



Citing that "cooperation is essential to progress", Governor Milton Shapp signed an official statement recently at Harrisburg proclaiming October as "Cooperative Month in Pennsylvania." Joining in the special event are (left to right) seated: David Yoder, current President of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives, and Jennifer Riggs, Chester County 4-H member and a youth leader at this year's PAFC Summer Institute; standing: Mr. & Mrs. Jay Foreman of Lancaster County, President of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association, and Nelson Martin, also of Lancaster County, State FFA President and an institute youth leader.

## Pa.-New York State Inspection Changes

Pennsylvania and New York State have reached a reciprocal inspection agreement which will encourage the sale of frozen desserts across state lines, it was announced today by Secretary Jim McHale.

McHale said the agreement, which was scheduled for formal signing October 10, would be a boon to the Commonwealth's dairy farmers whose milk products are used in frozen desserts.

The agreement was made

possible by Senate Bill 1330, signed into law by Governor Milton Shapp on June 15, which permits the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states on inspection of milk and dairy products.

As a result of this new legislation, dairy farmers in Pennsylvania are no longer burdened with multiple inspections and consequent fees when their products are sold to states under reciprocal inspection agreements.

In the cast of New York, McHale explained, inspectors from that state will no longer have to inspect the Pennsylvania producer and vice versa, except for occasional spot checks. Agreements with other states such as Maryland and Ohio are pending.

These reciprocal inspection agreements are now possible, said McHale, because SB 1330 requires uniform state standards for milk and dairy products. Inspections are carried out by farm inspectors licensed and supervised by the Department of Agriculture and employed by industry.

Previously, inspections fell within the province of local municipalities who formulated their own regulations. Therefore, other states buying Pennsylvania dairy products would require their own inspectors to check Pennsylvania farms selling to them. This meant duplicate inspections of plants and producers, with added inspection fee costs.

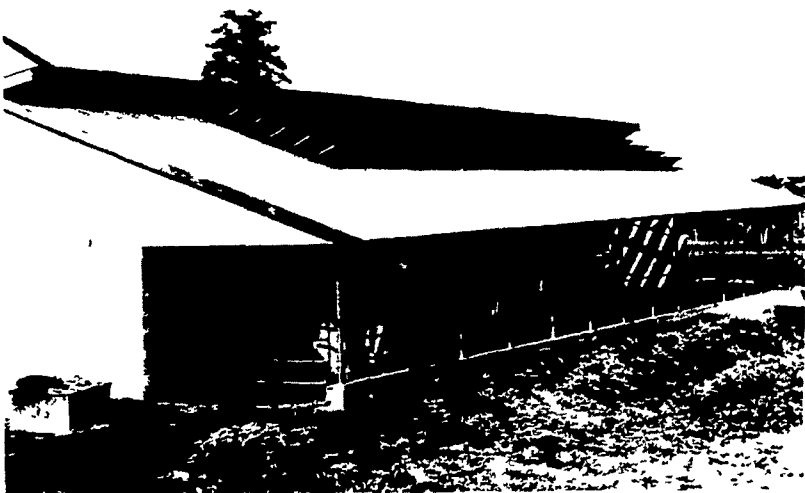
With SB 1330, said McHale, dairy farmers in the Commonwealth can look forward to a cut in their overhead costs because duplicate inspections are eliminated.

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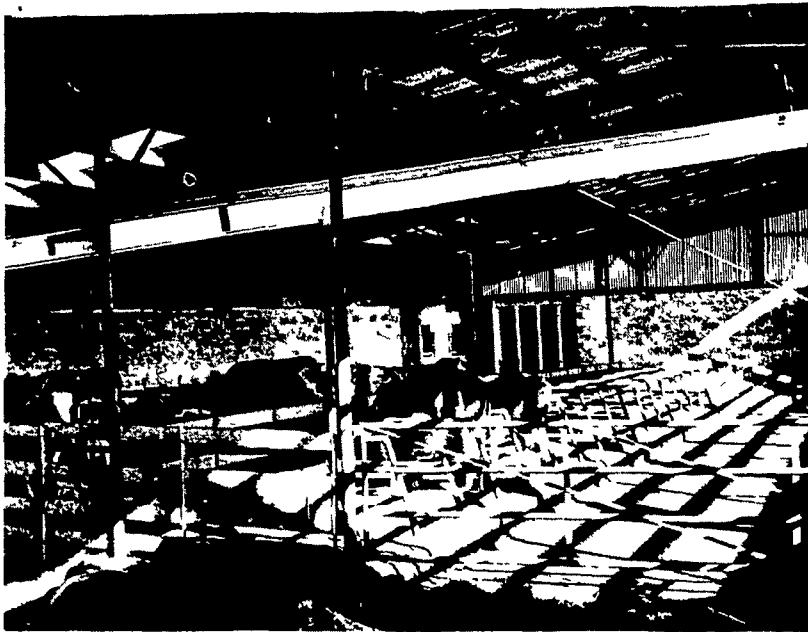


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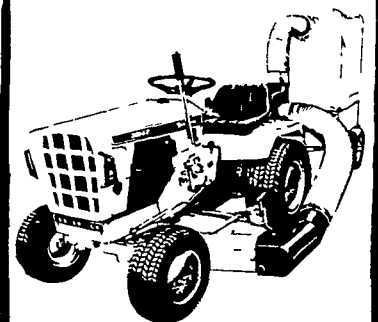
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