

Inter-State endorses compromise bill, warns of misinformation

SOUTHAMPTON — Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative applauds Congressional passage of dairy compromise legislation, according to President Robert B. McSparran.

"However, we are worried about the misrepresentation of the program's costs," he said.

Recent articles in the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times have hinted that the dairy compromise bill will cost taxpayers more money than alternatives discussed by Congress, McSparran said.

"In fact, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Congressional Budget Office estimates each indicate that the compromise plan is less expensive and more efficient in solving the surplus problem than a straight price cut would be," McSparran said.

Department of Agriculture estimates show that at the end of fiscal 1985, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) purchases would be 6.1 billion pounds under the compromise plan. However, under a straight \$1.50 per hundredweight drop in price support, these purchases would be 15.0 billion pounds — more than double that of the compromise.

Moreover, ending inventories would be 0.6 billion pounds under the compromise compared to 20.8 billion under the price drop.

"Clearly, the compromise legislation hammered out between the industry, the Congress and the Administration is the most effective solution to the current national surplus," McSparran said.

McSparran noted that this program is self-help, in that dairy farmers are financing a \$10.00 diversion payment by paying

USDA 50 cents per hundredweight on all milk produced.

McSparran said that President Reagan received the legislation late Tuesday, November 22. He has 10 working days to sign the bill or else it dies with a pocket veto.

Doran gets Inter-State award

LANCASTER, Pa. — Harold (Hal) Doran was named Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative Agricultural Communicator for 1983 at the Cooperative's 66th annual meeting.

President Robert B. McSparran made the presentation at the traditional Young Cooperator breakfast last Friday morning.

McSparran cited Doran's long association with cooperatives and education when making the presentation. The plaque read "in recognition of his contributions to cooperative communications, education and understanding, as evidenced by his leadership in PAFC and the newly-instituted Pennsylvania Cooperative Directors School."

Doran, who is cooperative education program director at Penn State University, is the eleventh recipient of the annual award.

Doran has served cooperatives and the Commonwealth in this position since 1966. Prior to that, he worked with Agway and Eastern States Cooperative as well as working as a county extension agent and vocational agriculture teacher.

In his remarks, McSparran congratulated Doran on his involvement with the youth and young farmers of the Commonwealth through the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives (PAFC) educational programs.

"We at Inter-State appreciate your efforts in uniting the leadership of cooperatives and other allied agricultural interests so that we all work together for the good of Pennsylvania agriculture," McSparran said.

In addition, McSparran noted Doran's involvement in the development of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Directors School, which will hold its first session this

LANCASTER — At its 66th annual meeting here, Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative approved a quality premium program.

President Robert B. McSparran said the seven-cent premium per

hundredweight would be paid monthly.

In order to receive the premium, McSparran said members would need to meet seven criteria. They follow: a standard plate count of 10,000 or less; a pre-incubation

count of 40,000 or less; a direct microscopic somatic cell count of 300,000 or less; no antibiotics; a range of -0.530°C to -0.550°C for cyroscopic test; a dairy farm score of 90 or better; and no quality problems that would lead to a rejected tanker load of milk.

McSparran said the Cooperative had been analyzing the costs of such a quality program for some time. "We felt the program would provide additional incentives for our members to produce high-quality milk," he said.

Based upon August 1983 production, the quality program would have provided an additional \$33,500 in income for the qualifying members, McSparran said.

Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative represents more than 3,200 dairy farmer families in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. The Cooperative marketed 2.51 billion pounds (292 million gallons) of milk in fiscal 1983.

December.

"We need communicators like Hal to help us educate ourselves as well as those outside the cooperative community," McSparran said. "The result will be a stronger cooperative community in the Commonwealth."

Doran graduated from Penn State with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural education and a Master of Science degree in agricultural economics.

Past winners of the Inter-State Ag Communicator Award have been Norman Reber, Pennsylvania Farmer; Earl Strine, WCHA-AM, Chambersburg; Beth

Gray, Bedford Gazette; Dieter Kreig, Lancaster Kreig, Lancaster Farming; Robert Stover, York Farm Credit; Pete Hardin, American Agriculturist; George Williams, Williams Brothers Printing; William Johnstone, Penn State; Gary Geers, KYW-TV, Philadelphia; Doni Dondero, National Milk Producers Federation.

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Julie Myers gets junior stockman title

HARRISBURG — Julie Myers, Wellsville R1, has been named junior stockman of the year following competition held during the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

The York County 4-H'er triumphed over 332 entrants in the contest, accumulating a high score of 756 points from a total of 15 classes of judging beef, sheep, swine, and management quizzes.

For her accomplishment, the veteran 4-H'er will be presented with a \$500 savings bond and a trophy commemorating her junior stockman title.

Just four points behind in total accumulated score was her teammate, Bill Wise of Spring Grove. Also a veteran 4-H livestock and meats judge, Wise will receive a trophy and \$250 bond.

Placing third with a total of 733 points was 4-H'er Lee Brown of

Loudoun County, Virginia. In addition to his trophy, Brown earned a \$100 bond.

A \$75 bond and trophy goes to fourth place winner, Andy Meadows, of Spottswood FFA, Spottswood, Virginia, who amassed a score of 721 points.

In fifth spot was a third York 4-H'er, Tim Ferrence of Spring Grove. His 720 points earned Ferrence a \$50 bond and trophy.

York County's team consisting of Julie Myers, Bill Wise and Chris Shive, Seven Valleys, captured the top placing over the total of 81 teams, competing from five states.

Special awards went to the three top individual scorers in each of the five general competition categories. First place winners received large trophies, those in second place earned decorative cutting boards, and belt buckles went to third-place finishers.—J.B.

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