Young Cooperators to Compete in Gettysburg

SOUTHAMPTON - Nineteen Young Cooperator contestants representing Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative Program June 18-20 at the Sheraton Inn, Gettysburg.

During the program, the contestants will vie for the 1986 Outstanding Young Cooperator title. A panel of three judges will select five outstanding contestants, who will be named to Inter-State's Young Cooperator Consultant Committee.

Those participating in the program are: District 1, Nevin and Audrey Mast, Oley; District 2, Paul and Sharon Bryan, Trenton, N.J.; District 3, Carl Kreider, Quarryville; District 4, Howard Overholt, Pocomoke, Md.; District 5, Glenn and Carole Jo Binkley, Columbia.

District 6, Desmond and Deborah Kayea, New Holland;

District 7, Dale Kennedy, Middletown; District 8, Stanley and Cathy Guest, Pottstown; District 10, Michael and Beverley Philipp; District 11. Kenneth and Marilyn Umble, Atglen.

District 12, Dale and Martha Hershey, Paradise; District 13, John and Cindy Keith, Entriken; District 14, Lamar and Beth Bomberger, Watsontown; District 16, Michael and Loretta Berkheimer, Mechanicsburg.

District 20, Glen and Cathy Over, Williamsburg; District 21, Robert and Cathy Cromer, Mc-Connellsburg; District 24, Robert and Charlotte Clowney, Gettysburg; District 25, William and Susan Schnebly, Clear Spring, Md.; and District 26, Vernon and Luanne Horst, Chambersburg.

Sponsored by the members of the Pennmarva Dairymen's Federation, the Young Cooperator

activities for the participants. Each contestant has had the opportunity to attend board of directors meetings, the annual delegate meeting and educational

Inter-State's Young Cooperator between the ages of 21 and 35.

contest is a culmination of a year's program is designed to educate

Three other Pennmarva young dairy farmer members members -- Capitol Milk about cooperatives and to further Producers, Maryland and Virginia expose them to the workings of the Milk Producers Cooperative dairy industry. The program Association and Mid-Atlantic recognizes and develops leader- Division of Dairymen Inc. - also ship among cooperative members select outstanding Young

Maryland Loses Fewer Cows Than U.S. Average

COLLEGE PARK — Maryland's dairy farmers will give up fewer cows and less milk than the national average in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Whole Herd Dairy Buyout Program," a nationwide effort to reduce costly dairy surpluses.

That may be one indicator of Maryland dairy farmers' dependence upon milk production for their livelihoods, according to

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famous female who

acquired the language 20

years ago.

agricultural economists for the University of Maryland.

In 1985, Maryland dairy farmers marketed 1.7 billion pounds of milk. Based on the number of contracts accepted from the state's producers by the federal government, that figure should fall by 7.43 percent, or 124 million pounds for 1986, says Dr. John W. Wysong, agricultural economics specialist for the university's Cooperative Extension Service.

USDA has targeted for this year and part of 1987 a national reduction from 1985's production figures of 8.7 percent, or 12.3 billion pounds of milk, Wysong says.

Eventually, USDA expects the program will remove approximately one million cows from production.

Of the nation's five major dairy states, only California and Minnesota farmers signed contracts with the federal government to reduce milk production by more than the national target average.

In addition to Maryland, the major producing states of Wisconsin, New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont will reduce milk production less than the national average.

"California and Minnesota's dairy faremrs were probably able to lose more cows and reduce production more than the national aveage because they are less dependent upon milk production for their livelihoods," Wysong Wysong

"Farmers there are a bit more diversified," he adds.

Under the terms of USDA's buyout program, farmers may submit bids to the federal government to sell cows from their herds and remove them permanently from milk production.

Not only does USDA wish to reduce dairy surpluses, but it wants to reduce the cost to the taxpayer for those surpluses.

The federal government currently spends more than \$2 billion every year to buy surplus dairy products from the nation's dairy farmers.

USDA estimates the buyout program will cost \$1.9 billion a year, one-third of which dairy farmers will pay themselves through a production assessment.

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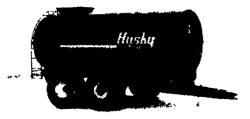
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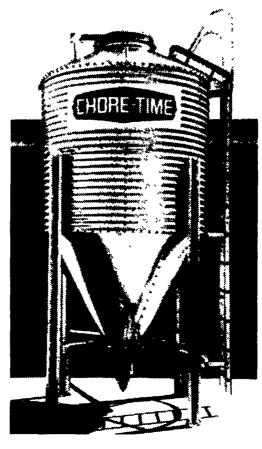
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