

LITITZ — Two spokesmen, one for RCMA and one for Farmland Industries, contacted Lancaster Farming this week with concerns about the milk diversion controversy. Marc Goldman, President of Farmland Industries, Wellington, NJ, and Harold Ely, Pennsylvania RCMA Coordinator. The discussion now centers around efforts of RCMA to sign up more members and divert members' milk and Farmland's efforts to replenish diverted milk with new producers who are not members of RCMA. Goldman's concerns centered around the independent handler's need to bear the business responsibility of possible losses from operation while cooperatives can reblend the price back to producer members.

Ely's concerns centered around the price of milk that's now under producers' costs and the need to find a way to extract more of the consumers milk dollar back into farmers' pockets.

Goldman said that independent milk handlers bear the total responsibility of losses and seasonal fluctuations when they purchase milk from farmers. "Cooperatives can reblend the price to compensate for losses or to split up income with all the coop members."

Goldman said that premiums in recent months have come from competition for supply rather than RCMA's diversion of milk. And

he questioned what will happen when the surplus appears again. "What will RCMA do when they need to dispose of milk in a flush season-- maybe even as soon as this spring?" Goldman asked. "We take all the milk whether we need it or not."

And he quoted Section 2.3 of the RCMA Bylaws that says RCMA can reblend its potential losses back to its members. Unlike RCMA officials, Goldman interprets the wording of the bylaws to mean RCMA can recoup losses from members beyond the overorder premiums.

Goldman said his company paid lower premiums to their RCMA members but this came about because Farmland had paid \$46,000 into an RCMA escrow account for September milk under a special agreement. The agreement was later declared invalid but the money in the escrow account has not been returned to Farmland. "That's part of our legal suit," Goldman said.

Ely said, "We think highly of tourism in Lancaster County because it brings dollars into Pennsylvania from out of state. In Lancaster County alone, 824 dairymen ship milk out of state to Order 2. If we had the total support of farmers, we could add \$5,000 average per farm per year. That would be dollars from out of state back into the farm economy," Ely said.

Without RCMA, the share of the consumers milk dollar has gone down from 52% in 1981 to 44% in 1980; that's a loss of 14%. Reliable economists are predicting continued downward prices for milk. "There's really nothing

cooperatives can do to keep the price from slipping to \$9.60 by 1990," Ely said.

Even now, there are lots of farm sales. You may want to continue farming but your banker will make the decision. What we extract from

the market could be increased by one-third if we had all the shippers as members. "What we are going to be able to do about the decreasing milk price to farmers other than going to over-order pricing, I do not know," Ely said.



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Public Auction Register

Closing Date Monday 5 00 P M
of each week's publication

FEBRUARY

SAT. FEB. 27 - 9:30AM Nice Lot Antiques, Household, Glassware. At Redding Auction Service located taking Rt. 34, 1/2 mi. N. of Gettysburg, bear right at Y (at car wash) and continue 2 mi. on Table Rock Rd. to auction site. For Heien R. Hantz & Madalyn E. Hospelhorn. C. David Redding, Auct.

SAT. FEB. 27 - 10AM Furniture & Antiques From Local Estates. Rudnick's Sales, Rt. 213, Galena, MD. Harry Rudnick & Sons, Auct.

SAT. FEB. 27 - 12:00AM Real Estate. 11:00AM Personal Property. East Hempfield Township. Townhouse of Hilltop Farms. Located off Centerville Rd. in Lanc. Co., PA. between Rt. 30 and Harrisburg Pike. Take Noit Rd., East off Centerville Rd. to Winding Hill Dr. to Treetop Drive, follow to sale. Michael R. Horn Estate, Cristeen Horn, Executrix. Steve & Steve Jr. Petersheim, Aucts.

MON. FEB. 29 - 9AM Sale Of Restaurant Booths,

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MARCH

TUES. MAR. 1 - 9AM Mules, Full Line of Farm Equipment, Household Goods and Antiques. Located between Rt. 23

and 340 along Horseshoe Road close to C.V. High School. Lancaster County, PA. Abram K. & Mary S. King, Owners. Robert E. & Jeffrey R. Martin, Aucts.

Farm Calendar

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ASCS Programs, Wayne Kurtz, Kenard-Dale H.S., 8 p.m. Ralph Travis, 717 382-4871.

Soybean Management meeting, Memorial Lutheran Church, Orange & Penn Streets, Shippensburg.

Agricultural Outlook meeting, Biglerville H.S.

Cecil Co., DHIA/Holstein Association banquet, Sandy Cove, 7:15 p.m.

Maryland/Virginia Dairy Herd meeting, Ruritan Grounds, Berryville, Va., 10 a.m.

PA Lamb Checkoff meeting, 7:30 p.m., Wellsboro.

Wayne Co. Dairy Day, Wayne Co. Veteran's Memorial Armory, Honesdale.

Friday, March 11
PA Jersey Club's annual meeting, Toftrees Resort, State College, through the 12th. Calf sale at 9 a.m., March 12.

PA Guernsey Breeder's annual meeting, Sheraton, Altoona, through the 12th.

Saturday, March 12
Md. Eastern Shore Calf sale, Hunters Sale Barn, 11 a.m.

N.E. Region Christmas Growers meeting, Split Rock Lodge, Poconos, Lake Harmony.

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Partial listing includes 1987 elec bandsaw, Carroll Jamison Lathe w/all attachments, 4' bed, floor jacks, engine lifts, diesel injector nozzle tester, grinders, valve grinds, tire changing machine, Lincoln welder, drill press, M&W 540/1000 Dynamometer, parts and bolt bins, hand tools, torque wrenches; air & impact tools, Couplomatic hydraulic hose make up unit, Flo rate tester, battery charger/booster, oil storage & dispensing equipment, wood desks, micro film printer & reader, file cabinets, Sharp SF726 copy machine, Coronet elec typewriter & stand, chairs, etc

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