Red Lion FFA visits plants

RED LION - As a part of the summer activities of the Red Lion Area FFA, 40 FFA members of the Red Lion Area School District and four chaperones recently went on a tour of businesses.

A trip is taken annually by the Red Lion Area FFA members to

Additional commodities

WASHINGTON, D.C. Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has announced commodity distribution revisions which make available to states an increased amount of bulk Cheddar cheese and increased amounts of processed cheese, non-fat dry milk, corn meal, honey and butter for household use.

To assure that sufficient commodities reach those in need, states will establish criteria to limit distribution to these persons who lack sufficient resources to provide for themselves. It is expected that states will develop standards to target this assistance, and USDA will monitor these state plans.

"It's important that we continue looking for new and creative ways to distribute the bulk commodities which are in government storage," Block said. in "There is no reason why a single needy family should find itself without access to federal food assistance."

The food stamp program is the major USDA program for feeding the needy. Food assistance is also provided in the school lunch and breakfast programs, the special supplemental food program for women, infants and children, among others. About 34 percent more is spent on federal food assistance today than in 1980.

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Besides these programs we began distributing surplus dairy commodities in late 1981." Block said. "We have since added some grain commodifies to this household distribution effort. Keep in mind, these distributions are temporary, emergency efforts to augment the government's feeding programs while the need exists and while we have some surplus commodities available." The revisions also provide an opportunity for states not receiving adequate processed cheese to meet the needs of eligible people. In those cases, USDA will make available to the states as much bulk Cheddar cheese as they can effectively use without waste, and allow them to contract with local firms for processing. Local and state health standards must be met and packaging must be for household distribution.

and non-agricultural industry. This year, the trip included a guided tour of Harley Davidson, Inc. of York, where the members viewed the historical background, parts production, assembly, testing and preparation for

places of interest in agriculture shipment of motorcycles. It was pointed out to the members during the tour that the company is privately owned by approximately 13 individuals rather than part of a congolomerate as it was

previously.

As a contrast, the members then toured the Holly Milk Plant at Mt. Holly Springs, which is part of the Interstate Mile Cooperative owned by approximately 3,200 dairy farmers. At the Holly Milk Plant, the members were informed of the various aspects of receiving while milk from the dairy cooperatives

and the processing of it into butter and powdered milk. Of particular concern during the Holly Milk Plant tour was the wastewater treatment process.

To conclude the day's activity, the members spent some time at Baltimore Inner Harbor before attending an Oriole's baseball game at Memorial Stadium.



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