

PFU holds joint committee meeting

GETTYSBURG — Members of Pennsylvania Farmers Union's Dairy and Legislative Committees recently held a joint meeting at the Gettysburg Sheraton. Robert J. Mullins, director of legislative services for the National Farmers Union, was the featured speaker of the session.

Mullins brought the group up to date on the latest details of the whole herd buyout, and other aspects of the Food Security Act of 1985. "The dairy section of the farm bill fell short, but given the climate it was written in, at least family farmers) didn't lose everything," he said.

Mullins also discussed the impact which the Gramm-Rudman balanced budget act will have on U.S.D.A. in fiscal year 1986 and beyond. Nearly 20 percent of the

cuts slated by Gramm-Rudman to take effect on March 1, 1986 would come from U.S.D.A. Mullins explained that \$832 million of the \$1.2 billion scheduled to come from agriculture would be taken from the Community Credit Corporation, most likely affecting any contract signed after January 1, 1986.

The national family farm advocate outlined some of the legislative projects which the National Farmers Union has begun in hope of easing the impact on family farmers of both lower farm income under the Food Security Act and budget cuts under Gramm-Rudman.

With credit expected to be even tighter this year than it was last year, NFU is working on a bill to provide short-term emergency

operating loans Mullins said such a bill would have a much better chance of withstanding a Presidential veto during this election year.

The general farm organization is also developing a proposal for producer referenda on the issue of supply management programs in feed grains for 1987 and 1988. The proposal will be similar to Rep. Berkley Bedell's (D-Iowa) provision to let farmers decide their own fate, which was removed from the farm bill just prior to the final House vote.

Mullins said that NFU is also working on an alternative to the Food Security Act that would put all basic commodities into a marketing order system. Such a system would provide income guarantees to farmers, yet would be more responsive to prices in the marketplace, thus making the idea more attractive to those espousing a free market system.

NY company fined for egg violations

WASHINGTON — Louis Mayoka of Associated Bakers Products, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., has been fined for violating the Egg Products Inspection Act.

H.C. Kennett, Jr., an official with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service, said Mayoka was fined in the Eastern District of New York U.S. District Court after pleading guilty to four counts of manufacturing, using and possessing official labeling material and falsely representing that egg products had been inspected under the Act.

Associated Bakers Products

added corn syrup solids to dried egg solids, labeled the product as dried egg solids with labels bearing the official inspection mark and sold the product in commerce as dried egg solids.

Mayoka was fined \$1,000 for each of the four counts.

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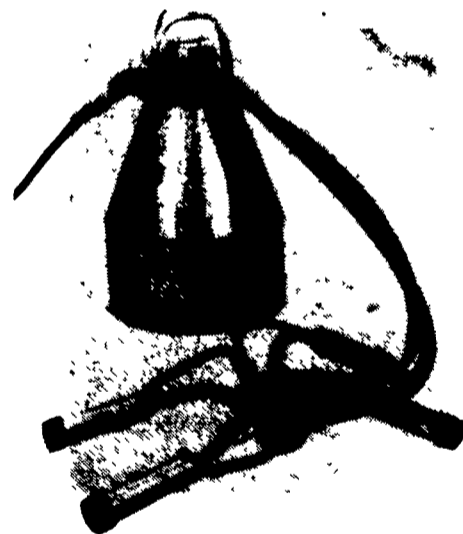
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