Get realism back into ag policy

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A long range and realistic national agricultural policy is one critically important element that should be part of the 1985 Farm Bill according to a group of New York State agricultural leaders.

Meeting recently for the second time, the newly formed 1985 Farm Bill Committee, comprising darry cooperatives, Farm Bureau, Grange and National Farmers' Organization representatives, is "beginning to reach a consensus on the principles that should be in the Farm Bill" according to the Committee's Chairman Clyde E. Rutherford, of Otego, N.Y.

He said that all of the Committee members felt that U.S. agricultural policy too often tended to drift from one emergency to another.

"Not enough attention is paid to establishing policies and programs that will keep America's food supply abundant and available in the year's ahead," said Rutherford.

The Committee Chairman, who is also President of Dairylea Cooperative, commented that the recent Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983 is an example.

"The net result of the milk diversion program (in this act) plus difficult economic pressures on dairymen, plus some very bad weather in key milk production areas has resulted in a significant drop of about 3.5% in milk production," said Rutherford. "That's good news for all of us, but it only deals with today's problem.

"What is going to happen to our milk supply if the increasing rate of sellouts, bankruptcies, and foreclosures gathers momentum and can't be stopped quickly enough? What about the long term effect of subsidized foreign competition on our vegetable crop growers? What will happen to the U.S. if short range policies leave us with long range shortages, something the American public has never experienced in peacetime?

"Congress and the President as

well as all concerned American citizens, should demand an agricultural policy that preserves our abundance...which means preserving our farms and our farmers. Today only 2% of the population are feeding themselves and the other 98%.

Other subjects discussed by the Farm Bill Committee were the possibility of creating a new dairy parity that would reflect current conditions in the industry; whether

there should be some standby milk production control system and, if so, whether it should be direct supply management or include an incentive system for controlling the number of heifer calves raised.

There was general agreement that the federal government's dairy price stabilization program should be continued, although with updating and changes that will tie the support price more directly to the level of surplus products being

purchased.

Members of the Committee include: Agri-Mark Cooperative, Allied Federated Cooperatives, Dairylea Cooperative, Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative, Lehigh Valley Milk Producers, National Farmers' Organization, New York State Farm Bureau, New York State Grange, Northeast Dairy Cooperative Federation and Upstate Milk Producers Cooperative.

Ground broken for Agricenter

MEMPHIS, TN. — Agricenter International, once just a dream of a small group of visionaries, moved one step closer to reality on Thursday, with official ground-breaking ceremonies at Memphis, TN.

The ground-breaking for a 140,000 square foot Exhibition Pavilion, featuring permanent display and office spaces, a 700-seat arena, marked the first major permanent structure for the unique center, which is expected to be fully operational by late 1985.

Although the Agricenter building is at more than a year away from being ready for occupancy, already 40 agribusinesses have announced intentions to lease space in it, space representing approximately half of what will be available.

When completed, Agricenter International will, in the words of its founders, "provide a single location where the entire agricultural community can come together, communicate, ex-

periment, demonstrate new technology and learn." It will provide for equipment exhibits, demonstration plots, sales and training centers and special yearround exhibitions.

Agricenter International will be located on approximately 1,000 acres of prime West Tennessee farmland, much of which will be utilized as demonstration plots showing the latest in equipment, fertilizers, chemicals and production practices.

Demonstration crops will include virtually anything from wheat, grain, sorghum, corn, cotton and soybeans through livestock and dairying. Permanent sites have been designated for, among others, a livestock (beef, swine and dairy) and poultry center; a farm storage center; row crops; specialty crops; a fish and rice center; a rice center; fish ponds; an orchard area; a horticulture area; and a forestry exhibit.

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Some other Agricenter features will include:

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A National Weather Service tower and offices serving agriculture.

Seminar rooms to host meetings and programs sponsored by universities, agencies and agribusiness companies.

A data bank, where visitors can research special interests, using information supplied by leading universities, industry sources and governmental agencies.

An international center for forest products equipment and technology.

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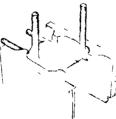
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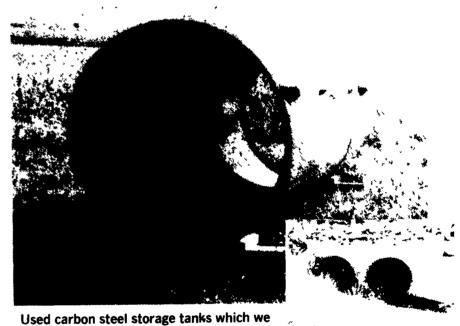
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