

NFO in N.Y. holds convention

CHADWICKS, N.Y. — The National Farmers Organization held its state convention at the American Legion in Chadwicks, N.Y..

In addition to several resolutions concerning internal organization, eleven general resolutions were passed:

1. The present agricultural crisis is a reflection of inadequate farm prices and NFO continues to support collective bargaining as a tool to attain a fair and just price level.

2. The National Farmers Organization is strongly opposed to high interest rates.

3. The National Farmers Organization is opposed to foreign, conglomerate and absentee investors purchasing agricultural land, because it is proving detrimental to the family farm.

4. Be it resolved that imports meet the same quality standards as domestic products.

5. Governmental records of parity be based on the years of 1911-1914 for true parity.

6. The National Farmers Organization opposes the imports of agricultural products to depress farm prices.

7. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) henceforth pay farmers the same higher rate that is now being paid to elevators for storing grain.

8. Whereas the American dairy farmer is being taxed at the rate of one dollar for every one hundred pounds of milk marketed, be it resolved that all imported dairy products be taxed in like manner, based on milk equivalent.

9. The National Farmers Organization go on record supporting the concept of parity for agriculture and will cooperate with all organizations interested in preserving the family farm.

10. Be it resolved that the National Farmers Organization go on record favoring the development of alternative energy sources.

11. The National Farmers Organization reaffirms its position that farmers and ranchers must price their products by marketing through their own collective bargaining system.

Legislative, as well as dairy and beef commodity reports, were given. Richard Hoffmann, regional director, noted that volume in the

milk program had increased by 30 percent in his area. Marketing gains for the year were reviewed, including the initiation of protein premium pricing. Further progress has been made in working together with other dairy organizations in addressing problems common to all dairy farmers. NFO has also been active at several hearings, including opposing the proposed dropping Class I price being considered at Allentown, Pa. hearings and testifying at the hearings on the reorganization of the producer settlement fund.

Rick Avila, Regional Director for New England, reported on growth in his area.

The beef report was given by William Mack, Northeast Area Beef Coordinator. He described how beef is priced off the "yellow sheet." (This publication is privately owned and can be subscribed to for \$215 per year). In actuality, only 3.89 percent of the beef carloads shipped nationwide are reported to figure the yellow sheet price. 79 percent - 80 percent of the beef shipped nationally is formula priced and based on the "yellow sheet." "In other words," he said, "we are letting 3.8 percent of the beef set our price."

Using a chart, he showed how farmers tend to hold production while the price is rising, in hopes it will continue to go up and then sell on the down market. The last three years show a distinct downward trend of the peaks. Mack urged farmers to use their production for a better price.

In his legislative report, Al Smith reminded farmers that the answer does not lie in Washington, "They just pass the buck," he

noted, but, "we needed to make our voice heard and we did. The testimony given by most organizations was regional in nature - NFO's was national in scope because we are a national organization. We have sent delegations to meet with state leaders and congressional representatives. At best they can only offer stop-gap measures."

After a break for lunch, Glen Utley, National Director from Indiana and grain farmer was the keynote speaker. Utley told farmers, they have a lot to organize for. When he became involved in NFO, there were over 6 million farmers and today, "We number less than 2.5 million." "Has efficiency and getting bigger solved the problem? It takes price and that's all that NFO is about!"

He noted that the basic energy of the world is "not coal, not oil, not electricity." "The basic energy of the world is food!" "Food is the only energy source left that is not under corporate control, but if farmers can't afford to farm it any longer, who will be left in control?"



New alternate national director for NFO elected at N.Y. convention is Fred Shaw, of Little Falls, formerly of York County.

He concluded that farmers should demand justice at the marketplace.

After Utley's speech, elections

were held. Richard Hoffmann of Delanson, N.Y. was reelected National Director. The new alternate is Fred Shaw, a dairy farmer from Little Falls, N.Y.

Phosphorus helps antler growth

UNIVERSITY PARK — Lack of phosphorus in the diet may account for small antlers on yearling buck deer, according to experiments at Penn state.

Researchers with Penn State's College of Agriculture found that yearling bucks fed a ration supplemented with phosphorus developed significantly larger antlers than bucks fed a diet that maintained only normal growth and body functions.

"These and other experiments indicate that skeletal growth takes precedence over antler growth in yearling deer when nutrients are limited," declared Robert L. Cowan who retired recently as animal nutritionist at Penn State.

Cowan added that mature bucks, on the other hand, mobilize minerals from their skeletal reserves for antler development.

Only after skeletal requirements are met will surplus nutrients be used for antler growth among yearling bucks, it was noted. Cowan believes the lack of phosphorus in deer browse may be a major factor underlying complaints from hunters about small antlers. He said hunters may not realize that about 80 percent of the bucks killed in Pennsylvania each year are yearlings.

The experiments were carried out at the Penn State Deer Research Facility by Paul A. Reitz, former graduate assistant in animal nutrition.

Bucks fed a diet containing high levels of phosphorus during the summer and fall gained more weight and had bigger antlers with more points than bucks fed low levels of phosphorus. The supplemental phosphorus produced antlers weighing an average of 5 1/4 ounces. These anglers on yearling

bucks averaged 25 inches in length with 5 points.

Yearling bucks lacking supplemental phosphorus grew antlers averaging 3 1/2 ounces. The average length of these antlers was 21 inches with 4 points.

Among yearling bucks fed the supplemental phosphorus, both winter coats and "rubout" of antlers from the velvet stage developed about two weeks ahead of the bucks on less phosphorus.

"Farmers raising livestock on land similar to deer habitat will generally provide mineral supplements," Cowan stated. "Mineral supplements offered to deer would do no harm and could result in improved antlers," he added.

Word of the Penn State deer studies gets around. One farmer in Fulton County wrote to Cowan recently and told of his success in making minerals available to deer. The bucks in his area now have well shaped antlers and the deer are heavier than those shot before minerals were put out. Previously, the bucks were small with scraggly antlers.

The farmer commented that "friends and neighbors now see the difference. It is too apparent to be just a coincidence," he added.

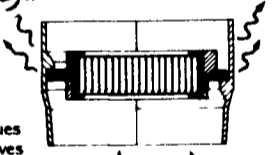


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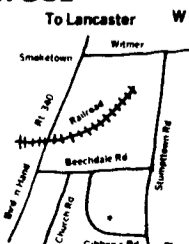
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ATLANTA — School book covers, "Fitness Forever" booklets, and product coupons will be given to fans attending "Milk Night", Friday, December 30, 1983, at 7:35 p.m. when the Baltimore Blast takes on the Pittsburgh Spirit in indoor professional soccer action at the Baltimore Civic Center.

"As an added attraction", according to Fred Butler, president of the Middle Atlantic Division of Dairymen, Inc., sponsor of the event, "at half-time a three-way

cow milking contest between Baltimore television sports announcers will be held with Maryland Dairy Princess, Miss Robin Hill of Kennedyville, MD, serving as official judge.

Since milk and milk products provide many of the nutrients soccer players need to get through a long session, "Milk Night" is a natural promotion event for our division of Dairymen, headquartered in Baltimore, to sponsor", Butler noted.

