

# Farm Bureau

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 Avoid formulas which establish loan rates for export crops without regard to our competitive position in world markets.

Grant made these additional recommendations to the Congress:

-Continuation of the authority for acreage set-aside programs and the effective use of this authority, if necessary, to avoid burdensome surpluses. "Farmers should be encouraged to participate in set-aside programs through per acre payments for performance."

-The disaster payment provisions of the 1973 Farm Act should be allowed to expire.

-"Government-owned stocks are not necessary for the welfare of either our domestic or our foreign customers, and they are costly in terms of their impact on farm prices and the federal budget. We do not believe that government stocks can be isolated from the market. We know that such stocks are inconsistent with the objective of a market-oriented agriculture."

"In order to provide opportunity for more orderly marketing and to avoid government-controlled reserves, we favor programs to encourage and assist farmers to increase on-the-farm storage. Such programs include loans at favorable interest rates for the construction of new storage capacity, longer-term CCC commodity loans, and storage payments for grain that is kept in storage by the producer for more than one year."

Concerning the farm Bill, Grant also recommended:

-Extension of P.L. 480, to permit the U.S. to continue to provide food assistance to needy countries.

-A one-year extension of the present rice law.

-Extension of the present wool program without major changes.

-Transfer of EPA's administration of agricultural chemicals to USDA.

- Expanded agricultural research.

Grant said the Farm Bureau's recommendations were based on an extensive review of government farm programs conducted as a part of the policy development program for the 1977 policies.

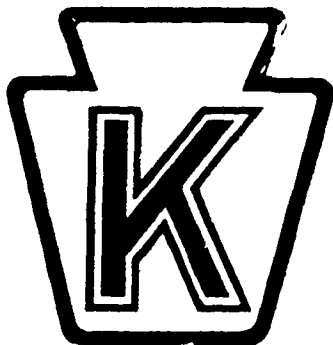
"Our present policy on government farm programs differs somewhat from the position which we took when the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 was originally before this Committee," he said, "but there has not been any change in our basic objective."

"Government programs to improve farm income

should be designed and administered to enhance market opportunities to the end that farmers will earn higher incomes in the marketplace and will not be dependent on government payments for a portion of their income."

### Ultra Pasteurization

A new process called "ultra pasteurization" has made extra shelf life possible for some cream products. With this technique, dairy products are heated to 280 degrees Fahrenheit for two seconds, producing an almost sterile product. As a result cream and half-and-half may be sold in stores for 15 days after the time of pasteurization.



# USDA to review conservation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A U.S. Department of Agriculture official recently told the Land Improvement Contractors of America that the nation is taking risks with future needs for food and fiber if it does not increase its soil and water conservation practices.

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland will propose a commission to review the present situation in soil and water conservation, Bob Mondloch of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) told the group.

"We will, in the months ahead, be reviewing in depth the position we will take as an administration on pollution and conservation questions," Mondloch said. "We will look for practical solutions that will not burden you as small businessmen and women or our farmers and ranchers with uneconomic answers or burdensome regulations."

The deputy director of ASCS's Environmental Quality and Land Use Division said the administration would support

the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) as a "practice vehicle to use" in voluntary soil and water conservation. The ACP provides cost-sharing funds to farmers for furthering conservation in the community beyond that which would be accomplished with the farmers' own resources.

The President has submitted to Congress an amended budget request of \$190 million for 1978 ACP contract authority. This amount is the same as that authorized for 1977.

Mondloch said ACP can meet the test of cost-effectiveness "if every investment is sound and results in conservation or pollution abatement over and above that which would be done without cost-sharing."

### Half and Half

Half and half is a mixture of milk and cream which contains not less than 10.5 and not more than 18 percent milkfat, almost always homogenized.

# Dairy Council opens Harrisburg office

SOUTHAMPTON, Pa.-In order to extend service in the western area of its operating territory, Dairy Council Inc., Southampton, Pa. has opened a branch office near Harrisburg at 4644 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

The office, located in the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeder's Association building, will be staffed by nutrition consultant Coleen Greecher.

Mrs. Greecher holds a masters degree in Nutrition Science from Penn State University. Her activities include presentation of nutrition education

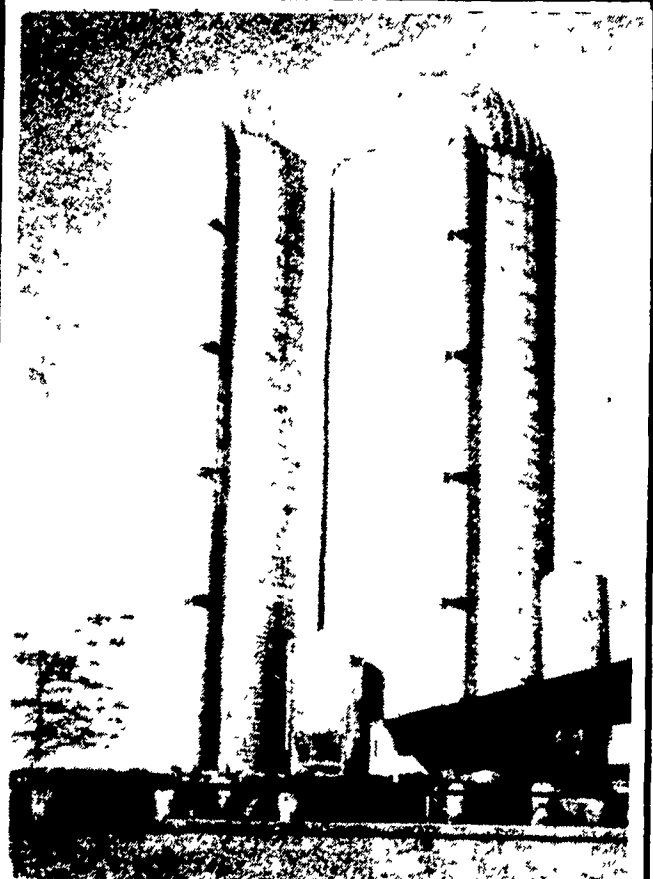
workshops and programs before groups of teachers, other professional leaders and students. The new office telephone number, (717) 737-9026, will be listed in both the yellow and white pages of the telephone directory.

Dairy Council Inc. sponsors free audio-visual programs and provides nutrition education materials throughout the tri-state area of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and Delaware. Founded in 1920, its goal from the beginning has been to make the public aware of the importance of a balanced diet to one's health.

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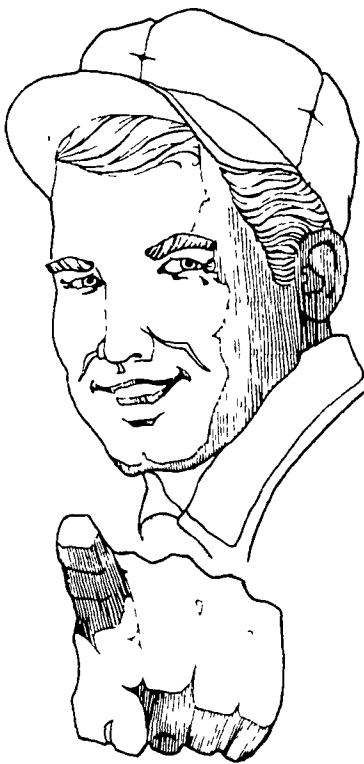
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