Atlantic Processing purchases Damon Dairy

Processing, Inc., of Allentown, has purchased certain assets of Damon Dairy Processing Corporation, of Baltimore.

The offer was approved today by the United States bankruptcy court for the district of Maryland. Damon had filed for relief under Chapter 11, last December.

Atlantic Processing acquired the assets and inventories of Damon, including the milk processing plant and other buildings at 2701 Loch Raven Road. The transaction also included assumption of Damon's indebtedness to Kraft, Inc., from whom Damon had purchased the dairy operation in 1981. Total value of the transaction was estimated at more than \$2,000,000.

Atlantic Processing is a federation of dairy cooperatives, with two milk processing plants in eastern Pennsylvania and a cheese and ice cream manufacturing plant in Allentown.

It trades in the Middle Atlantic area under the name of Lehigh Valley Farms with annual sales of approximately \$250 million. Its

current operations handle over a billion pounds of milk.

The API organization is not new to Baltimore. For the past year it has been marketing and distributing Abbotts and Old Philadelphia ice cream. It also has marketed here LactAid, a specially digestible lowfat milk for people with lactose intolerance. (In the Philadelphia market, API has been a significant advertiser of branded milk products. Their Lehigh Valley Farms LITE milk has been promoted heavily for several years.)

API plans to continue the operation of the Baltimore plant and provide uniterrupted service to customers previously served by Damon Dairy in the Baltimore-Washington market. Products will be sold under the Sealtest label, as well as several store brands.

Robert P. Barry, president of Atlantic Processing, wrote to Damon employees that "we consider it a real opportunity to be in the milk business and become a larger part of the Baltimore-Washington market.

"We believe we can revitalize the Baltimore operation and make it a profitable business."

the Baltimore market. He and other API executives served here

Barry himself is no stranger to _ in the 1960s when the business was known as Sealtest Western Maryland.

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and some generic advertising, and emphasized that the general quality of the ads must be im-

Another question often asked in regards to the surplus is: "Why don't we export our surplus?"

In reply, Mix announced that every major producing country has a surplus of dairy products. The major problem to exporting a our products is that the support price in the United States is higher than the world price.

In conclusion, Dr. Mix outlined what must happen to turn milk prices around.

- (1) There must be a decrease in cow numbers by 600,000 to 800,000.
- (2) Must advertise and promote dairy products at the 1 percent level.
- (3) Must increase commercial use by 6 to 8 billion pounds.
- (4) Develop new products and new exports.
- (5) Increase milk standards to 8.7% SNF and 3.5% fat. (Currently at 8.25% SNF and 3.25% fat.)

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