

Raymond Johnson elected president of ADADC

SYRACUSE, NY — Raymond Johnson a dairy producer from Schaghticoke, NY has been re-elected president of the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council (ADADC). Elections were held at the organization's 26th Annual Meeting held on February 20th in Syracuse, NY.

Also re-elected as officers were Allen Ostrander, vice president, Theresa, NY; S. Robert Conard, second vice president, Belle Mead, NJ; Charles Miller, second vice president, Hackettstown, NJ; Eugene Brace, secretary, W Winfield, NY; and Paul Fishel, treasurer, Ogdensburg, NY.

Johnson is entering his fourth

year as president of the organization. His leadership in milk promotion extends beyond the local level, he also serves as chairman of the American Dairy Association nationally.

Other highlights of the meeting included the presentation of the Leo Briggs Memorial Award. This year's winners were Kevin and Caroline Frisbie from Spencer, NY. They were presented with round trip tickets and accommodations for the Annual Meeting of the United Dairy Industry Association taking place March 25-26 in Columbus, OH. This award is presented each year to a young dairy farm couple in

memory of Leo Briggs, a former member of ADADC's board of directors.

The annual Service to Dairying Award was presented to Lancaster Farming, an agricultural newspaper based in Lititz, PA.

This award is presented each year to the individual or organization that has made a major contribution to milk promotion programs.

Over 350 dairy producers attended the meeting in order to

review their current dairy advertising programs. ADADC conducts advertising and promotion programs for dairy producers in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

Corn Growers protest yield interpretation

ST. LOUIS — The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) testified recently that if the Ad-

ministration's interpretation of average program yields for the basis of calculating deficiency payments is allowed to stand, corn farmers could lose \$1.2 billion over the next three years.

"The Administration is attempting to move from current policy of a moving program average of established/proven yields to an average of program pay yields for the past five years," says Dain Friend, NCGA farmer president from Warrensburg, Illinois. Friend testified in support of the program yield provisions in H.R. 4105 before the House of Representatives Subcommittee on wheat, soybeans and feed grains.

"This is another example of the Administration not following the intent of Congress and living up to their commitment to implement

the 1985 Farm Bill. Since the President signed the Farm Bill, the Administration's application of USDA's budget has belied, if not gutted, the effectiveness and benefits of a number of important programs that will have a tremendous impact on a farmer's subsequent net farm income," says Friend.

"Regardless of the issue, whether we focus on program bases, export credit programs, P.L. 480 application, Farmers Home Administration funding levels or program yield interpretation — the U.S. Congress must keep the Administration's feet to the fire if any of the programs of the historic 1985 Farm Bill are expected to meet Congress's and NCGA's desired goals and expectations."

NEDCO group urges action

SYRACUSE — United Dairy Cooperative Services, a Division of Northeast Dairy Cooperative Federation, Inc., urges rapid enactment of special legislation to authorize an additional emergency 10-cent per hundredweight milk producer assessment effective March 1, in lieu of the action taken by U.S.D.A. to reduce CCC payments for government dairy purchases 4.3 percent of approximately 55 cents per hundredweight on March 1.

The additional assessment will meet the requisite reduction in government spending under Gramm-Rudman for the current fiscal year without reducing all producer milk prices throughout the United States possibly as much

as 55 cents. The farmers' dairy prices have already been reduced \$1.50 a hundred since December 1983 and further reductions are authorized under the newly enacted 1985 Farm Bill.

United also urges that careful consideration be given to voting an oil import tax at an early date to alleviate the over-all budget deficit and reduce our serious trade deficit problem at the same time. The sharp drop in international oil prices makes possible an increase in tax revenues without hurting consumer or farm energy costs. Profits of the oil companies are at exorbitant levels while dairy farmers are enduring very large price reductions and serious financial hardship.

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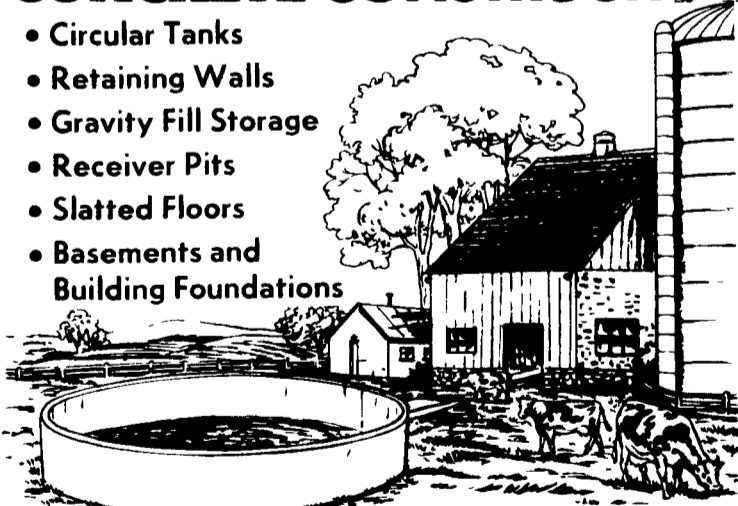
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