AMPI president

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recently honored by being selected to receive the National 4-H Alumni Award

Elkin began his talk by saying the success of AMPI was based on nothing magical or mythical. Grass roots involvement starting with district meetings is the foundation of the Co-op Resolutions made at every annual meeting become the director's bible

"The question most asked of me is how do you communicate with all of the 32,000 members scattered throughout 20 states", Elkin said "AMPI has a monthly publication, newsletter and district meetings twice a year.

"The flexibility of our structure is another of our strengths", he continued "We will adapt as markets and production changes Our goal is not to own a lot of plants and property, for we are primarily a marketing-bargaining cooperative "

"Our success is also due to our increasing political clout made possible through a bipartisan political action committee (PAC) called C-TAPE which means Committee for Thorough Agricultural Political Education About 50 percent of the Co-op's members contribute up to $100 each and have raised the total contributions from $400,000 in 1979 to $600,000 in 1980. Eighty-eight percent of the congressmen backed by our PAC were elected", he said

"We cannot buy what we want from congress, but we can buy an audience for them Already our political committee has gone to Washington to express their views to several of Reagan's future Agriculturel Committee If they are going to listen to someone, they might as well listen to us", Elkin stated

Elkin said he worries only a little about the surplus of dairy products, because it is happening at the time of making the new 1981 Farm Bill

"We are better too long than too short", he said Being convinced that the surplus will turn around in a year, farmers in the west are already liquidizing a lot of their beef because of the drought.

The Cooperative stands for getting 80 percent of parity because 75 percent just is not enough and the market will not work if it is much higher than 80 percent

Other issues the Co-op suggests are an import quota on casein, a correction of the ill-advised dietary goals made by the government and a truths-in-labeling of imitation dairy foods. Elkin is much in favor of seeing the REAL stamp on all genuine dairy foods

When a farmer in the audience asked him how much in dues is taken out of the co-op's members milk check every month, Elkin replied that there are three regions in the Co-op and each one has a different procedure.

In the Mid-States region, which largely services Chicago, one percent of the gross check is taken out and a margin returned at the end of the year

In the Central States 15 cents is retained, every conceivable type of hauling charge is taken out since some AMPI trucks haul, except in the Northcentral region where nearly all is done by contract haulers

Another man asked how much the CNI proposal will hurt if the reformers get their way

Elkin's estimate was 80 cents per hundredweight loss to the producer, but the consumer would benefit only a penny to four cents

"There is nothing to gain by the CNI proposal," Elkin said "Retail markets are not tied to Class I prices "

AMPI's total member equity is $94 million and total assets $260 million, he said

"Members of AMPI produce nearly one-twelfth of all the milk produced in the United States", Elkin concluded

In other meeting activity, John Ed Helmich, a dairyman from Indiana, was introduced by Ron Tracy, District Manager of Keystone Harvestore Helmich illustrated his talk with slide pictures, some of which were unusual. He said he had seen 5000 cows this past year while working for ABS in genetic mating work, but he was looking for the ideal cow with the udder between the front legs

Laced with a humor was much advice about all phases of dairy farming. "Dry cows, he said, should have nothing but baled hay They should get no extra salt because it builds up body fluids in the udder The added pressure causes the breaking of the udder distention ligament. Milk cows, he went on, should be on their feet for an hour after milking to give the teat sphincter time to close before they lie down, thus helping to prevent mastitis which cost dairymen about $200 a cow per year."

"The ideal cow, he thought, should be tall and very angular and should almost inhale haylage." He would rather have a cow that is like a hay mow than a grain elevator for too much protein fed to cows kills the rumen bacteria and damages the liver. "The ideal diet for a cow is haylage, high moisture corn, some corn silage, salt and mineral", he said.

Other similar meetings were held at Whitneyville Fair Grounds, the Sheraton Motel in Danville and at the Treadway Inn at Scranton.

Dignitaries present at the Towanda meeting included representatives of all the local dairy cooperatives, officials from local banks and the Production Credit Association and the Cooperative Extension Service.

Looking for summer jobs with Angus

ST JOSEPH, Mo - A job placement program designed to bring together Angus-oriented youth looking for summer jobs and Angus breeders who need summer help is being sponsored for the third year by the American Angus Association, reports Jerry Lipsey, director of junior activities for the Association

'The program gives our Junior members greater opportunity to observe and be involved with good Angus operations," Lipsey emphasized "And at a time when qualified part-time farm and livestock help in hard to find, it offers Angus breeders an opportunity to get good summer employees and, also to help a youngster gain valuable experience and earn college expense money "

Both Junior members and prospective employers should contact the American Angus Association or their regional manager as soon as possible Applications for employment will be taken from January to March, and will be sent to all juniors 16 years or older who request them

The appliction-resumes will be sorted by the abilities and interests of the applicants and sent to Angus breeders who want to participate in the program Each employer last year received several applications, and each application was sent to several employers

Jobs may include all types of farm and ranch work, depending upon the abilities of the Junior member and the needs of the breeder Responsibilities have ranged from fitting and showing livestock to becoming involved in an embryo transplant program to guiding 12 Japanese on a cross-county cattle-oriented tour

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1,500	5'4"	9'0"	7	1,388	470.00
2,000	5'4"	12'0"	7	1,735	570.00
3,000	5'4"	17'11"	7	2,432	770.00
4,000	5'4"	23'10"	7	3,130	950.00
5,000	8'0"	13'7"	1/4"	4,484	1,540.00
6,000	8'0"	16'2"	1/4"	5,123	1,690.00
8,000	8'0"	21'6"	1/4"	6,475	2,095.00
10,000	8'0"	26'10"	1/4"	7,825	2,495.00
10,000	10'0"	17'0"	1/4"	6,956	2,250.00
12,000	10'0"	20'6"	1/4"	8,074	2,630.00
12,000	10'6"	18'7"	1/4"	7,900	2,525.00
15,000	10'6"	23'2"	5/16"	11,857	3,825.00
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