

# USDA prepares recommendations on casein

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Imports of casein, a dairy protein, compete with domestic dairy products in some uses and may affect the cost of the federal dairy price support program, according to a study release today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

However, it does not appear that invoking import restrictions would substantially reduce the cost of the dairy price support program, said Assistant Secretary of Agriculture William Lesher. Restricting casein imports by the maximum allowed under law would cause some domestic users to shift to dairy and non-dairy alternatives, but would not significantly increase the use of domestically-produced skim milk solids, he said.

Trends in casein use suggest the effect of imports on the dairy

program could be much greater in the future, he added.

Lesher said the study was begun in May, 1980 to help government policymakers in the debate on whether imported dairy proteins displace domestic skim milk solids, thus increasing the cost of the dairy price support program.

Casein is a dairy protein used in various food, feed and industrial products. Since the late 1960's, there has been no domestic production of casein due at least in part to federal price supports for nonfat dry milk and other processed dairy products that have made casein production non-competitive, Lesher said.

He said those who favor restricting casein imports have proposed taking action under Section 22 of the Agricultural

Adjustment Act of 1933. Section 22 allows imposition of a 50 percent tariff or a quota equal to 50 percent of casein imports during a representative period if it is found that imports substantially interfere with the operation of a commodity price support program.

The report, Lesher said, concludes that under a tariff, the use of domestically produced skim milk solids would not increase, while under a quota, many manufacturers would shift to other non-dairy substitutes.

Further, because a 50 percent tariff would not increase commercial disappearance of skim milk solids, it would have no impact on government purchases, Lesher said. A 50 percent quota would cause users to substitute an estimated 10 million pounds of nonfat dry milk and would save the government about \$9 million, less than 1 percent of the 1980 dairy price support costs, he said.

Lesher said copies of the report will be given to USDA policy officials and members of Congress for review. But it may be several weeks before any decisions are reached on the casein import

question or before USDA is ready to make recommendations.

Major suppliers of casein to the United States in 1980 included New Zealand (50 percent), Australia (12 percent) and European Community countries (28 percent). USDA estimates the United States imported 152 million pounds of casein in 1980, 128 million pounds were used in manufacturing and processing with 24 million pounds added to inventories.

One third of casein imported in 1980 was used in the manufacture of imitation cheese. Other major uses include animal feed and pet food, coffee whitener, industrial uses and bakery goods.

Single copies of the report, "U.S. Casein and Lactalbumin Imports" (report number ACESS 810521) are available by writing the Food and Agricultural Policy Branch, 120 GHI Bldg., ESS/USDA, 500 12th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250.

## Egg processor fined

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — A New Jersey egg processor was fined \$4,000 in the U.S. District Court in Newark, for violating the Egg Products Inspection Act, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The fine was imposed on Leo Nemeth, Flemington, N.J., after he pled guilty to processing, selling and transporting 780 pounds of unspiced egg products to a New York City bakery.

Donald L. Houston, Administrator of USDA's Food Safety

and Quality Service, said that Nemeth was fined \$1,000 for each of the four counts brought against him.

Houston said the Act requires continuous government inspection of any plant processing egg products. To assure that consumers get only wholesome eggs and egg products, all facilities and sanitary practices in the egg plants must be approved by USDA and operations must be under continuous supervision of a licensed government inspector.

## Rental rates

(Continued from Page B3)

The Delaware Cooperative Extension Service has three free publications which can help you determine the profitability of land rental arrangements.

Fixed and Flexible Cash Rental Arrangements for Your Farm discusses the advantages of fixed and flexible arrangements from the landowner's and tenant's perspective. The publication offers suggestions for establishing a fair fixed cash rental rate.

Crop Share or Crop Share-Cash Rental Arrangements for Your Farm discusses the advantages and problems of crop share arrangements. It includes a worksheet for developing a fair crop share lease arrangement.

Irrigation Crop-Share and Cash Rental Arrangements for Your Farm discusses the kinds of rental arrangements that can be made for irrigated land, whether the landowner or the renter owns the irrigation equipment. A worksheet helps landlord and tenant arrive at an equitable rental agreement.

To receive one or more of these free publications, write to Dr. Don Tilmon, Agricultural Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, 19711.

