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Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Jim McHale announced this week that Missouri has become the sixth state to sign an inspection agreement with the Commonwealth. Other states who have signed agreements with Pennsylvania include Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Georgia.

These agreements mean that Pennsylvania dairymen no longer have to support duplicate inspections and fees when their products are sold to these six states. The secretary has the authority to negotiate reciprocal inspection agreements with other states under Act 120, signed into law last year.

McHale explained that previously farmers selling out of state had to pay inspection fees charged by the states receiving their produce as well as comply with inspection regulations in their own counties and municipalities.

Since Act 120 came into effect, Pennsylvania's milk sanitation standards have been amended to reflect provisions in the Federal Milk Sanitation Code. Sanitation regulations are now uniform and administered statewide.

"With these uniform regulations," said McHale, "we are now able to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states. They accept our Pennsylvania inspection and we accept theirs."

McHale said before statewide standards were adopted a dairy farmer often had to pay multiple inspection fees. "Now under the new law and as we progress with more reciprocal inspection agreements, we are cutting down

Haldeman, Reinholds RD1. first:

Kenneth Musser, Mount Joy RD1,

second; Second Year Project:

Carl Thomas, Millersville RD1.

first; Ron Zimmerman, Ephrata

RD1, second; Fourth Year

Project: Jere Swarr, Manheim

RD2, first, and Marlin Hurst,

Teen Leadership was presented

to Dudley Rohrer, Manheim-RD1.

The award for Outstanding

Ephrata RD2, second.

the operating costs for dairy farmers."

McHale noted that when the first agreement was signed last fall with Ohio, it was estimated that dairy farmers in western Pennsylvania would realize savings of some \$75,000 a year.



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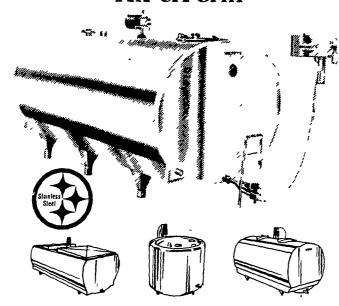
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