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also organizational director for the Pennsylvania Farmers' Union. According to him, USDA programs of the past few years worked out only because some other areas of the world suffered disasters which in turn opened up markets for U.S. farmers. He also believes that if a bumper corn crop had been raised all over the country this year (such as is being harvested in southeastern Pennsylvania) the price of corn would drop to less than \$2 per bushel. "It could happen," the Lancaster Countian warned, to produce

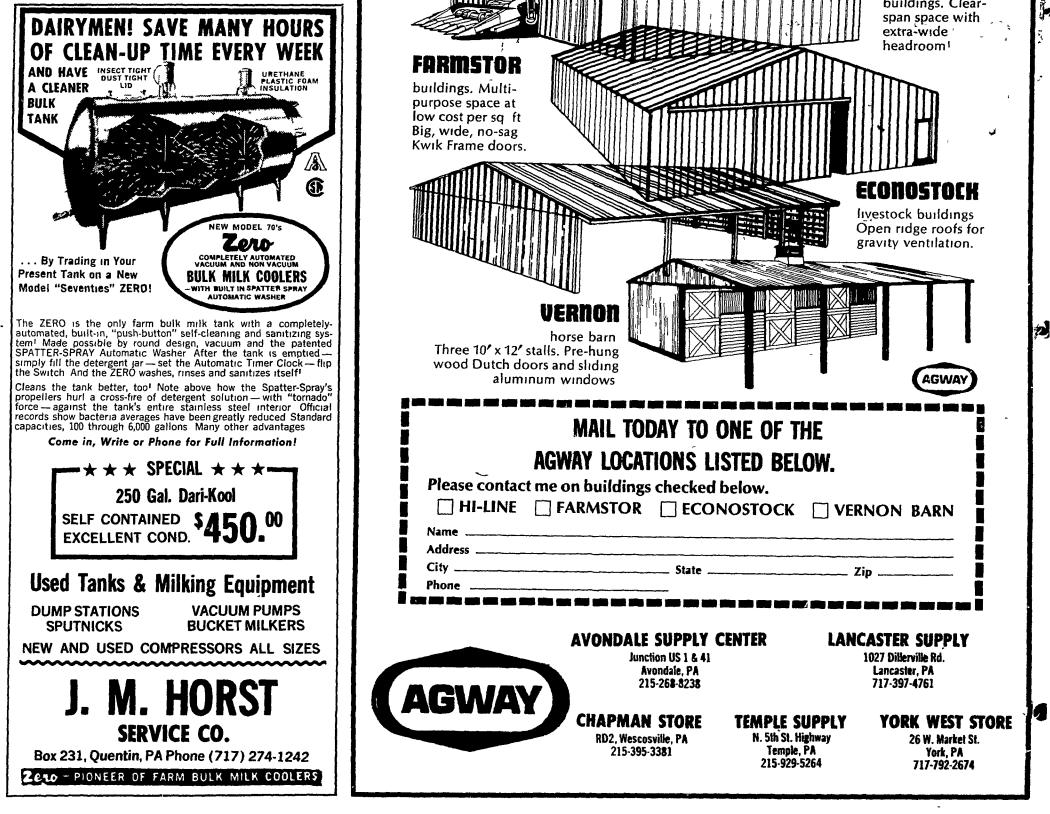
should be set at 90 per cent," the NFU spokesman continued, "so that he wouldn't be forced to sell his crops." Longenecker believes strongly in grain reserves and insists that the well for farmers as well as to be truly Longenecker

simultaneously also 'freedom to go broke."

As for the cost of initiating USDA policies which would embrace the NFU's ideas, Longenecker asks: "What's bigger - a decent farm policy or welfare payments?" He did not elaborate whether or not such a farm program would eliminate or lessen welfare rolls.

Longenecker is also opposed to check-off programs which many farmers have voted in favor of during the last few years. His reasoning is that if beef is pushed, for example, then "you're not eating pork or lamb." He does not want anyone to be

farmer, " the



he'd like to have someone tough for farmers' to get like AFL-CIO president George Meany at the top of American agriculture. Afirmly dedicated member of the National Farmers' Organization, Stanford is strongly critical of USDA because of the grain embargo and meat price freeze. "I'm glad we're finally rid of Butz," he remarked in a telephone interview.

Stanford has a 45-cow dairy herd and 90 acres near Dillsburg in York County. Married and the father of five children, he maintains that he finds it difficult to make the kind of living he believes to be justifiable and that he should be able to afford a hired man.

Stanford alleges that Stanford said: USDA policies have shown a "callous disregard" for the solve our problems, we're average individual and that

loans. He also charges that laborers are better off than farmers and that this situation won't change until farmers get organized. The York Countian favors

a program of grain reserves and insists that farmers should not have to pay for it. "It's for the whole country," he explained, "why should we farmers pay for all of itit isn't just a few people who support the defense system." He believes that defense grain reserves and higher support prices would go a long ways towards improving USDA's responsiveness to U.S. agricultural needs.

Concluding his remarks, "The government isn't going to going to have to do that **Joyce Bupp**

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