

PFA President Says Scranton's Milk Control Recommendations Will Put Small Dairymen Out Of Business

Considerable dissatisfaction was voiced following Governor Scranton's surprise message to the General Assembly on Monday in which he recommended certain milk control measures be taken — including giving authority to the Pa. Milk Control Commission to completely eliminate retail and wholesale resale prices to let a free market operate.

G. A. Biggs, speaking for the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, said the Governor's recommendations "will

create chaos, will put many small dairy operations out of business, and will decrease the income of hundreds of Pennsylvania farmers"

"The elimination of resale price setting by the Milk Commission is probably the most controversial of the Governor's recommendations," said Biggs. Some of the other recommendations, such as realistic producer pricing, control of rebates, and procedures for issuance of orders the dairy industry concurs. Under the resale price

ing recommendations, resale pricing would be terminated and reinstated if conditions warranted. In the meantime, the Commonwealth's second largest industry, next to steel, would be the loser if an all-out price war took place.

"Legislation is not needed to correct the problem," Biggs stated. Rigid enforcement by a few qualified investigative personnel and the implementation of a quantity discount plan would solve most of the complaints and in turn would raise the Class I utilization. Both of these recommendations can be handled administratively

When history is recorded, Governor Scranton's milk statement could well be list-

ed as the greatest fumble of his administration, according to Biggs. The Governor not only refused to accept the full majority report of his own special milk study committee made up of representatives of consumers, producers, distributors and public interest points of view, but released his June 7 recommendations just prior to the scheduled June 10 hearings of the Joint Senate-House Committee investigating kickbacks in the milk industry. "Whoever is advising the Governor," said Biggs, "and it is not the Secretary of Agriculture, needs a course on how

to win friends and influence people"

● Crop Insurance

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Practically all of the total paid to Lancaster County farmers under this crop protection system was for damage caused by drought. In certain areas dry weather prevailed during a prolonged period of the growing season, July and August, Gamber said

Other crops covered by the Federal Crop All Risk Insurance plan in Lancaster County are corn and wheat

Gamber emphasized that loss figures released by him are only for crops grown by farmers who have Federal Crop Insurance "Last year's dry weather and resulting crop losses, not only in Lancaster County but in surrounding areas," he said, "dramatically points out why the U S Congress made available to farmers an insurance coverage not offered through private companies. The principal purpose of Federal All-Risk Insurance is to protect a farmer's crop investment, and to lessen the financial and human burdens of crop failures, and to give farmers funds to assure themselves of being financially able to operate the following season," Gamber said.

● Vo-Ag Teacher

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Part of the one-day course will be in the classroom and laboratory, and the rest of the day will be spent taking soil profiles in the field

The workshop is designed to keep the teachers up-to-date in this important phase of soil technology so they may better instruct their students — both in vocational agriculture and young-adult farmer classes

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| Flock peaked at (Hen housed basis) | 84% |
| Presently laying (Hen housed basis) | 63% - holding well |
| Total eggs per hen housed to date (336 days of lay) | 243 |
| Projection for full year (13 periods) eggs per hen housed | 259 |
| Accumulative feed conversion per dozen of eggs | 3.91 lb. |

Type of operation — old poultry house remodeled for controlled environment — no slats — regular pit.

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