disgusted sick and tired of Government interference in the operation of their farms." We must recognize that as long as we rely on government to provide us with any portion of our income we must accept regimentation, controls, quotas and other devices of government.

"Any government," said Biggs, "that is big enough to give us all we want is big enough to take all we've got."

"We are not yet ready to sell our soul for a mess of pottage. Despite reduced farm income, we are not yet so desperate that we will turn our farm affairs over to the government as they have done in Russia," said the PFA President.

The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association board of directors took action at its Friday meeting to contact all Congressmen and both Senators took action at its Friday meeting to contact all Congressmen and both Senators from Pennsylvania for the purpose of urging them to support the Secretary of Agriculture in his move to lower the price supports of dairy products.

The board expressed the opinion that the reduction of price supports on dairy products from 83 to 75 per cent of parity would



TAKING DOWN SOME OF THE OLD banners getting ready for their new 1958 one are Wilbur Hosler, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hosler, R3 Manheim, and Clair Hoffer, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Chester Hoffer, R4 Manheim. Both boys are stu-

dents at Manheim Central High School which again this year had the best display of egg by a vo-ag department. The Manheim FFA chapter also won the award in 1948, 49, 52, 54 and in 1955. (LF Photo)

not materially effect the price of fluid milk.

"After an extended period of time," said the PFA President, "the fluid milk price might drop slightly as the result of lower price supports of manufactured products such as ice cream and butter and cheese. But since most of the milk in Pennsylvania is marketed as fluid milk, the total income from dairying probably would not be affected to any great extent."

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State Vegetable Conference Set For End of Month

Pennsylvania vegetable growers will have an opportunity to hear horticultural experts from over the Eastern Seaboard discuss some of the problems facing the industry today at a conference to be held Jan. 29 and 30 at the Nittany Lion Inn, University Park.

The conference will also be the annual meeting of the state vegetable growers association.

Among some of the topics to be discussed are these: Nematodes, systemic insecticides, causes of severe storms, runner control in strawberries, market competition with California, irrigation, chemical weed control and studies on staked tomatoes.

Dr. H. R. Fortmann, assistant director of the Pennsylvania agricultural experiment station will welcome the vegetable growers to the conference. Also taking part in the program will be Dr. R. E. Larson, head of the horticulture department at Penn State.

In all some 11 Penn State faculty members will take part in the conference. They will be assisted by representatives of the University of Kentucky, the University of Massachusetts and the Associated Seed Growers Inc., New Haven, Conn.

Klarwin Farms Have 5 Very Good Guernsey Cows

PETERBOROUGH, N. H. — C. W. Brown, Klarwin Farms, Nottingham, have recently had their Guernsey herd classified for type by L. O. Colebank, Knoxville, Tenn., official classifier for the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

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