

Wolff Named To Three Committees

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff was named to a committee post and a task force group at the mid-year conference of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., March 8-10.

Wolff will serve on NASDA's standing 10-member Animal Health Committee and the 12-member Food and Drug Administration Task Force. In ad-

dition, he will be a trustee on the Eastern USA Food Export Council (ESAFEC).

"I feel honored to be able to serve in all three positions," Wolff said. "I view service on these panels and as a member of NASDA as an extension of my role to promote the interests of Pennsylvania agriculture."

Wolff noted that his assignment to the Animal Health Committee will be particularly beneficial

since dealing more effectively with animal health issues is one of the priorities of the new administration. "Creation of an animal health commission is one of the options we're exploring," he said.

Wolff and the other members of the FDA Task Force will meet with officials of the federal agency to identify matters of mutual interest to the states and the agency, and resolve problems that might arise.

"Our Department was an early

leader in food licensing, inspection and regulation, and has worked closely with FDA officials to see that food sold to the public is safe and correctly labeled," the secretary said. "Cooperation is essential, and hopefully my post on the task force will further our efforts in that direction."

As a trustee of the Eastern USA Food Export Council, Wolff will help oversee a \$1.1 million program to promote the northeastern states' food products in

overseas markets.

"My work as a trustee and as Secretary of Agriculture will be focused on getting Pennsylvania products sold and income up for our producers," Wolff said.

Wolff, during a confirmation hearing before the state Senate Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee, identified expansion of the promotion and marketing of Pennsylvania products at home and abroad as another priority of the Casey Administration.

Tighter Milk Supplies Expected To Net Higher Prices

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Supply-demand conditions in the New York-New Jersey milk market are expected to be tight throughout 1967, which "will keep the effective prices payable to producers higher than in 1966," dairy economist Joseph C. Mathis reports.

Mathis, manager of economics and government relations for Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative, said milk production continues to fall below last year's levels due to the loss of dairy farms and the increase in commercial demand resulting from improved conditions in the general economy.

As a result, he said, dairy farmers "likely will average about 30 cents higher for the year as a whole," with the largest gains in the first half of the year.

Dairy farmers will receive about \$12.42 a hundredweight for milk shipped in February, before ad-

justment for butterfat content and farm location, the economist noted. "That price," he said, "is 33 cents higher than the previous February after accounting for the 25-cent assessment to partially fund the Dairy Termination Program."

New York-New Jersey milk market supplies for February were nearly 6 percent below the previous year, Mathis said, "reflecting a loss of some 1,300 farms due to the buyout and sellouts." Meanwhile, he added, the remaining farms increased their output by nearly 3 percent.

He also reported that "milk used for bottling purposes dropped by an unexpected 1.3 percent from last year, and the amount of milk available for manufactured dairy products fell 8.4 percent below a year ago."

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