

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:
I attended a graded feeder steer sale on November 14, 1980 at which time I purchased 50 head of supposedly country fresh feeder steers. I have pumped more medicine into those steers than the previous 500 steers I have purchased.

As I was bidding on a group of supposedly country fresh cattle a broker leans down over the ring and asked, "Are they country fresh?"

"No", replies the ring man, "they are put together cattle from several states."

So, I ask, why in the hell didn't you say so?

On several occasions I purchased groups of graded medium no. 1 steers and after I trucked them home found several bulls among them. On many occasions, some lots are not even sold, the broker bids them up and keeps them until the next sale or whatever.

Now, boys, it is to be a feeder sale not an appraisal sale. When I come to graded feeder sales I don't expect to sit there watching you boys run your bulls and junk through. They should be sold at the end of the sale or at your next regular sale.

If some of you brokers misrepresent the cattle like you do, why would the farmer with good farm fresh cattle consign them to you, when the buyer expects jockey cattle on some or most occasions?

I like the new sign in the sale ring which states that the cattle purchased are yours to pay for even if they drop dead or are stolen before you load them.

Now come fellows, who are you trying to kid?

Some farmers or buyers may wonder what reasons some brokers are not presenting the cattle to the

buyers truthfully I wonder if those reasons could be fraud and greed.

Herman Espy
Spruce Creek

Dear Editor:

Your paper gives an inside view of many farm groups. You cover many subjects and give objective accounts of what is happening in our diverse farming community. Sometimes we wonder what is going on in some people's mind.

Right now we definitely have an overproduction of milk, about four percent here in Pennsylvania. What can we do? The attitude of the Farmers Union to ask for 100 percent of parity is absurd to say the least. With 80 percent of parity we already have too much milk.

They are opposed to an advertisement checkoff but provide no other alternative for selling more milk.

Here the government is trying to help us, the dairy farmers, to be united in promoting our lifeblood, milk and other dairy products. Great advancements have been made through the efforts of many farmwives and the Dairy Princesses. Endless hours of volunteer work has been done to show that milk is an essential food with more nutritional value and other benefits than all the soft drinks together.

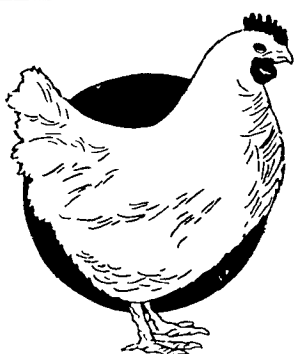
It is beyond my comprehension as to why some farmers refuse to spend a few pennies everyday to fight the battle against soft drinks and artificial dairy products. At the present time the only acceptable solution against sagging milk consumption is an increase in effective dairy advertisement.

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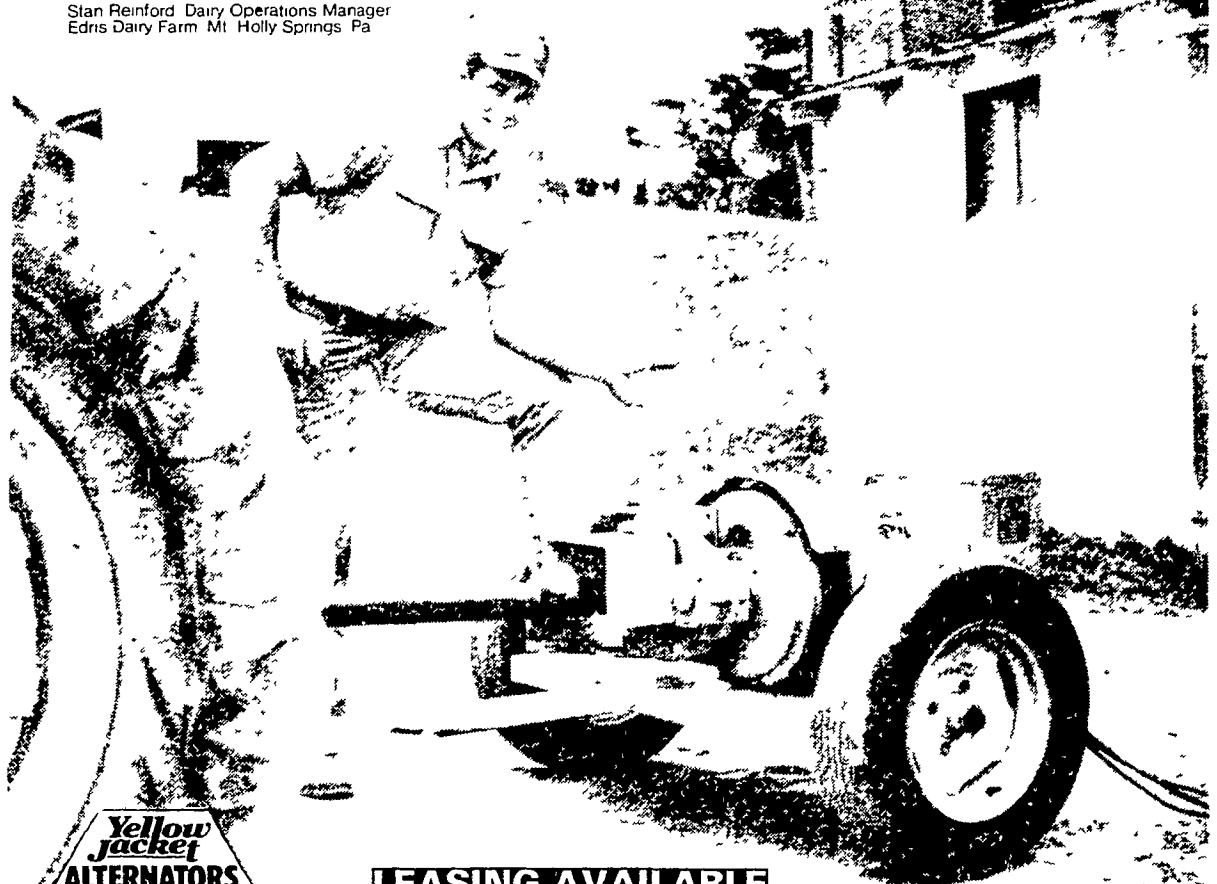
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