

Dairylea president sees no single milk order

PEARL RIVER, N.Y. — A single federal milk marketing order for the entire Northeast is not likely to become a reality in the

foreseeable future according to Clyde E. Rutherford, president of Dairylea Cooperative.

Speaking at the Annual

Meeting of the National Milk Producers Federation Wednesday in Florida, Rutherford traced the evolution of the present

Three federal Northeastern Milk Marketing Orders, the New York-New Jersey, New England and Middle Atlantic Orders.

He said farm milk price differences among the Orders were once substantial (as much as \$1.00 per 100 pounds) but this has now tended to level out because of changes in the Orders and the greater mobility of milk.

The Otego, NY dairyman pointed out that a Cornell study has evaluated the effect of various merger possibilities among the Orders but "as a practical matter, we don't foresee it coming within a next five years. Anyone looking further ahead than that in this industry has a better crystal ball than mine."

One of the most significant factors affecting the market Orders," said Rutherford, is the change in the pricing between fluid (Class I) and manufacturing (Class II) milk.

In 1969, he said, the October Class I price in the New York-New Jersey Order exceeded the Class II price by 59 percent. Eleven years later, in October 1979, the difference between the Class

I price and the Class II price was only 13 percent. This is mainly the result of moving from \$4.50 milk to \$12.50 milk with no other significant changes in the basic pricing relationship between the two classes."

Rutherford also told the delegates representing most major U.S. dairy cooperatives that he expects, "a definite change in the way we price the components of milk."

He explained that as things now stand the price farmers are paid for milk is out of step with the real value of the two major components, butterfat and protein (non fat solids).

Under the Order system," he said, "we actually over-price butterfat and under-price skim milk. If we start taking the value of skim into consideration, we find ourselves right in the middle of pricing milk on the basis of its component parts of butterfat and milk solids. We are not going to be able to avoid facing up to the situation much longer."

4-H helps youth prepare

NORRISTOWN — Despite the tight market, Ellen got a job with a small magazine right out of journalism school. Tim, who chose not to continue his education after high school, had no trouble landing a job with a local garden center.

Just luck, you say? Not really. Both Ellen and Tim belonged to an organization that gave them a wide variety of practical experiences and helped them to pinpoint and direct their career interests. These experiences enhanced their training and made them more attractive to potential employers.

The organization is 4-H and it has over one hundred project areas to choose from. Open to all youth ages 8 to 19 it can be found in the county, in the city and in between.

The projects let 4-H members study in depth something that interests them. They build, they develop, they draw, they create, they grow, they care for, depending on the nature of the project they are currently working on.

Working through and completing a variety of projects gives members a chance to see what several career choices actually involve.

Livestock-related projects have led 4-H'ers into jobs such as herdsmen, livestock managers, sales representatives and veterinarians. Home economics related projects have inspired participants to study nutrition, fashion design, or child development in college.

4-H horticulture members have gone on to prepare for

careers in nursery management, research, or farming. Many mechanics, technicians, engineers and electricians have gotten their start from 4-H small engine and machine projects.

With conservation of national resources a big issue today, many young adults have gone from energy, ecology and resource-related projects to occupations in forestry, geology and energy management.

An important part of 4-H is working with people and learning life skills. All projects and club activities provide opportunities for leadership development. Community development projects give youth an understanding of government, extension work and social services.

Leisure education projects have guided some members into careers in recreation and physical education, and enhanced the daily lives of countless others.

Another vital aspect of 4-H is communications. Projects and activities in this area help develop better interpersonal communications and often guide members into journalism, photography, speech communications and therapy.

4-H gives in-depth experiences to youth in a context to help them develop their full potential.

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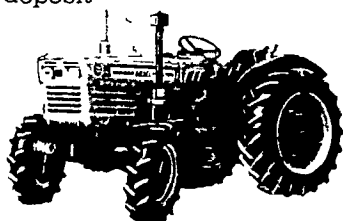
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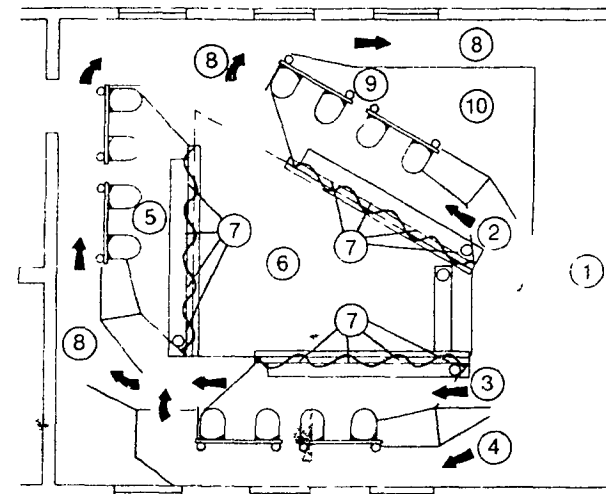
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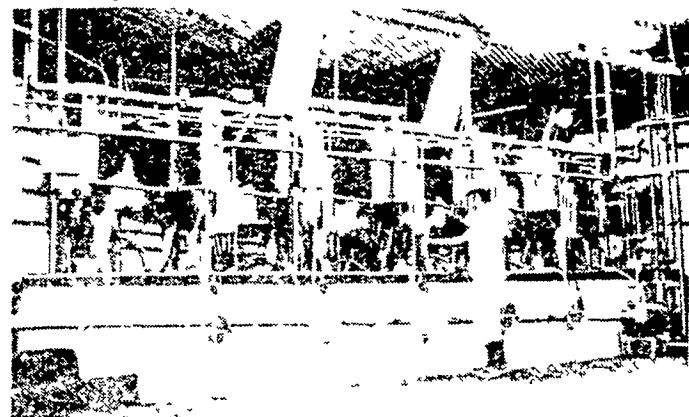
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