

PFA milk reform

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those who continue to produce at the same level," the farm spokesman said. "As a matter of fact some farmers will actually increase production to compensate for the lost income."

The farm leader said any solution to the dairy program problems must address the surplus problem and make certain that the present situation does not duplicate itself down the road.

"Phase one would be a temporary program," Eckel said, "bringing supply and demand into balance by rewarding farmers who reduce production and penalizing farmers who increase production. That makes sense to us. Why should we assess a dairyman who is doing his part to bring supply in line with demand?"

"Phase two, in our proposal, would maintain the balance between supply and demand by in-

dexing the support price to the purchases of the Commodity Credit Corporation. It would assure consumers of an adequate supply of dairy products, a major purpose of the program, and would require farmers to keep production in line with demands," the farm leader said.

Earlier Eckel told the congressman that the nation's economy was going through a "structural change" which accounts for a lot of the economic stress and unemployment. "We're moving into a new industrial age that depends more heavily on electronics than on a big steel industry," he said. "It calls for less labor . . . more electronics . . . more robots and the like."

He pointed out that "the reason for unemployment and displacement of people in industry like steel is not a depression . . . it's change. We should look for ways in which states like Pennsylvania can

adapt to these changes."

The Lackawanna dairyman said that everyone should be alarmed about the high unemployment rate in Pennsylvania, but not to "over react to slow our movement into this new industrial - electronic age."

On other matters the farm leader stated that the Reagan Administration's proposed federal budget is unacceptable to farmers in Pennsylvania. "A federal deficit of nearly \$200 billion caused by runaway federal spending is not easier to accept under this administration than it has been under the so-called big spenders of the past."

He suggested that congress

freeze all federal entitlement expenditures including farm programs at current levels for three years until basic deficiencies in laws can be corrected to allow for a balanced budget.

Eckel asked the Pennsylvania congressman to support an independent study on the effects the Surface Transportation Act of 1982 is having on the Trucking industry, and take immediate action to correct any inequities.

He also called for the establishment of a statutory trust to protect growers of perishable commodities; and for the passage of legislation to protect farmers' interests in grain elevator bankruptcies.

Farm Calendar

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Farm and Home Center, 9-3 p.m.

ELCO FFA annual banquet, 7 p.m., Middle School cafeteria

Lehigh Valley Farmers 3rd annual mtg., noon, Host Farm, Lancaster

Ag Land Laws mtg., 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Penn State Schuylkill Campus, Schuylkill Haven

Atlantic Breeders annual mtg., 10 a.m., Host Town, Lancaster, continues tomorrow

Adams-York Calfarama calf sale, 7:30 p.m., York Fairgrounds.

Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmer Program meeting, 7:30 p.m., Union Grove School, Terre Hill.

Wednesday, March 16

Chester Co. Sheep Producers Seminar, 7 p.m., Central

Chester County Vocational Technical School, Coatesville
Hunterdon Co., N.J. Tree Fruit Workshop, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Extension Center
Hunterdon Co. N.J. Ag Dev. Board, 8 p.m., Extension Center
Vegetable Growers meeting, Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmer Program, 7:30 p.m., Union Grove School.

Thursday, March 17

Red Rose Alliance, 7:30 p.m., Blue Ball Fire Hall

Fayette Co. annual Extension mtg., Gilsan's Restaurant, Markleysburg, Rt. 40 East, 6:30 p.m.

Wayne Co. Dairy Day, 9:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., Memorial Armory

Young Dairymen Dinner, Middle Atlantic Div. of Dairymen, Inc., 7 p.m., Friendly Farm, Westminster, Md.

Farmland Preservation meeting, Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmer Program, 7:30 p.m., Union Grove School.

Friday, March 18

Pa. Jersey Cattle Club annual mtg. through Saturday, Chambersburg Holiday Inn

Kent/Queen Anne, Md., Veg. Producers mtg., 10 - 3 p.m., Sudlersville, Md. Firehall

Maryland ag safety and health federation annual meeting and awards banquet, 7 p.m., Mt. Airy, Firemen's Activity Bldg.

York County 4-H benefit auction, 4-H Center.

Saturday, March 19

Pa. Ayrshire Breeders Assn. annual dinner mtg., Embers Convention Center, Rt. 11, Carlisle, 10 a.m.

Bucks Co. Dairy-tour to Lancaster County begins 7 a.m.

Mercer Co. small farms livestock conference, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Extension Center

Now is the Time

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Early pruning can involve some problems from winter injury, but in many cases an early start will be necessary to complete pruning of large orchards before spring. By confining early work to the older, hardier trees, fruit growers can keep injury to a minimum.

Apple and pear trees are the hardiest of the fruits with plums and sour cherries next in order. Because peach and sweet cherry trees are most tender, delay their pruning, particularly the younger trees, until later in March.

Egg production shows increases

HARRISBURG — Egg production for December, 1982, and January, 1983, in Pennsylvania each totaled 405 million eggs, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Egg production for December, 1982, was four percent above the previous year and January production was six percent above January, 1982. The average number of layers on hand for December, 1982 and January, 1983 was 17.7 and 17.9 million, respectively, and egg production

per 100 layers for the same two months was 2,288 and 2,267.

The nation's laying flocks produced 6.01 and 5.92 billion eggs during December, 1982, and January, 1983, respectively, down one percent from the same months a year earlier. The average number of layers on hand totaled 286.9 and 283.8 million for December, 1982, and January, 1983, respectively. Egg production per 100 layers for December, 1982, was 2,095 and for January, 1983, production was 2,085.



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