

## Eastern chief wants inflation checked

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - "The dairy industry is not immune to rising costs", noted John C. York, general manager of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative, headquartered here. He stated that the general public and government may be surprised in learning that farmers are experiencing whopping production costs due to uncontrolled inflation. The cooperative leader said, "While fluid milk

prices have risen from \$7.25 per hundredweight five years ago to a peak of \$11.39 in 1976, inflation will push these milk prices to \$15.00 per hundredweight in the future. From that peak of \$11.39 in October of this year, fluid milk prices have already slumped by six percent in December. Moreover, the farmer's overall blend price, which is the farmers' net price, is going down accordingly as

we enter the Spring months of 1977.

"These current lower levels of farm milk prices cannot continue if this country is to maintain and insure a future adequate supply of the most wholesome food - milk.

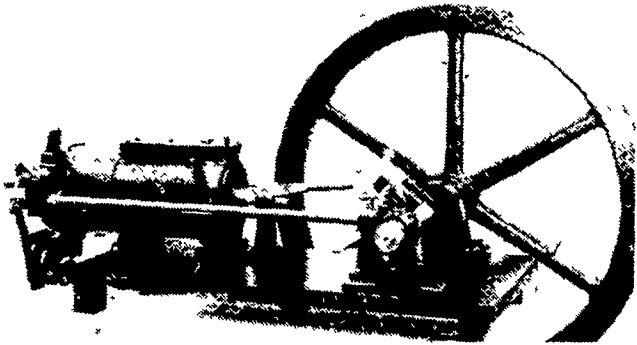
"Absent of strong measures to control inflation, milk prices are likely

to exceed \$15.00 per hundredweight. Unfortunately, even at this figure, the dairy industry will be no better off and, perhaps, even disadvantaged. Price is not the only equation in maintaining a viable business. The level of costs must also be taken into consideration.

"This country is experiencing a serious

economic problem and the public must come to grips with it by urging appropriate measures upon the government. If it takes wage and price controls as well as rationing of fuel to avert a continuous erosion of business and consumer purchasing power, we ought to face the facts and act accordingly. We ought to get the economic train back on the track and stop fooling around with make-believe corrective measures.

"Fifteen dollar milk is not the answer. An increase in the steel prices is not the answer. A 15 per cent increase in fuel prices, \$20.00 an hour wages or a 35 hour week are not the answers. "Therefore, the continuation of inflation without effective measures of control will have a direct and harmful impact on the most important industry in our country and throughout the world - the agricultural industry."



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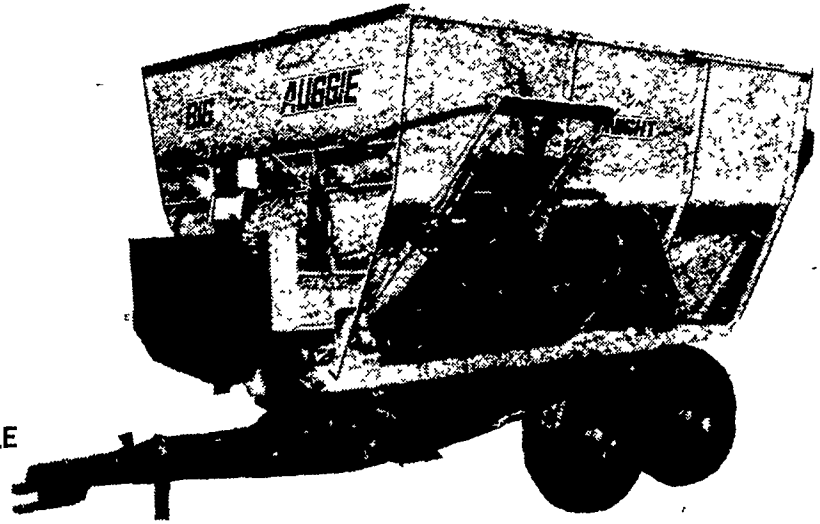
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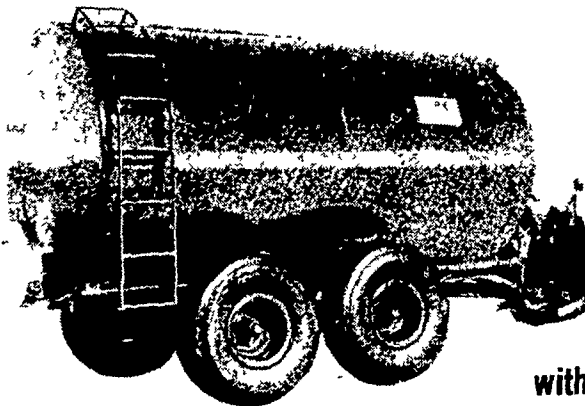
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