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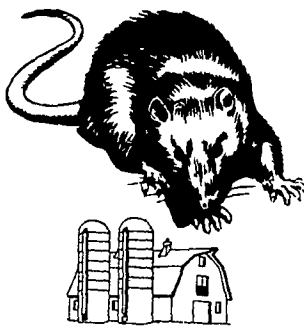
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Order 2 producer decline slowed

NEW YORK, N.Y. — According to the New York-New Jersey Milk Marketing Area's annual report, released recently by Federal Order 2 Market Administrator Thomas A. Wilson, dairymen are leaving the Order at a slower rate than in recent years. In fact, producer decline is reported by Wilson to be the smallest since 1940.

Both the numerical loss and the percentage decline slowed dramatically, says the report.

The average numbers of producers in the pool totaled 18,820 in 1977, 508 fewer than last year. This was the smallest decline since 1940, the first complete year the Orders were in operation.

Declines registered for the previous years in this decade ranged from 867 to 1,752 producers.

significantly, the rate of decline in 1977 was only 2.6 per cent compared to rates of 4.1 to 7.1 per cent in the early seventies.

The number of can producers fell by almost 30 per cent while the loss in bulk tank producers comprised 97.3 per cent of the total in December 1977.

The number of handlers in the pool showed a great variation from month to month. Compared to 1976, it was larger only in May and September and the same in October. The average for 1977 declined to 109 or six fewer than a year ago.

Plants with and without producer milk declined in 1977 by five and three, respectively. Overall, the number of plants declined 17.8 per cent from 1976 to a total of 37.

More There were also fewer

bulk tank units in 1977 than in 1976. However, the decline from 187 to 178 was only half the loss recorded a year ago.

A total of 46 handlers reported receipts of own

farm milk in 1977 compared to 48 and 50 in the two prior years. The number claiming no exemption or partial exemption remained at 1976 levels. There was a reduction of one each in the lists of small handlers and producer-handlers with complete exemption.

Hornbaker chosen for travel program

SHIPPENSBURG — Gary Hornbaker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hornbaker, Shippensburg, R5 has been selected to visit Europe this summer as a participant of the People-to-People Citizen Ambassador Program. Gary will join other Citizen Ambassadors in Washington, D.C. on June 27 for an orientation program prior to a 38 day People to People visit in England, Switzerland, France, Germany,



Gary Hornbaker

the Netherlands and the U.S.S.R.

Gary will be traveling in a group of 33 youth, 16-20 year olds from 17 states. The group will travel by air and bus as they experience home stays with host families, visits with European youth groups, tour historical sights, and meet new friends from many different cultures in Europe as well as other youth from other states in the U.S.A.

Gary completed 10 years as a 4-H member and is currently a 4-H Leader with the Blue Mountain 4-H club. Last year, he was recognized as a state winner in the "Citizenship" National Awards program and was selected to go to The National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago, Illinois.

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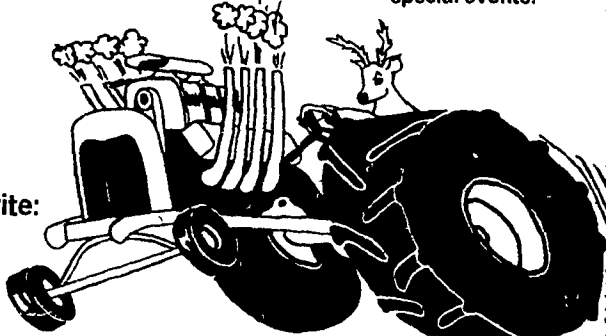
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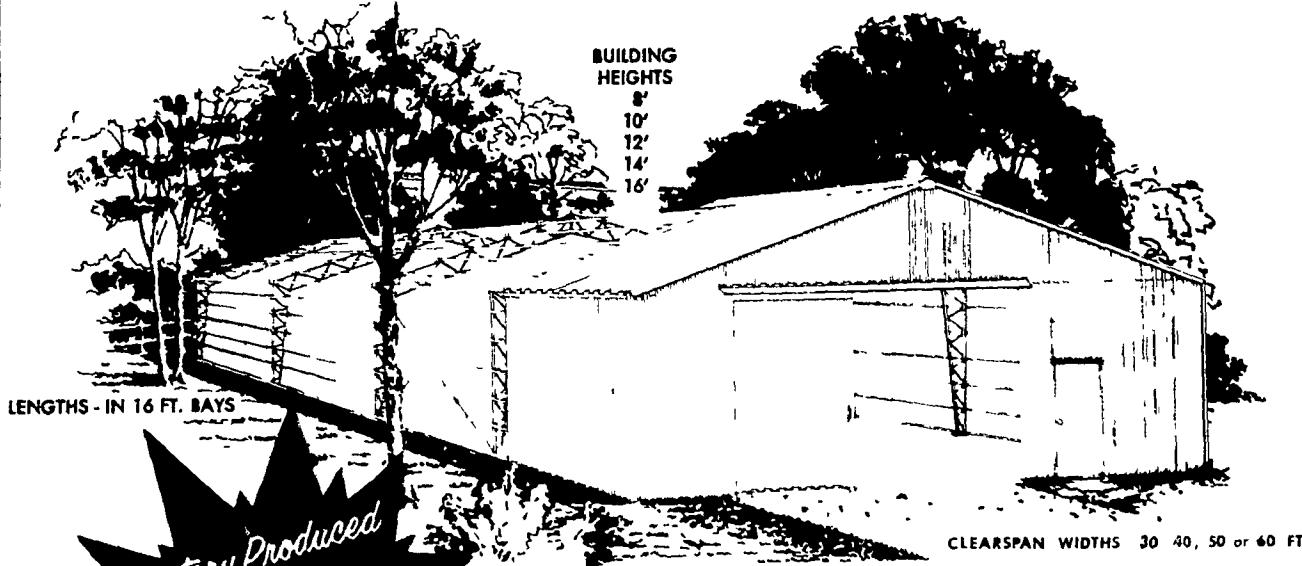
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