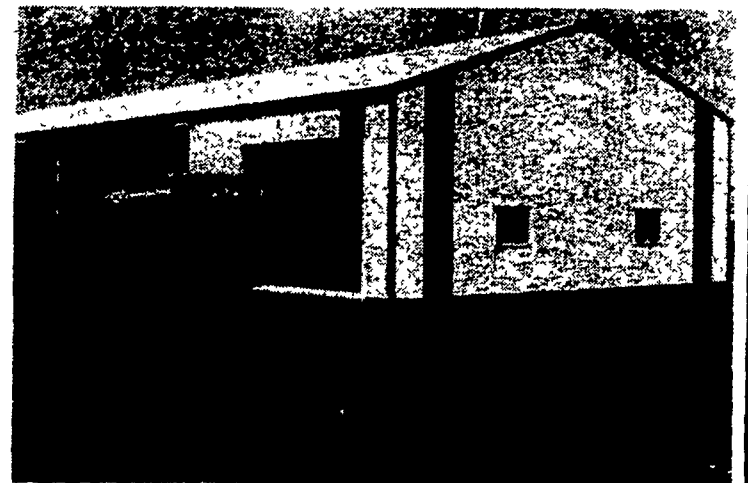
# OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1981 10 A.M. till 3 P.M.

## DENNIS E. WAMPLER FARM

RD 4, Lebanon, PA 17042

Directions: Rt. 322 East of Hershey through Campbelltown. From Dol Mar Dairy on right, go approximately 2 miles and take third road on left. (Mt. Pleasant Rd.) Second farm on left.



42' x 108' MACHINERY SHED

Featuring:

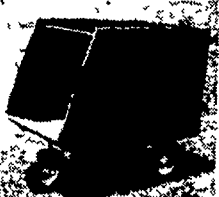
- ★ Two 18'x14'6" Double Side Sliding Doors
- ★ 16'x12' Fiberglass Overhead Door

REFRESHMENTS will be served



Interior View of Machinery Shed

### SILAGE AND FEED CARTS



34" Wide, 62" Long, 53" high, capacity to feed 35 to 40 Cows. 16" Ball Bearing wheels For very easy handling



28" wide, 60" long, 35" high, capacity 600 lbs. Choice of 10" pneumatic or semi-pneumatic wheels

MANY OTHER SIZES AVAILABLE

We Also Manufacture Swivel Casters for 16", 12" and 10" wheels

MANUFACTURED AND DISTRIBUTED BY SCENIC ROAD FARM SUPPLY

3539 Scenic Road Gordonville, Pa. 17529  
2 1/2 Mi. Southwest of New Holland,  
1 1/2 Mi. N. of Intercourse

—AUTHORIZED DEALERS—

AARON S. GROFF & SON  
RD #3, Ephrata, PA 17522  
PH: (717) 354-4631

FARM BUREAU  
Mill Street  
Dublin, PA 18917

ATLEE F. REBERT  
RD 2 Littlestown, PA 17057  
PH. (717) 359-5863

FARM BUREAU  
115 Washington Ave  
Souderton, PA 18964  
PH: (215) 273-4355

IRVIN J. PEACHEY  
Star Route, Box 35  
Belleville, PA 17004  
PH. (717) 483-6714

ROBERT GUTSHALL  
RD 1212 Womelsdorf, PA 19567  
PH (717) 933-4616

LAPP SHARPENING SERVICE  
Gibble Road,  
Route 2, Box 276  
Myerstown, Pa. 17067

CHESTER INGRAM  
Hublersburg RD 2  
Bellefonte, PA 16823  
PH (814) 383-2798

LAPP'S HARDWARE & DAIRY SUPPLIES  
Box 96, Loop Rd., RD4  
Quarryville, PA 17566

DELIVERIES AVAILABLE

**MORTON BUILDINGS**  
NO. 1 CHOICE OF FARMERS

Call Collect Your Nearest Office

Box 126, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 ..... Ph. 201/454-7900  
Rd. #4, Box 34A, Gettysburg, PA 17325.... Ph. 717/334-2168  
Box 937, State College, PA 16801 ..... Ph. 814/383-4355  
Box 529, Culpepper, VA 22701 ..... Ph. 703/825-3633

For Information, Call Toll Free 800/447-7436

- Send information on MORTON BUILDINGS
- Have your salesman phone for an appointment
- Insulated Shops  Machine Sheds
- Horse Barns  Grain Storage
- Garages  Free Stall Barns
- Livestock Barns



Free weather vane with purchase!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_