

# Eastern Milk Producers Backs New National Sec.

The area's largest farmer bargaining cooperative has pledged full support to incoming Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin, in the quest for realistic milk pricing formulas in the Northeast.

The board of directors of

Eastern Milk Producers Association, noted in a resolution the need for establishing reliable milk pricing formulas that could take effect as soon as the present emergency pricing terminates on April 30, 1969.

Emphasized in the resolution

was the need for action in order to give dairymen some assurance about future price levels so they could more ably plan their farm operations in 1969 and later years. It was also noted that stability in the dairy industry helps to maintain a healthy business climate for local and regional economies that depend on a strong dairy agriculture.

In the resolution Eastern offered all possible help to Mr. Hardin from its staff, officers, directors, and membership for

attaining realistic formula pricing.

For the past several months and extending through April, 1969 the milk price of \$6.73 per cwt. has been set by decree of Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman who retires from that post on January 20. This emergency action was taken because prices would not have been sufficient under present formulas to provide dairy farmers with adequate income for their milk.

In marketing areas of the Northeast, Eastern has advocated adoption of an escalator type formula that would keep pace with other segments of the economy. It would be based on such factors as Wholesale Commodity Price Index, Prices Paid by farmers for production items, and net per capita disposable income for the area.

Under the Eastern formula, Class I price for May, 1969 would be \$7.31 per cwt. in both the New York-New Jersey and New England markets.

If no changes are made and pricing reverts back to the existing formulas, the Class I price would drop 63 cents below present price after April 30. Such a drop would be a death blow to many dairy farmers, would cripple many local economies and would be harmful to consumers because of lowered milk supplies, maintain leaders of Eastern.

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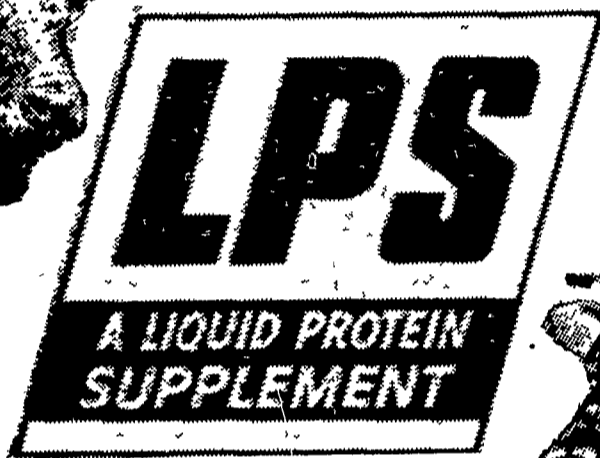
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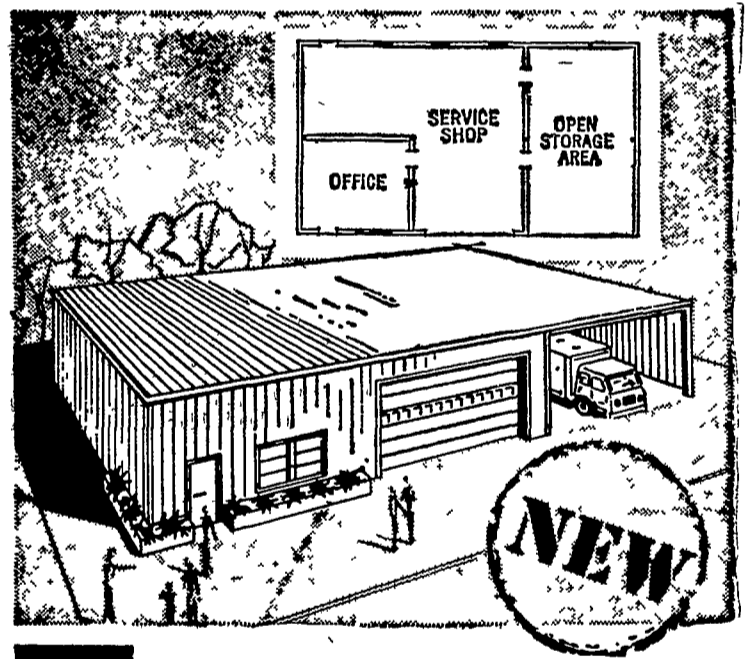
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