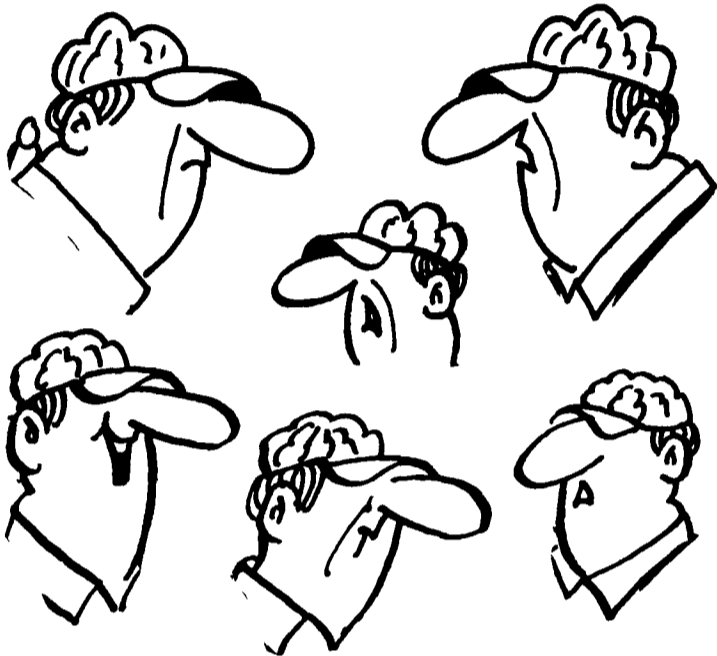


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Reaction to Scheps is mixed

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board's decision last week to deny a license-renewal request from Scheps Cheese Company, Bradford County, was met with mixed reaction among state agriculture organizations and leaders.

The Board cited Scheps inability to pay producers and creditors, maintain records and comply with terms of its provisional license in denying the cheese company's request. Scheps Cheese, which owes approximately \$6 million to 250 dairy farmers, closed its Bradford County plant last July while still owing money to producers.

The Board's action met with the approval of Keith Eckel, president of the Pa. Farmers' Association. The decision, Eckel said in a release, "demonstrated beyond a reasonable doubt that government is interested in protecting the economic integrity of the dairy industry."

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Ogline gets unique ag ed post in Mich.

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
NEW HOLLAND — Phillip Ogline, pioneering environmental ag instructor in the Eastern Lancaster County School District, has been named to develop and coordinate a unique, first-of-its-kind agricultural education program featuring concentrated hands-on experience for students at Michigan State University.

Ogline leaves his vocational ag post after 17 years at Garden Spot High School this week to launch the program at the new Kellogg Biological Station of Michigan State.

Ogline will develop a curriculum and coordinate instruction at the new Biological Station, at which Michigan State ag students will live and work during a 10-week instructional program to gain practical experience in farming and particularly as it is related to protection of the environment.

The Biological Station is located near Kalamazoo, Mich., amidst some 3,000 acres of cropland, forests and marshland donated by the Kellogg Corporation to Michigan State over the past three decades.



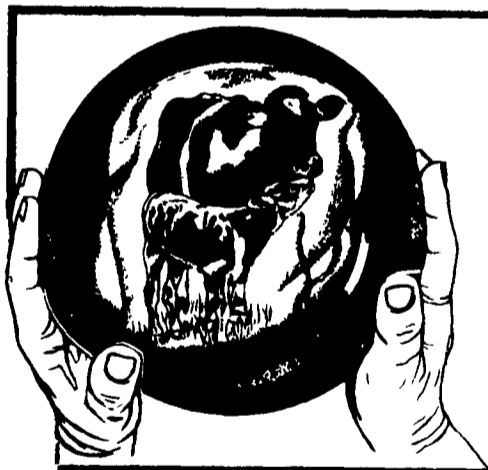
Phil Ogline

Kellogg has now followed up the land contributions with a \$10 million grant to establish physical facilities for the Biological Station.

Dormitory facilities for 60 students have just been completed at the site.

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Part V - Production



DAIRY'S FUTURE

Whatever it holds, it's in your hands

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(Editor's note: Laura England, Dairy Editor of Lancaster Farming, winds up her five-part series on Dairy's Future with a visit today with Don and Angie Koontz, Fredonia, Mercer County. Today's concluding article stresses "Production." After all, that's essentially what dairying is basically about - making milk and now helping to sell it. Also, turn to Laura's editorial on Page A10).

BY LAURA ENGLAND

FREDONIA — When the milk diversion program was passed last December, dairy farmers

throughout the state were forced to reevaluate their farm operations.

Dairymen pulled out pad and pencil and began figuring out

where their dairy operations stood financially.

The question hovering over all farmers was, "Can I afford to sign-up for the program and cut cow numbers?" This question was often followed by the uncertainty dairymen had about the future of the dairy industry and, "Will I be a part of that future?"

Don and Angie Koontz of Fredonia, Mercer County, were among the state's 15,500 forced to make a decision concerning the milk diversion program. By mid-January, the young couple had to determine their future financial stability and decide if the 15-month program would work for them.

They decided it wouldn't.

Don and Angie didn't sign up for the milk diversion program. They didn't sign up because, like many relatively new dairy couples, they couldn't afford to. Signing up would have spelled financial trouble.

"We knew we had to get so much milk and that we couldn't have waited for the first quarter payment even," Don said. "We needed the money right along."

Don also had questions concerning the program's structure, which left him with a negative reaction.

"One of the biggest problems I

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A young dairy couple, Don and Angie Koontz, Fredonia, began their own dairy farm - raising Jerseys - in the fall of 1979.

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"Everybody's goal seems to be to get back where they were before diversion."  
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