

Support price now effective

WASHINGTON - Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz has announced that the support price for manufacturing milk will be increased to 80 percent of parity, effective April 1. This support level will be subject to quarterly review and adjusted if necessary to assure an adequate supply of milk.

According to current data, a support level of 80 percent

of parity would result in a support price of \$8.13 per hundredweight for manufacturing milk as of April 1. The law requires that milk be supported at such level between 75 and 90 percent of parity as the Secretary determines necessary to assure an adequate supply of milk to meet current needs, reflect changes in the cost of production and assure a

level of farm income adequate to maintain productive capacity to meet anticipated future needs. The Secretary said the increase in support is necessary to accomplish these objectives.

Consumption of nonfat dry milk has suffered serious declines in recent years and resulted in large Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) purchases and inventories for which outlets have

become increasingly limited. By assigning a larger proportion of the April 1 increase in the support price for milk to the purchase price for cheese, it was not necessary to increase the

nonfat dry milk price, thereby preventing even further declines in its future use.

The purchase prices announced may be adjusted as a result of the quarterly

reviews of the support level for milk, or at the beginning of each quarter as a result of changes in production, consumption, market prices, and CCC purchases of the various products.

FFA'ers honored at Pequea Valley banquet

By MELISSA PIPER

BIRD-IN-HAND - Members of the Pequea Valley FFA and their parents met at the resort restaurant here last Friday for the 20th Annual Blue and Gold Banquet.

During the awards ceremony four of the chapter members received special star awards for their work in FFA the past year. Don Bowman Ronks, Pa., was presented with the Star Greenhand Farmer award while Mike Martin, Honey Brook R1, was named the Star Chapter Farmer. Elvin Weaver, Kinzers R1, received the Star Red Rose Farming award and Dale Miller Gap R1, captured the Chapter Star Farmer honors.

Barry Kreider, Kinzers R1, was presented with the Lancaster County Banker's Award for being outstanding senior member of the local chapter. Robert Bucher, representing the banker bankers presented the award. Kreider also garnered two FFA Fountain Medal awards in the area of crop production and in ag production placement.

The Dekalb Achievement Award went to Fred Lehman and was presented by Gerald Phillips, ag instructor at Pequea Valley.

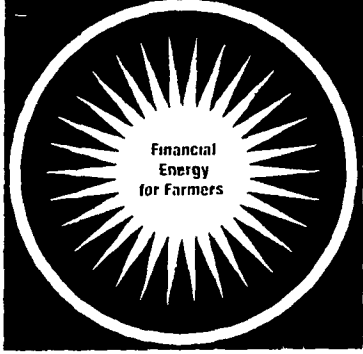
Seven FFA'ers captured the remaining foundation Awards and were presented with medals for their work. Kevin Kurtz won in the ag sales and service division with Brian Hybreider taking the ag processing award. David McGinnis captured the ag mechanics award with Mike Martin receiving honors for dairy production. Dale Miller won in both the poultry production and livestock production areas with Elvin Weaver taking honors in the swine production division.

Officers of the chapter presented William Clouser and Bob Seigel with honorary memberships in the Pequea Valley FFA. Clouser is an ag instructor at the school and Seigel is a Kinzers area farmer.

Two educators of the school offered remarks

during the program and praised the FFA for their work and leadership. John King, principal of the high school and Reginald Remley, superintendent, represented the school board members.

Dale Miller, president of the FFA chapter, served as toastmaster for the evening.



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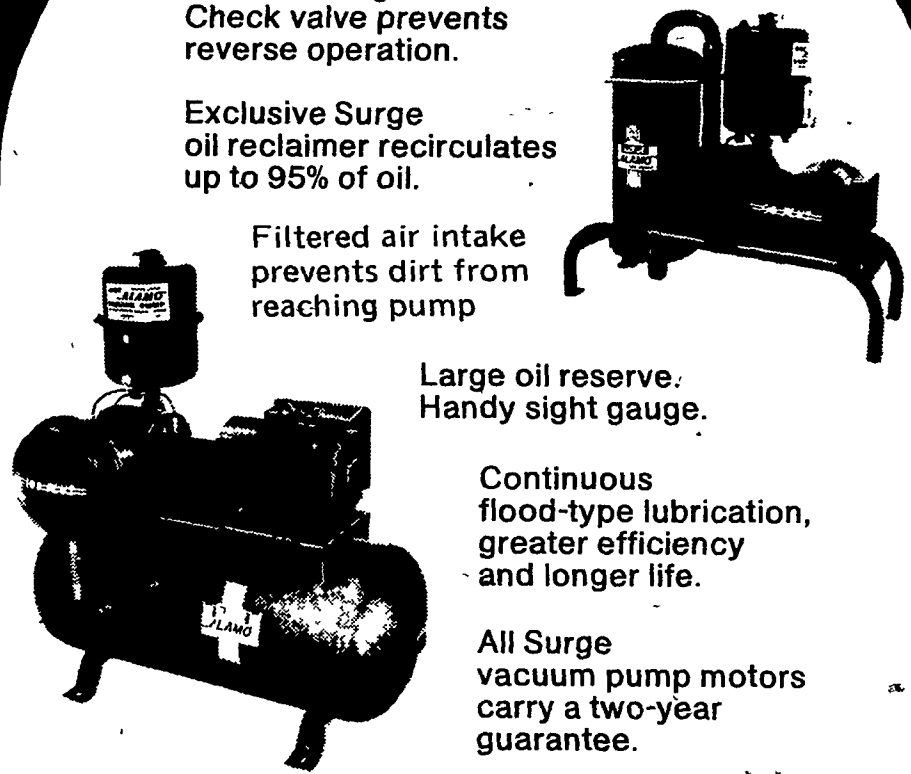
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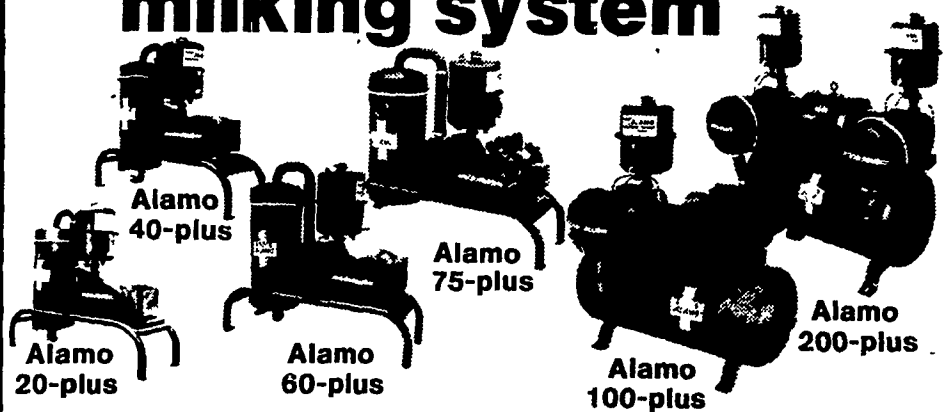
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