

Eastern Milk Official Urges School Program

Continuance of the special milk program, formerly known as the "School Milk Program," is not only essential to the maintenance of good nutrition among youngsters of school age, but important to prevent a financial blow to dairy farmers throughout the country, a dairy leader cautioned legislators in Washington D. C. recently.

Speaking before the subcommittee on agricultural appropriations, John C. York, general manager of Eastern Milk Pro-

ducers Association pointed out to the legislators that milk not given to children under the Special Milk Program eventually ends up as a surplus product or products which the Federal Government is required to buy under the price support program.

Mr. York stated on behalf of the 8500 members of Eastern, including 21 affiliated cooperatives, that the elimination of the Special Milk Program would result in much greater losses to all dairy farmers than the net cost to the federal government.

"It must be borne in mind that, first, the Federal Government only pays part of the cost of the milk distributed to children — approximately 3 4 cents per half pint — with the school or child paying the remainder. Secondly, dairy farmers receive a higher price when milk is distributed for fluid consumption than when it is converted into manufactured dairy products.

"In dollars and cents, milk distributed under the Special Milk Program returned an average of \$6.75 per hundred pounds to farmers in 1969. When sold for surplus uses, it returned only \$4.28.

"The difference of \$2.47 means a total loss of 40 million dollars to our nation's dairy farmers. In the five northeastern markets to which Eastern Milk Producers ships milk, the loss would be \$9 million."

For fiscal year 1969-1970, the Federal Government reduced the appropriation for the Special Milk Program from \$104 million to \$84 million.

Mr. York concluded by say-

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Houseplants may need larger containers when roots appear on the soil surface and provide out drainage holes.

Invert the plants, tap the containers on the edge of a bench and remove the plants with soil from the pots. If the soil is covered with a network of roots, transfer the plants.

According to a Pennsylvania State University correspondence course on houseplants, repotting can be done any season. A good time is when plants begin active growth as in early spring.

Begonias, ferns and other plants grown for their foliage need repotting every two or three years. Select containers with diameters one third to one-half the plants' height. A begonia 12 inches tall needs a pot four to six inches in diameter.

Provide drainage in the bottoms of the containers. A pot six inches in diameter needs one inch of broken crockery or gravel. When repotting orchids and cacti, fill the pots one third full of drainage material before putting in the soil.

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ing that, "Eastern strongly urges that the Special Milk Program be continued after June 30, 1970, and that adequate funds be made available for its operation. To allow for the growth of the program, the appropriation should be \$125 million for the next fiscal year.

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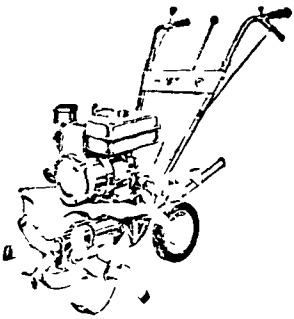
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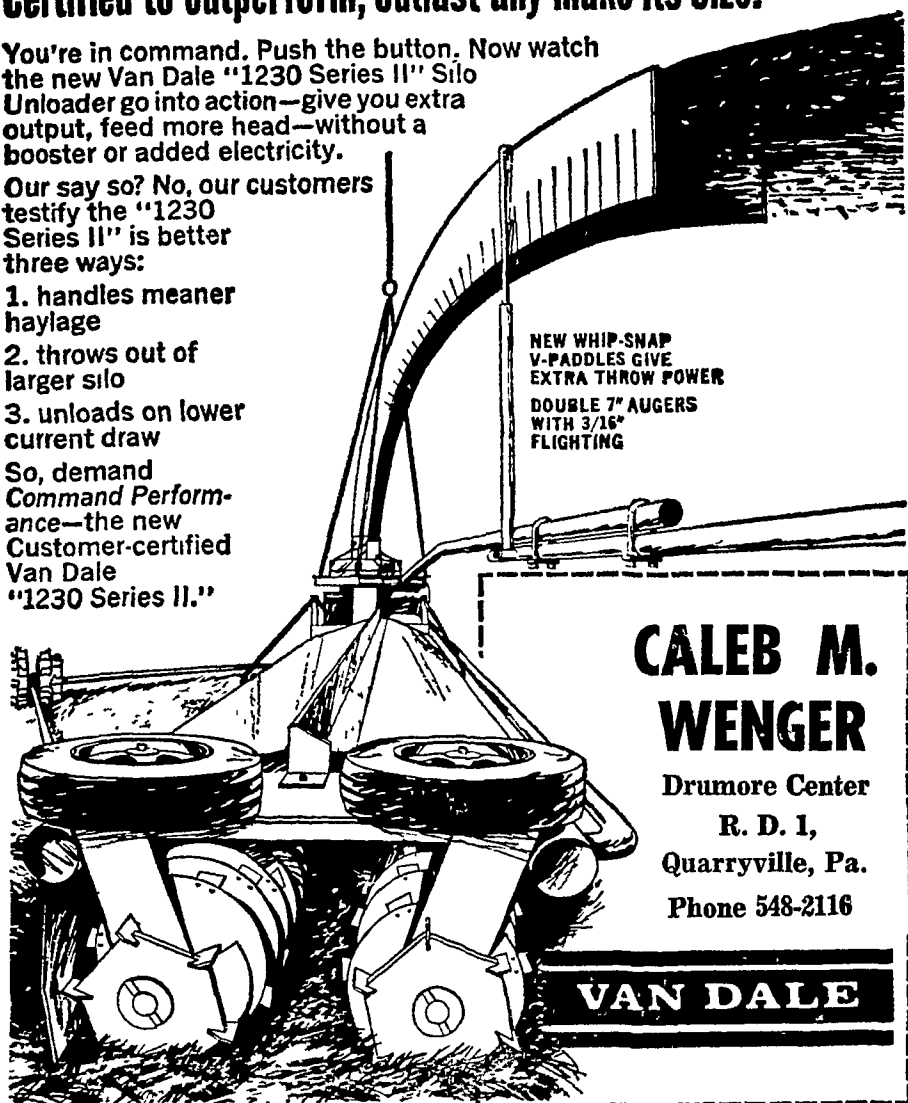
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