

Johnson Informed Of Income Problem

President Lyndon B. Johnson has been informed that decay is creeping into the dairy industry of the Northeast because farm income is not keeping pace with the rest of the economy.

In a letter urging immediate action, John C. York, general manager of Eastern Milk Producers Association, pointed out that dairy farmers are anxious to help Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman make an immediate first-hand, personal inspection of the dairy situation in the Northeast.

Mr York emphasized that new legislation is not the answer "We have the machinery to solve this problem without new legislation — all that is needed is the Will of the Administration," he said.

Mr York cited that farm machinery costs since 1959 are up 20%, farm labor is up 31%, and all prices paid by dairymen are up 18½%. Reliable sources of information indicate that prices paid by dairy farmers will increase by 21% in the next five years. He also related how con-

sumers actually enjoyed a 4% drop in their milk prices over the past eight years.

He pointed out, "The wave of rural decay in the Northeast has been especially noticeable in the past five years when some 17,000 dairymen discontinued dairymen in the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Vermont. In the past two years nearly 8,700 dairymen have gone out of business. It means that some \$150 million in dairy income has been affected and some \$435 million in farm facilities have been disrupted," he said.

Mr. York further noted that this displacement of dairy income is dealing a severe economic blow to many local areas in the Northeast. Many local tax rolls are being affected by lowered property values from inactive or vacant farms. Feed companies, implement dealers, and other local businesses are feeling the impact as dairy farms go out of business.

The Eastern general manager reminded that the situation is

especially serious in New York where the state's largest industry is valued at \$4 billion. The farm value of milk sold exceeds \$½ billion annually, while more than \$3½ billion is invested in dairy farms and milk plants.

Also cited were the increasing difficulty of farmers to obtain veterinarian service since the trend is for specialization in small animal practice near urban areas. Doctors are more and more reluctant to provide service to rural areas, sometimes because of difficulty in collecting bills, he reminded.

In discussing dollar returns, Mr. York noted by College of Agriculture figures that the New York State dairyman averaged \$1.21 per hour for his own and family labor last year. He contrasted that with ownership and labor in other fields where the rate per hour is several times that figure.

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"Consumers need to share their dollars with producers of food. The farm price of milk has not kept pace with the costs of production, nor with the several income increases enjoyed by consumers.

"We reiterate that an escalator type formula is needed for pricing of milk that will gear fluid milk prices to prevailing economic conditions in the market where the milk is produced and consumed," he stated. "Eastern Milk Producers proposed last fall that milk pricing provisions be amended to consider the economic factors of consumer disposable income, of feed and farm labor, and the U. S. Wholesale Commodity Price Index."

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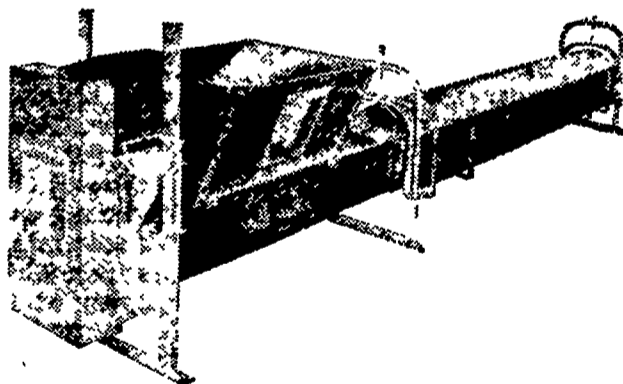
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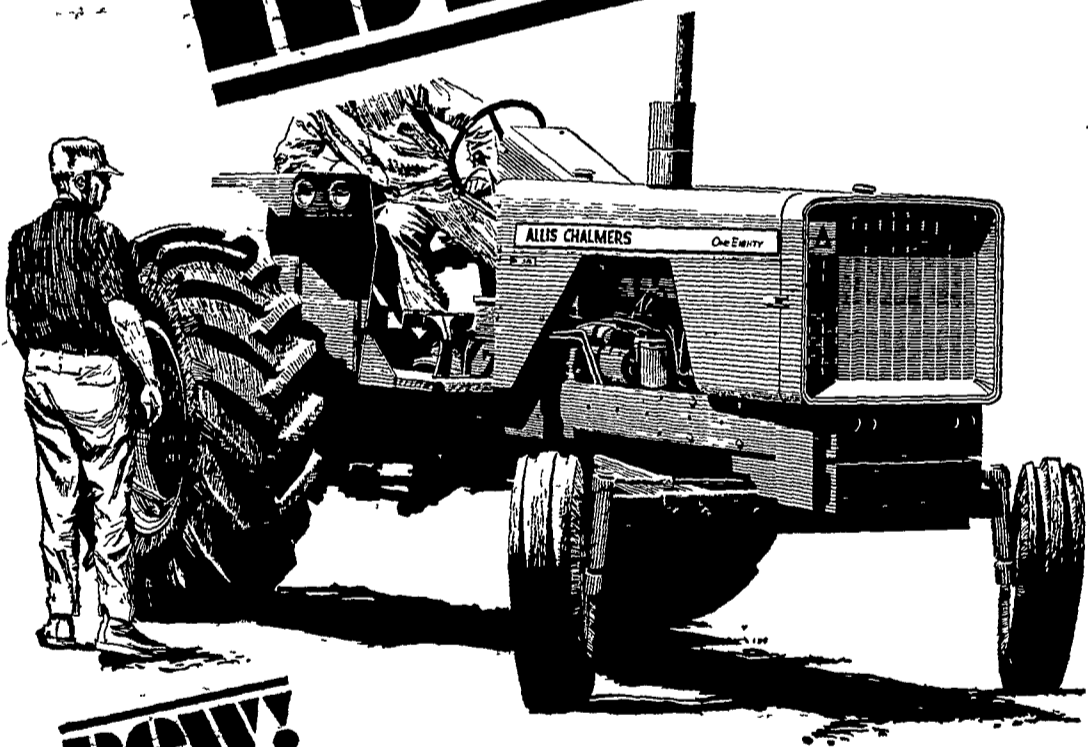
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