

Eastern officials talk with candidate's representatives

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Officials of the 4000 dairy-farmer member Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative met with representatives of Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan last Thursday, in our nation's capitol. An attempt is being made by the Syracuse, N.Y. based organization to schedule a similar confab with President Carter's people in the near future.

Howard McDonald, Eastern's General Manager, announced the purpose of the meeting was to gather information regarding farm policy matters as they pertain to the agricultural planks of the Republican platform, approved at the national convention on July 14, 1980.

The principal topics discussed included policy attitudes on milk price supports, federal milk marketing orders, farmer cooperatives, regulatory standards for antibiotics and pesticide residues and international trade.

Reagan is believed to be a strong supporter of the Federal Milk Marketing Order program. He also expects to listen to knowledgeable people before making a decision on cost-

benefits of such issues as the CNI proposal.

A Republican administration does not, at this time, favor milk supply controls and tends to favor a workable program for supporting milk pricing, they said.

The Republican party candidates enthusiastically support the Capper-Volstead Act and strong farmer cooperatives. They are concerned over attempts to undermine the bargaining ability of dairy farmer cooperatives.

A Republican administration likely will work toward alleviating excessive regulations of agriculture, but will support programs necessary to provide an adequate and high quality supply of food for the nation's consumers. Support was also evident for the school milk and school lunch programs.

Reagan's representatives indicated that the Republicans are in favor of restoring the position of the farmer cooperative service in the Department of Agriculture which has been down graded under the reorganization program of the Carter administration. They intend to restrengthen the role of the U.S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture and will support the USDA administration of the Capper-Volstead Act.

Those in attendance from Eastern Milk Producers included President Stanley Korona of Amsterdam, N.Y.; Legislative Chairmen Victor Brooks, of Warwick, N.Y. and George Stambaugh, of Newville, Pa.; Joseph Mathis, economics and Research Manager; and Arden Tewksbury.

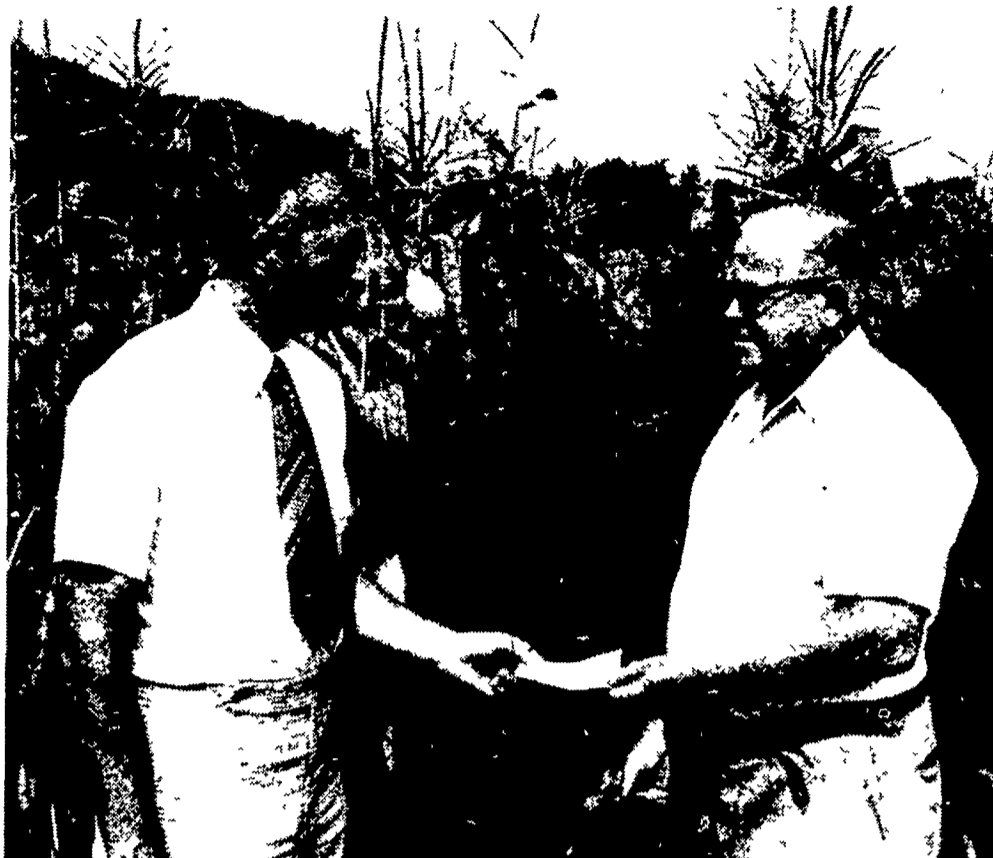
Those representing the Food and Farm Division of the Reagan-Bush Election Campaign Committee were Seeley Lodwick and Richard Lyng, Director and Co-Director, respectively.

Apple output up 7%

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania commercial apple production is expected to total 570 million pounds in 1980, up seven percent from the 535 million pounds produced in 1979, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Pennsylvania ranks fifth in the nation in apple production.

York Imperial continues to lead all varieties with production forecast at 140

Supports no-till research



Research with weed control in no-tillage corn at Penn State's College of Agriculture received support recently in a \$750 grant from the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association, Inc. The grant went to Nathan L. Hartwig, left, from Walter C. Johnson of R1, Julian, right, association secretary-treasurer. The two examine buildup of organic matter which possibly reduces herbicide activity under no-tillage conditions.

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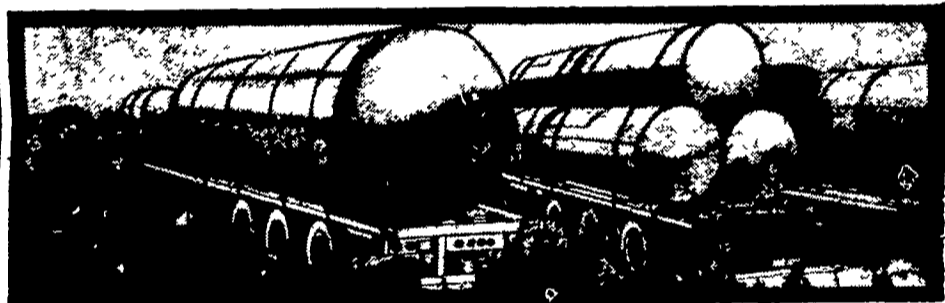
Other varieties in order of importance are: Delicious, 97 million pounds; Golden

Delicious, 95 million pounds;

Stayman, 85 million pounds; Rome, 75 million pound; Jonathan, 20 million pounds;

MacIntosh, 18 million

pounds; Cortland, eight million pounds; and all other varieties, 32 million pounds.



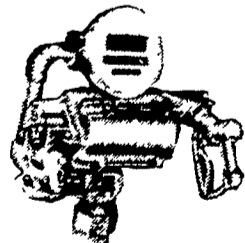
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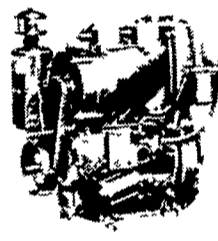
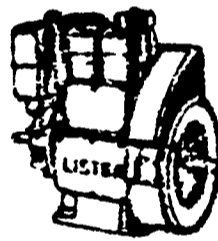
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