

**OUR READERS WRITE,
AND OTHER OPINIONS**

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a delay in the payments of dairy farmers who were left unpaid when Glen & Mohawk defaulted on its obligations.
NEDCO General Manager Robert Forsythe says in the article that a disagreement between Dairylea and the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets over Dairylea's claim against the Producers Security Fund was the reason the Fund had not yet issued checks to dairy farmers.

This is a classic case of trying to point a finger to draw attention away from yourself.

Here are the facts:
First, New York State Commissioner Joseph Gerace has stated publicly that the disagreement between his office and Dairylea is not affecting payment of producers by the Fund.

Second, the Commissioner sent out a news release with the following statement in it: "Commissioner Gerace said he was disappointed by NEDCO's failure to provide protection for the producers who are owed money by Glen & Mohawk. He noted that NEDCO did advance money to the producers, but long after other milk cooperatives had taken action."

Third, the New York State Department of Agriculture and

Markets currently has a suit against NEDCO because of its failure to pay about \$1.7 million owed to some 89 farmers who belong to the Dolgeville Producers Cooperative. The Commissioner says that NEDCO owes the money to these producers for milk delivered during May and June because NEDCO took over their contract when it took over the Glen & Mohawk plant.

Fourth, when Glen & Mohawk failed to pay for May and June milk, Dairylea and Eastern both paid their producers for milk shipped. We expect to collect this money from the Security Fund when that issue is finally settled...but in the meantime, our members did not miss a check. NEDCO, on the other hand, did NOT pay the producers it required to sign up to four new co-ops in April and May in order to be able to continue shipping to the Fultonville Plant which NEDCO was then in the process of buying. The three million dollars of advance payments about which NEDCO is sending out news releases are simply the total of weekly payments for milk already delivered to NEDCO at its Fultonville (formerly Glen & Mohawk) plant. Not one cent of it is for milk delivered during the May 1 - June 25 period.

Livestock market

Dewart Auction

Monday, Sept. 19
Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 228. Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter cows mostly 75 cents to \$2 lower. Few Low Choice 1080-1330 lbs. slaughter steers 58.50-60.75, Good 54.50-58.75, few Good holsteins 50.00-54, Standard 46.50-51, Utility 39.00-45.00. Few Good slaughter heifers 51.50-56.75, few Standard 46.35-48.50. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 37.85-41.85, few to 44.00, Cutters 36.00-38.50, Canner & Low Cutters 33.00-36.25, Shells down to 30.00. Few Yield Grade #1 935-1570 lbs. slaughter bulls 45.75-53.75. Few Medium Frame #1 250-500 lbs. feeder heifers 50.50-62.50.

CALVES 278. Choice vealers 70.00-89, Good 55.00-68, Standard & Good 90-125 lbs. 51.00-55, 70-100 lbs. 44.00-50, few Utility 50-85 lbs. 27.00-40. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90-130 lbs. 60.00-80, few down to 50.00. Few Choice 170-270 lbs. slaughter calves 60.00-65.00.

HOGS 134. Barrows and gilts about steady. Couple lots US No. 1-

2 230 lbs. barrows and gilts 47.10-47.20, No. 1-3 2-235 lbs. 44.90-46.10, lot No. 2-3 265 lbs. at 42.00, No. 1-3 170-195 lbs. 41.50-44.60. US No. 1-3 280-550 lbs. sows 35.00-40.25. Few Boars 31.50-32.25.

FEEDER PIGS 128. US No. 1-3 10-12 lbs. feeder pigs 9.00-12.50 per head, No. 1-3 30-45 lbs. 20.00-23 per head.

SHEEP 33. Few Choice 70-100 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 42.00-50, Good 50-110 lbs. 40.00-49. Slaughter ewes 14.00-23.00.

Greencastle Livestock

Monday, September 12

CATTLE: Butcher Steers - Choice 59.00-62.00; Butcher Steers - Medium - Good 48.50-59.00; Butcher Heifers - Medium - Good 44.00-55.00; Butcher Cows - Utility - Good 37.00-42.00; Butcher Cows - Canners and Cutters 35.00-41.00; Butcher Cows - Shells down to 31.00; Butcher Bulls - Medium - Good 45.50-54.75; Stock Steers - Medium - Good up to 58.00; Stock Heifers - Medium - Good up to 54.00.

CALVES: Medium-Good Calves - 160-220 lbs. 55.00-75.00; Medium-Good Calves - 125-160 lbs. 50.00-70.00; Medium-Good Calves - 100-120 lbs. 48.00-65.00; Medium-Good Calves - 80-100 lbs. 45.00-60.00; Holstein Bull Calves up to 85.00; Holstein Heifer Calves up to 67.00; Light and Green Calves down 35.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: Medium-Good Lambs 35.00-45.00; Butchering Ewes and Bucks up to 17.00.

HOGS: Good-Choice Butcher

Hogs 190-225 lbs. 43.50-47.00; Good-Choice Butcher Hogs 225-250 lbs. 46.00-47.00; Good-Choice Butcher Sows 400 lbs., up to 39.00; Good-Choice Butcher Cows 400 lbs., up to 40.00; Heavy Boars up to 29.00; Pigs - Per Head - 6.00-15.50.

**Now is
the Time**

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to keep some of them in a heated building. Be sure they are not near feed supplies because accidents can happen. Pesticides kept in a room or building under a lock is a good way to prevent costly mistakes and tragedies.

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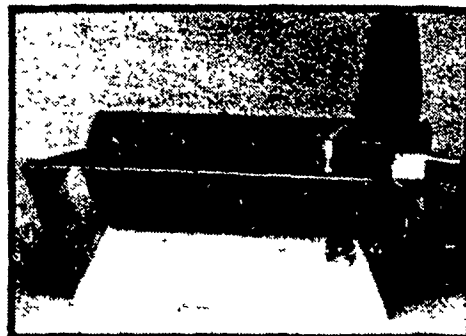
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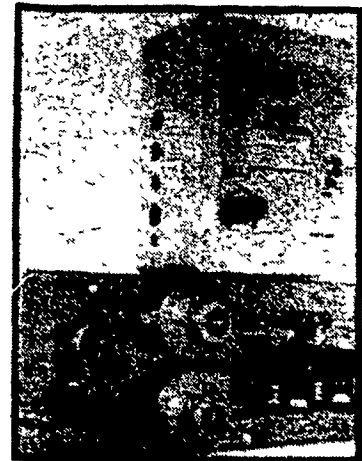
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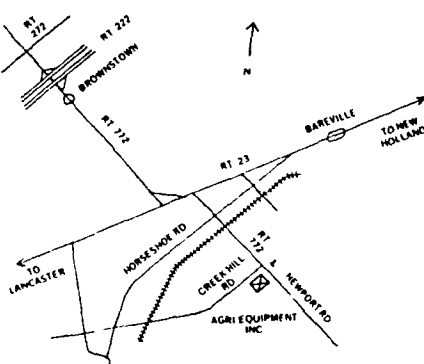
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