

## Farmers Union Speaks For Base Plan

Tom T. Dechant, national president of Farmers Union said Monday that his organization will fight to retain the Class I milk base plan in any bills that come before Congress to renew farm programs.

"We worked with Congress to get the Class I base plan into the 1965 Farm Act and we will work hard to retain it," he told a farm audience at a luncheon in New Stanton.

"We take the position that Class I base plans should be allowed in all milk order areas so producers and their cooperatives can decide whether using them will be to their advantage."

The farm leader is appearing at a series of events in western Pennsylvania jointly sponsored by Farmers Union and Dairymen's League. Another luncheon was scheduled the next day in Butler, Pa.

Appearing with Dechant is Lester Martin, a Milford, N.Y., dairy farmer who is president of Dairymen's League. It is a

14,000-member dairy cooperative serving markets throughout the Northeast.

Also involved is Farmers Union Milk Producers Association, which has dairy farm membership in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Henry Wilcox, a dairy farmer at Carlisle, Pa., is president.

Dechant said a campaign is needed to get rid of the maze of conflicting and arbitrary sanitary regulations imposed on dairy farmers across the country.

"These regulations are administered by so many public agencies that the farmer is not sure what he should do or whose instructions he should try to follow," he said.

"One inspector tells him the screen door on his milk house should swing one way, another tells him it should swing another."

Although AAA standards govern milk cooking equipment, Dechant said, individual health inspectors still insist on exceptions that cost money and confuse producers.

"We need to do whatever is necessary to get one national health inspection code for dairy farmers, both to get a workable code and then to convince the

thousands of local inspectors that they should be consistent in following it," he said.

"This would be one of the biggest gains the milk producer could make."

Dechant also discussed the pricing problem that has developed with introduction of fluid milk substitutes in many areas of the country. He said Farmers Union had urged the Department of Agriculture to take action on this problem to protect the interest of dairy farmers.

"We told the (USDA) Dairy Branch people in Denver that all federal order markets should be amended to guarantee that all dairy products used in these substitutes are paid for at the Class I price," he said.

"If a product is going to compete with fluid milk, then its ingredients should be paid for at the Class I price."

## Chicago

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Receipts 140,100 compared with 174,000 last week and 172,100 last year.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS** — On Wednesday Prime 1150-1325 lbs Yield Grade 3 and 4 28.25-29.25, two loads at latter price, highest since late September. High Choice and Prime 1100-1350 lbs 28.00-28.75, Choice 925-1300 lbs Yield Grade 2 to 4 27.00-28.00, Mixed Good and Choice 26.00-27.00, Good 24.50-26.00, Mixed Standard and Good 23.50-24.50, Standard 21.50-23.50.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS** — On Wednesday, High Choice and Prime 925-1000 lbs Yield Grade 3 and 4 26.50-27.00, latter the highest since late September. Choice 850-1025 lbs Yield Grade 2 to 4 25.75-26.50, Mixed Good and Choice 24.75-25.75, Good 23.00-24.75.

## New Holland

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### HORSES

Receipts of 240 head sold steady. Riding horses 125-305; Driving horses 135-280, Mules (single) 120-165, (pair) 290-350, Work horses (single) 170-300, (pair) 365-580, Pony mares 30-40, Geldings 25-35, Killers 8-9.

### HOGS

January 22, 1968

Receipts of 1014 head of hogs sold \$1-1.50 lower. Retail 20.50-22.25, Wholesale, No. 1-3 19-20; Heavyweights 18.25-19.25, Sows 13.50-16.50.

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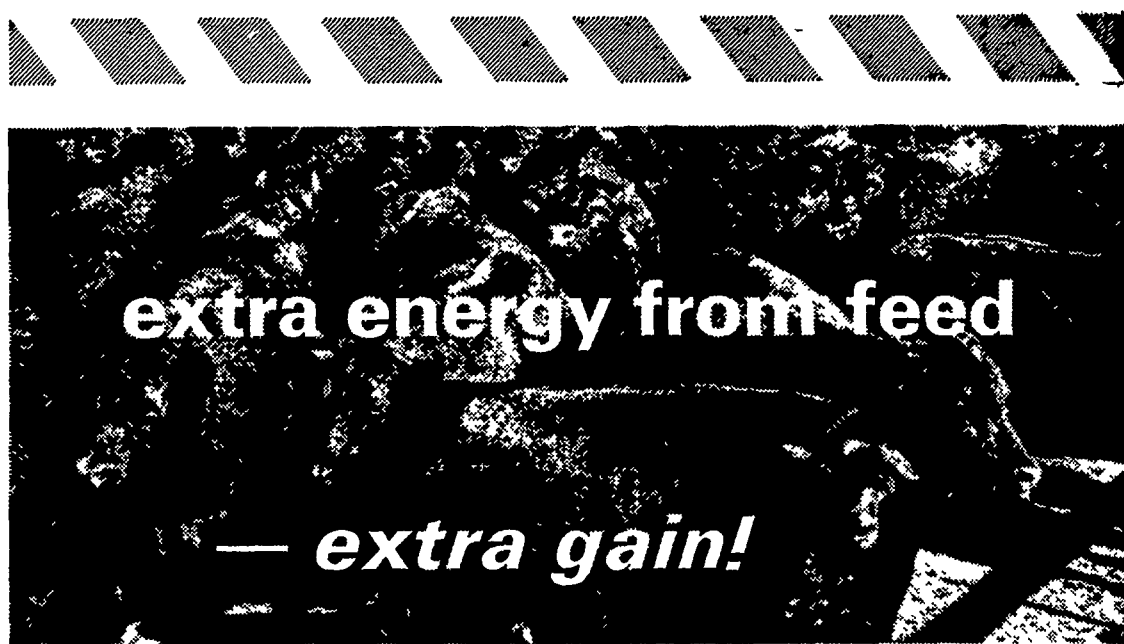
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