

Farmers Union Conducts Survey

Pa. Farmers Union surveys indicates dairy farmers want changes. Chester Reed, Executive Secretary of the Penna. Farmers Union (P.F.U.) announced today that a survey taken of dairy farmers by P.F.U. at New York State's Empire Field Days and Penna. Ag Progress Days indicates that dairy farmers overwhelmingly support the concept of a milk Supply Management Program. Out of the 908 dairy farmers surveyed at the two events, 71.3% favored a milk supply management program.

Reed said, in New York State the percentage was 67.4 in favor and in Penna. the support for a supply program was a staggering 75.1%.

The questionnaire presented to the dairy farmers centered around milk supply programs, milk prices, imports and milk quality.

In response to the question, do you favor allowing milk prices to

continue to decline in an attempt to correct the National Surplus Situation? 88% of the dairymen said no.

The dairymen were also asked what they thought the milk blend price should average on a year round basis. New York dairy farmers felt a \$14.35 per cwt. price was needed and in Penna. the price was \$14.25 per cwt.

Allen Deiter, President of Penna. Farmers Union from Northumberland County said our organization has long sought a milk supply program that would keep production of milk in line with the domestic milk market and return prices to the dairymen to cover the average cost of production plus a reasonable profit on the dairymen's investment. Reed said he felt dairy farmers were entitled to a 10% return on their investment.

In both states 88% of the farmers felt that imports of dairy products

had an adverse effect on the dairy farmers milk check.

Reed and Deiter concurred that the imports of dairy products would have to be brought under tighter controls to enable a milk supply program to work.

Arden Tewksbury, Manager of Northern Tier Farmers Union Milk Co. Op. who supervised the questionnaire said that in New York State the dairy farmers that responded to the type of milk supply program they favored, 65.2% supported a quota program, while in Penna. 51.4% favored quotas.

Tewksbury said 60% of dairy farmers in both states favored a monetary value being placed on quotas.

Also 65% of dairy farmers in both states feel the present advertising program is beneficial.

In conclusion, Reed said the message we received in both states was very clear. Dairymen don't

want their milk prices to decline any further, they want imports of dairy products to be cut back and

they know they need \$14.30 per cwt. as an average yearly blend price.

Antiques In Decorating

Antiques in your home indicate an interest in history and the past, a desire to preserve and live with the rare and cherished and a commitment to share this fascination.

Use antiques as accessories, conversation pieces or for their intended, practical use. Sturdy furniture, dishes, vases, flatware, quilts and tapestries can all be used with care suggests Delaware County Extension home economist Maryetta Dorricott. The same principle of design — color, texture and shape — should be considered as for any furnishing for

the home. Old kitchen tools, woodenware, toys or spinning wheels should be used as art objects or pieces of sculpture for their beauty of form and finish

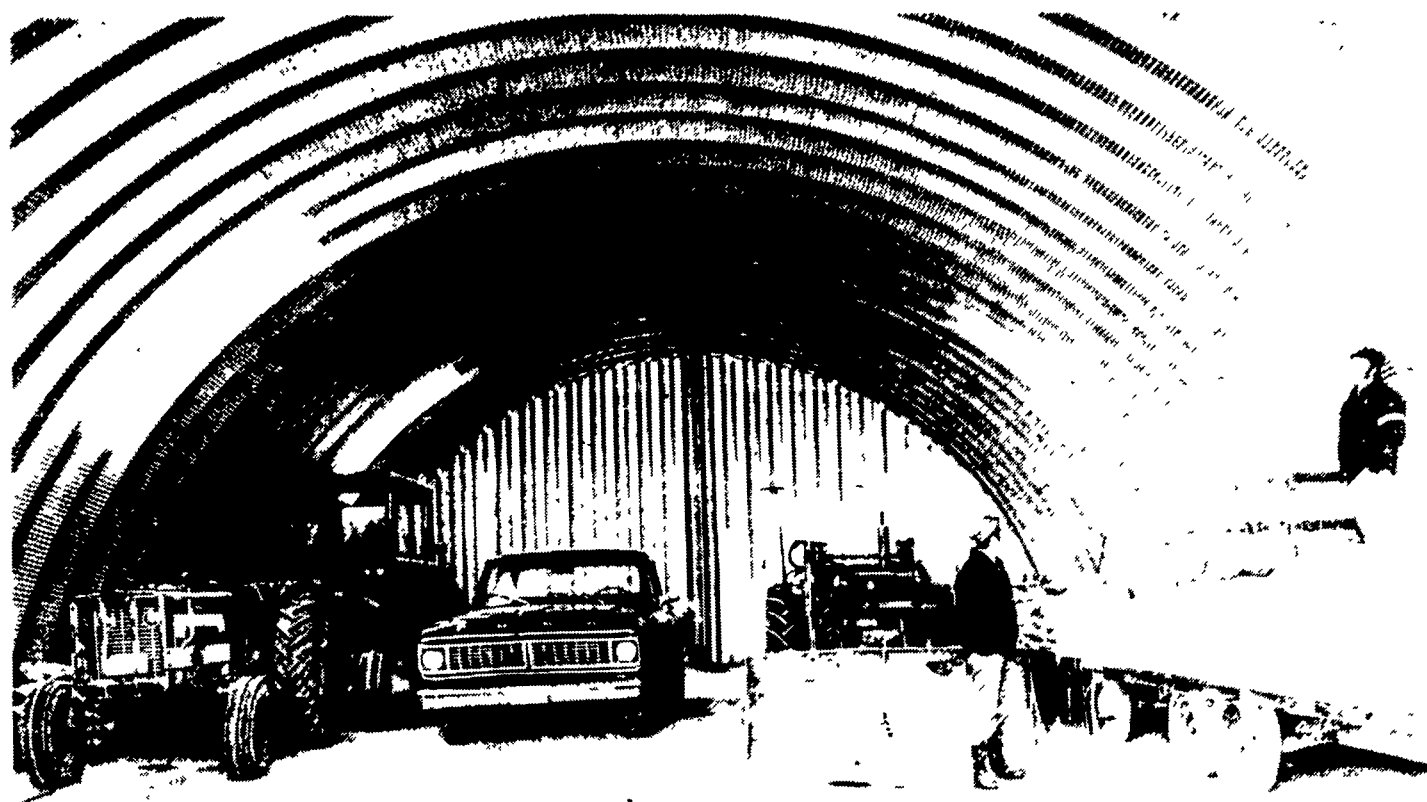
Don't paint an antique to match your kitchen or plant a vine to trail around a spinning wheel. Instead, use a dry sink to display an old wash bowl or pitcher set, it was not meant to contain a metal tray full of plants. Old crocks (if clean) are great for holding wooden spurtles or dried flower arrangements since they were designed to "hold" things. A copper kettle looks uncomfortable with objects protruding from its top; it was made to pour.

Use antiques with integrity for love of their history, construction and character. Don't alter a piece that is old and rare if you can avoid it. For example, cutting the base down on a round oak table to make a cocktail table ruins the table. When these tables were inexpensive, it was fashionable to make this change. Round oak tables now command incredible prices; those that were cut down have lost much of their original value. When a piece of one object is combined with another to make a complete whole, it is known as "cannibalizing." Using parts from different pieces to make a whole decreases the value.

Visit museums and historic villages to see how antiques are used in designing interiors. Try to work toward using your treasures so they look natural and not contrived. A coffee grinder in the dining room or kitchen looks more natural than in a bedroom or living room. Furniture, draperies, and appliances are standard; accessories reflect your character and that of your family.

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