

RCMA Officials Meet With New York Assembly Leaders

BATAVIA, NY — Leaders of an 11-state dairy farmer organization say a meeting last week with members of the New York State Assembly should go a long way in getting the Dairy Farmer's Bill of Rights passed into law.

RCMA President William Zuber and RCMA Executive Director Edward Anna met with Assembly Speaker Melvin Miller (D-Brooklyn) and other assembly members for discussions arranged by Assemblyman Michael Bragman (D-Cicero). The talks centered on the plight of dairy farmers in the state and the importance of the Dairy Farmer's Bill of Rights.

"We want the Assembly leadership to know how important this bill is to the future of dairy farmers in the state. The Dairy Farmer's Bill of Rights protects those who make their living on the farm from tactics like coercion, discrimination and intimidation," Zuber said.

In addition to Miller, Assembly

members at the meeting included Mary McPhillips (D-Middletown), Jerrold Nadler (D-New York), William Parment (D-Ashville), Sheldon Silver (D-New York), Paul Tonko (D-Amsterdam) and Helene Weinstein (D-Brooklyn).

"There are forces out there working to defeat the Dairy Farmer's Bill of Rights," Zuber noted. "Dairy farmers need to write to their local Assemblymen and Senators to voice their support for this bill, otherwise those who would deny us basic rights may win out."

RCMA is an organization working to improve dairy farmer income. Prices paid to farmers have declined by nearly \$2 per hundredweight since 1981, while the costs of many essentials of doing business have increased. In the past 12 months, 1,400 dairy farmers have stopped producing milk in the northeast.



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1988 Case Expo

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in nearby New Holland, Pa., another important ag-heritage historical site.

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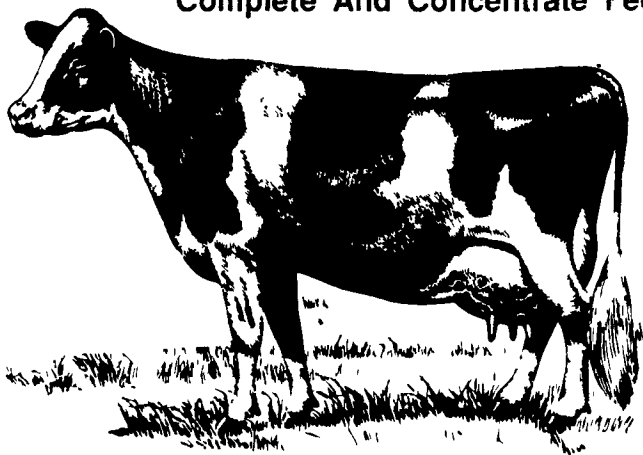
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