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be willing to accept lower earnings and lower targets on wages for a temporary period while our industrial plants adopt the modernized methods of integrated production which are going to be necessary to preserve the competitive advantage which we have previously enjoyed, or to maintain a competitive balance without trading partners around the world."

The Grange asked the committee and the Council of Economic Advisers to seriously consider ways in which we may place some type of controls over the tendencies toward inflation which the President and the Council both noted in their messages to Congress.

"We do not agree with those who believe that it is too late for a tax boost to be valuable in the present situation," Graham said. "Although it might not bring the necessary restraint upon the tendencies of inflation, it certainly has one basic validity and that is the restoring to the money markets of the world the confidence in the dollar."

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**More Specialization Needed
In Northeast Dairy Industry**

The Northeast dairy industry is "overdue" for a change to fewer, larger, more specialized milk producing business similar to the 500 to 1,000-cow herds in California and Arizona.

A dairy authority at The Pennsylvania State University made that comment Feb. 1 as he spoke to the Michigan Professional Dairy Farmers' Association on the Michigan State University campus.

Joe S. Taylor, professor of dairy science Extension at Penn State, noted that many dairymen in the Northeast still have only 30 to 40 cow herds and their level of income is not much better now than it was 15 years ago.

"The fast expansion of the national economy has left the dairyman behind," said the Extension official. "In the 1950's this size of herd earned the dairy farmer a family labor income of \$3,000 to \$4,000 when the national wage level was the same. Today, the national wage level is approaching \$7,000 and the 30 to 40 cow dairyman is still at the 1950 level of income."

This, Taylor said, leaves the dairyman with three alternatives. expand his operation to earn more income, sell out and work for someone else, or be satisfied with a level of living below the national average.

"The desire for a higher level of income will stimulate enough dairymen to expand the size of their herds," the Penn State specialist pointed out. "Dairymen, however, should make these expansions gradually to test their management ability and skill in handling labor as their operations grow."

"There is sufficient data available throughout the United States to indicate that good dairymen, regardless of the size of herd, make about \$100 per cow as family labor income," he noted. "This indicates that a dairyman's only limit to achieving a higher level of living is his ability to manage labor to milk more cows."

Taylor said the limiting factor for the development of larger herds may be the size of the farms. For example, he pointed out, there are very few farms in the Northeast with enough acreage to produce sufficient forage for a 500-cow herd.

"Professional forage producers will emerge as a market de-

velops for forage sales to the large dairy herd operator," the dairy specialist reported. "This happened on the West Coast and has started in the Northeast. Many West Coast dairymen contract with local farmers for the production of their total forage supply, either as silage or hay."

Commenting on management systems needed when operating a large dairy herd, Taylor pointed out that a professional milker who will milk 100 to 125 cows daily should be hired or trained. A second labor-management unit is 300 to 400 cows with three milkers and one supervisor carrying out the duties.

"Dairymen should strive to maintain an average production of over 50 pounds per cow per day," the Penn State official said. "In addition, he should plan to produce at least one million pounds of milk per man per year."

Taylor noted that one of the

essentials in dairying is maintaining a complete set of records. This, he said, is absolutely necessary for the successful management of a large herd.

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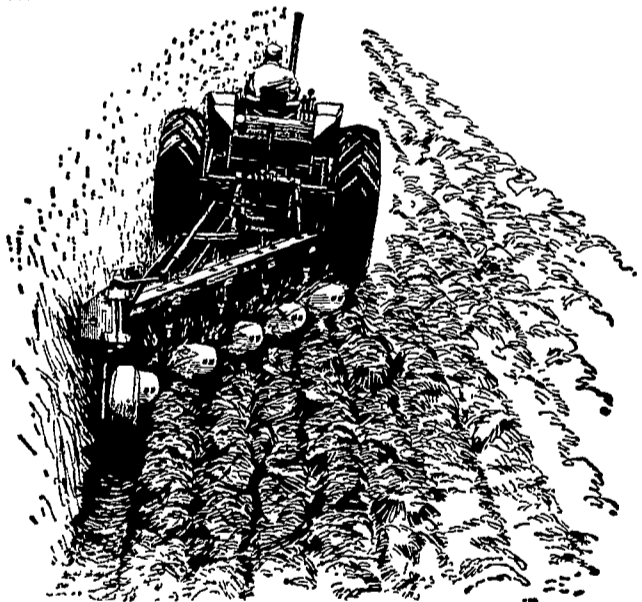
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