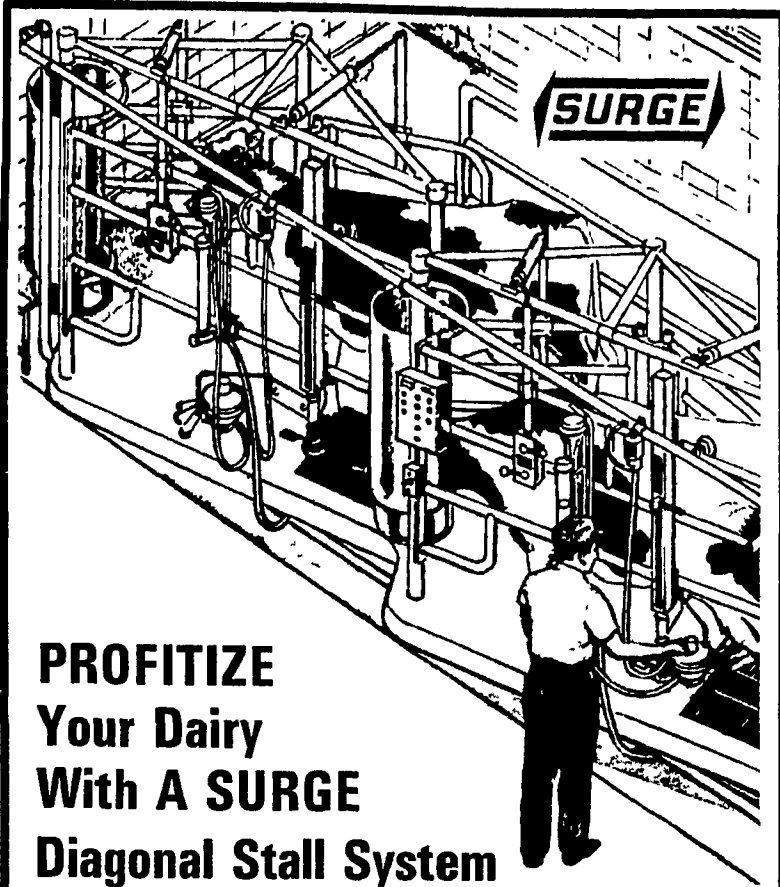


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**Ord, PFA Official,
Sees Food Disaster**

Consumers will face much higher food prices and possible shortages if the federal government continues to interfere with food marketing, an official of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association said Monday during a Pittsburgh news conference. Charles R. Ord, PFA administrative secretary, warned that the stage was set for a "major food disaster because of the price freeze."

"The price freeze is a purely

political approach. It cannot succeed," Ord said

"Farmers are facing a collision with bankruptcy if drastic actions are not taken," said Ord. He explained that some farmers already have become frozen into unprofitable positions by very rapid rises in ingredient and supply markets.

4-H Calendar

Saturday, July 14
11:00 a.m. — 4-H Soil and Water Conservation Club annual summer picnic, Pinchot State Park.
Twin Valley FFA - Meeting, farm of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houck.

Monday, July 16
Eastern Regional Junior Angus Heifer Show, Harrisonburg, Va.
4-H Horse Judging Practice Session, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ressler.

Tuesday, July 17
9:30 a.m. — Holstein Judging School, Ivan Hess' Hy-Vue farm, Royersford.
District 4-H Demonstration Day, Owen J. Roberts High School.

Wednesday, July 18
7:30 p.m. — 4-H County Council meeting, Farm and Home Center

Thursday, July 19
Boots and Saddles 4-H Club swim party, home of Dianne Reese.

Saturday, July 21
9:00 a.m. — Lancaster County 4-H Horse Show, Lancaster County Riding Club Show Grounds.

Young Children are Main Poisoning Victims
The National Electronic Injury Surveillance Systems, a statistical monitoring of hospital rooms, reports that about 90 percent of pesticide poisoning cases involve children under five years of age. This is why pesticide containers should be locked up and out of reach of children, says Dr. L. C. Gibbs, chemicals-pesticide safety program leader, Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Several PFA members agreed with Ord's observations. Jerry Poder, a dairy-beef farmer from Bedford County, said that under present conditions, he will lose \$11.46 for every 1,000-pound animal he sells. In the past, he said he made a \$75 gross profit per animal.

Willis Greaser, a Blair County dairy farmer, said there will be a milk shortage by September because production has fallen about 2 per cent per month while demand is rising about 6 per cent per month over the past year.

Several other farmers pointed out that some dairymen are finding it more profitable to sell their dairy cows for beef, thus adding to the potential for a milk shortage.

Ord said PFA representatives were to meet with state congressmen this week in Washington to discuss their plight.

"We will also be asking for an investigation of the grain shortage situation here in Pennsylvania and the Northeast, he added.

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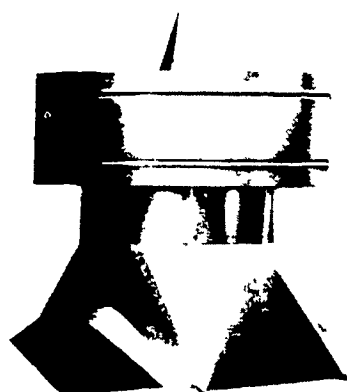
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