

# LAGOON LIQUID MANURE DEMONSTRATION

MONDAY MARCH 22

1 P.M.

AT DONALD McCULLOUGH FARM

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## Dairy situation brightens

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Farm milk prices are now averaging about 10 to 15 percent higher than a year ago, according to USDA figures released this past Monday. But they add that they're still below last December's peak.

The report predicts that the milk-feed price ration will continue to be favorable and per capita consumption of dairy products is up. Dairy imports were down and cash receipts from dairying were up last year.

Farmers received an average of \$10.00 per hundredweight for milk in February. That's up \$1.72 from a year earlier, but still 30 cents below December's record high... Milk-feed ratio, which improved greatly last year, will likely continue to encourage heavier concentrate feeding.

Per capita consumption of dairy products, at 546 pounds last year, up slightly from 1974 - only the second increase in recent years. Per capita butter consumption

was up for the first time since 1968, while cheese consumption declined for the first time in more than a decade.

U.S. butter production continued off during January, but January output of American cheese was up sharply, USDA reported.

The 94.3 million pounds of butter output was the highest since last May. But, it was off three percent from a year earlier and the 9th straight month it has been below that of a corresponding month a year earlier.

Reason for the January cutback: Sharply reduced production in Minnesota. Wisconsin's output, at 21.3 million pounds, was up 9

percent from a year earlier; and California's production, at 13.7 million pounds, was up 25 percent from Jan. 1975. But, Minnesota's production, at 16.8 million pounds, was off 22 percent from a year earlier. The three States accounted for 55 percent of the national total.

Meanwhile, American cheese production totaled 149.3 million lbs. for the month, up 14 percent from a year earlier. Higher output in both Wisconsin's production, at 67.0 million pounds, was up 18 percent from a year earlier; Minnesota's output, at 26.6 million pounds, was up 23 percent from Jan. 1975. The two States accounted for 62 pct. of the national total.

## Forestry incentives program announced

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced 1976 funding for the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) at the \$15 million level authorized by Congress. The FIP is a continuing program designed to increase the production of timber products on small, private timber tracts.

In its third year of operation, FIP will again be available in most states in specifically - designated counties with high resource potential for increased timber production. Both annual and long-term agreements will be offered to eligible owners of non-industrial private forest lands. Federal cost-sharing

under these agreements will range from 50 to 75 percent of the cost of carrying out tree planting and timber stand improvement practices. All FIP agreements must be based on forest management plans developed by the local forester in cooperation with the landowner.

FIP is administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, in consultation with the U.S. Forest Service and State Foresters.

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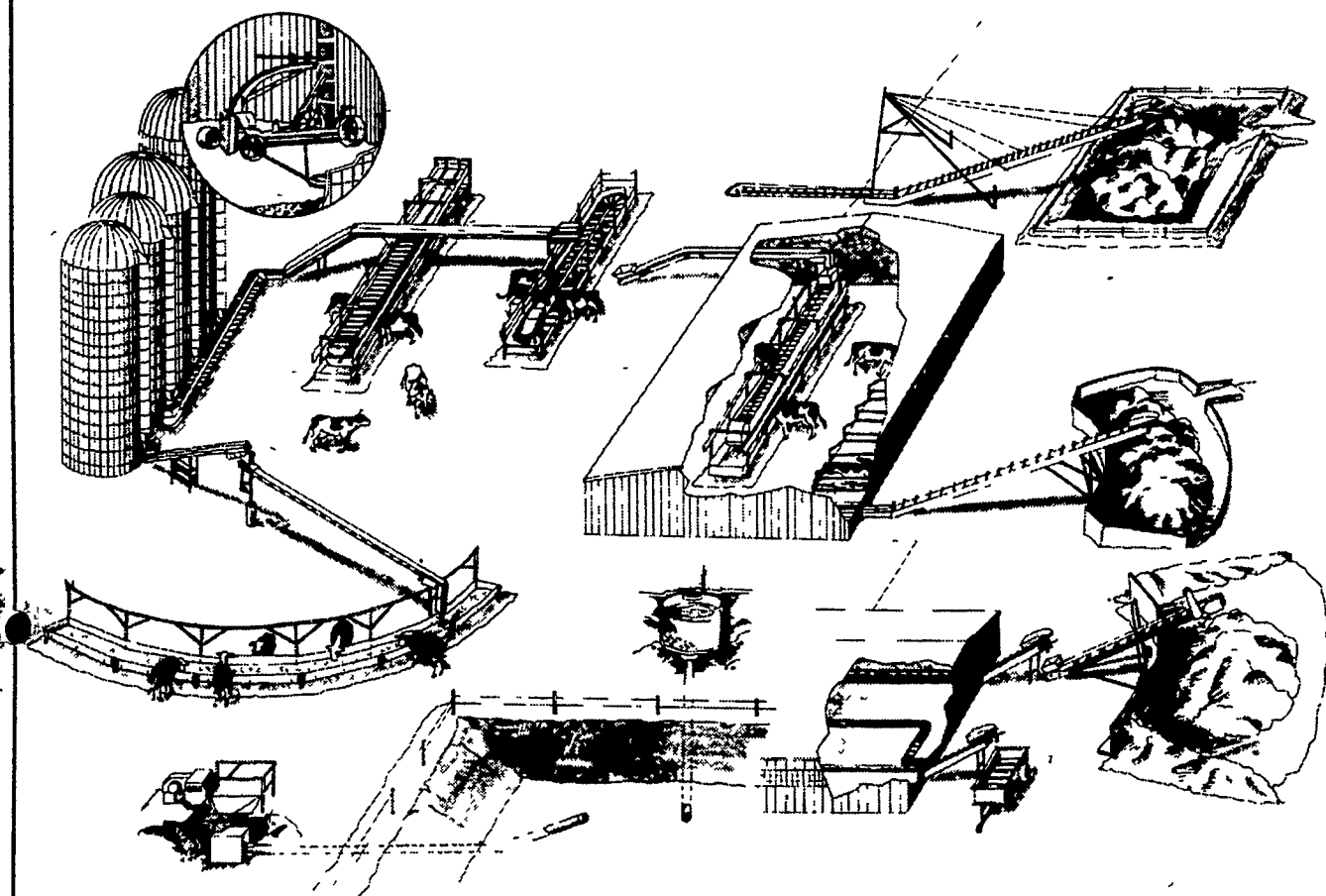
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