

## Cooperatives increase share of milk supply

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dairy cooperatives are marketing a growing share of the nation's milk and dairy products, according to a preliminary report by Randall E. Torgerson, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Cooperative Service.

Preliminary data from a survey of all dairy cooperatives in the Nation revealed a slow but steady increase in the cooperatives' share of raw milk marketed, along with

increases for most manufactured dairy products, Torgerson said.

In 1980, members delivered to their cooperatives 77 percent of milk sold to plants and dealers, compared with 76 percent in 1973 and 64 percent in 1964.

Cheese sold increased to 47 percent, up from 35 percent in 1973 and 21 percent in 1964. Butter marketings held about steady at 64 percent, down slightly from 66 percent in 1973 and 65 percent in

1964. Marketing of dried milk and whey products rose to 85 percent in 1980, up from 73 percent in 1973.

Torgerson said significant gains were seen in the fluid processing and soft product industry sector, with 16 percent of the nation's milk now bottled by cooperatives, compared with 12 percent a decade ago and nine percent in 1964. Cottage cheese shares increased from 13 percent in 1973 to 22 percent in 1980, while ice cream in-

creased to 14 percent, up from only five percent in 1973.

Cooperative milk marketings increased significantly in New England, Central and Pacific regions, held about steady in the South Atlantic and decreased in the Middle Atlantic and Mountain regions.

Highlights of the report, "Operations of Dairy Cooperatives," by Thomas H. Stafford and James B. Roof, USDA economists, will appear in a future issue of USDA's "Farmer Cooperatives" magazine and later in complete published form.

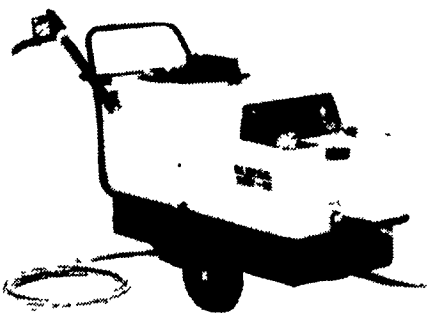
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New officers for the 1983-84 year were elected. The results were: President, Barbara Murphy; 1st Vice-President, Karen Baker; 2nd Vice-President, Jodi Neuberger; Recording Secretary, Becky Alpaugh; Corresponding Secretary, Tara Udu; Treasurer, David Palmer; Assistant Treasurer, Kristin Sandorff; Reporter, Jennifer Hasselbrook; Photographer, Susan Kostak; and Scrapbook, Shenee Foldy. Members discussed plans for their Valentine Square Dance, which

will be held at the Extension Center on Feb. 11. Their club Christmas party will be held Dec. 18. The place has not been decided yet.



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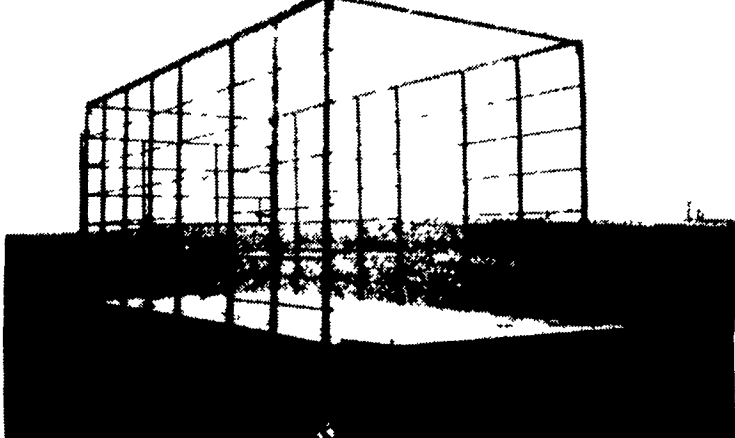


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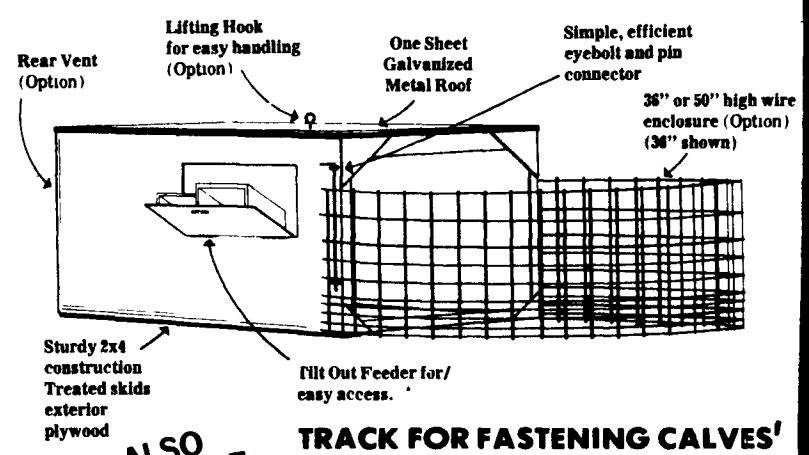
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