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Milk Advisors Slate

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said Kooker.

Milk production in the United States is running about three percent below last year, although consumption of all dairy products is about two to three percent above last year. This has created a net deficit of five to six percent compared to last year.

Participating in the morning panel discussion, "Will the U.S. Dairy Industry Be Traded Off to Europe?", will be Robert Lewis, executive director of the Wisconsin Farmers Union, and a spokesman for the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.

Lewis has criticized USDA's milk support prices which in July averaged only 74 percent of parity. He has advocated support prices averaging 90 percent of parity.

Lewis and others have also been concerned over reports that Washington will seek wider dairy

imports from the European Common Market countries in exchange for greater sales of U.S. grains, which will intensify the farmers' cost price squeeze. In the past year, quotas for importing nonfat dried milk have been drastically expanded. The total imported thus far has been 265 million pounds, compared to an annual quota of 1.3 million pounds for the past 25 years.

In the afternoon, Truman Graf, professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Wisconsin, will present alternatives to basing eastern milk prices on the price of manufacturing milk in the Wisconsin-Minnesota area.

Later in the afternoon a panel discussion will be held on "How to Get More Cooperation Among the Coops." Participating will be Glenn Lake, president of National Milk Producers Federation; Bruce Snow, assistant to the president, Dairyalea, Inc.; and Charles Dull, Commodity Director of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association.

They will review efforts in other areas of the country to achieve coordinated marketing by coops and discuss how these efforts might be applied in Pennsylvania.

Snow has been a staunch defender of subsidy programs for basic commodities. Snow has said that now, "with our reserve food supplies almost nonexistent, followed by skyrocketing food costs," it has become apparent "that the abundant supply of food which led to some government

Farm Calendar

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- RD1.
- 8 p.m. -- Lancaster County Pomona Grange Fall meeting, White Horse Fire Hall; Salisbury Grange, host Monday, October 22
- 8 p.m. -- Fulton Grange meeting, Oakryn.
- State Grange Convention, Reading, October 22-25.
Tuesday, October 23
- 9:30 a.m. -- Chester County Extension Workshop, "Men's Knit Jacket", Malvern First Presbyterian Church
- Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers District 7 meeting, Centre Presbyterian Church, New Park, York County
- American Egg Board Fall meeting, O'Hare Inn, Des Plaines, Ill.
- Thursday, October 25
- Lancaster County Swine Producers Board of Directors meeting, Farm and Home Center.
- Friday, October 26
- Penn Manor Community 4-H Club Halloween Party, home of Robert Musser
- 7 p.m. -- Pennsylvania Poultry Queen Contest, Hershey Motor Lodge.

expenditure for price supports was a cheap national insurance policy guaranteeing plenty of food at reasonable prices"

Tickets for the conference can be obtained through the various milk cooperatives or through the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Markets, 2301 North Cameron St., Harrisburg 17120. Registration is \$7. Deadline for reservations is November 1

Eastern's STEPS TO DAIRY PRICE IMPROVEMENT

The steps to higher milk prices begin with a cooperative stand in the marketplace and forceful bargaining in price hearings. That is why Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative Association has carried the fight of its nearly 9,000 members to where it will do the most good—Washington, D.C.:

On July 13, 1973 Eastern spokesmen met with representatives from the Cost of Living Council. As a result of these meetings (and the price increase in butter and other dairy products that it helped achieve) dairy farmers will be realizing higher class and blend prices under Federal Milk Marketing Orders.

On July 31, 1973 we arranged a meeting with leading Congressmen and U.S. Senators as well as representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture. After presenting the facts, a letter supporting price increases for farmers was drafted and signed by those Congressmen and Senators present. It went directly to the Department of Agriculture.

On August 15, 1973 Eastern dispatched a special request to the Department of Agriculture to apply October Class I prices to the month of September. Telegrams urging all cooperative organizations and handlers to join Eastern's efforts were also dispatched.

On August 22, 1973 Eastern spokesmen again appeared in Washington, D.C. before a special meeting of the Cost of Living Council and the USDA to present the case for improved prices.

On August 23, 1973 a milk price hearing was finally granted and scheduled to be held in Clayton, Missouri on August 28th.

On September 4, 1973 Eastern's efforts paid off for the dairy farmer. Under emergency action announced by the USDA, Class I milk prices under all orders for September 9-30 were increased 60¢ per hundredweight.

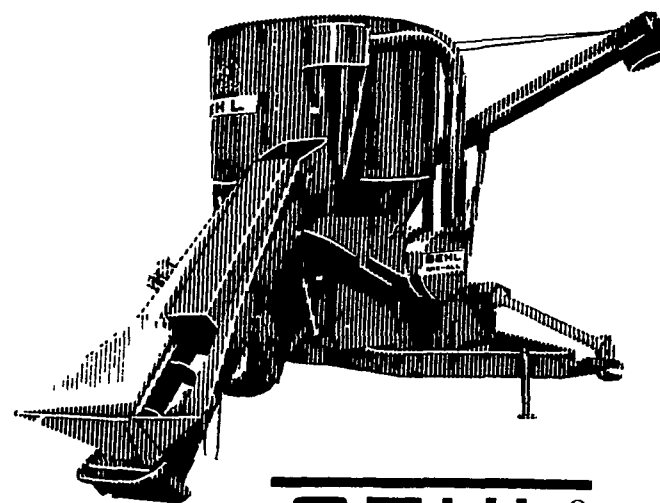
Higher milk prices is just one of the results that nearly 9,000 dairy farmers pulling together can bring about. Our struggle is orderly and just. To become a part of it, become a part of Eastern—the cooperative that isn't afraid to stand up and be counted when it counts the most. Call or write today:



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