

# PA Grange Advances Dairy Policy Proposals

HARRISBURG (Dauphin) — In the next several months, proposals will be formulated for the new Farm Bill. The Pennsylvania State Grange Committee is seeking the opinions of Pennsylvania dairy farmers regarding a proposal that the Grange can support for the dairy section of the new farm bill.

1. The present program that is designed to reduce government participation in the dairy industry and to allow milk to seek its own value level.

2. An over-order pricing pro-

gram that allows farmers collectively to set their own price for milk.

3. A mandatory quote program that would call for a limit on production to match market needs; would require a penalty for production over quota; would require a strong support price to keep farm income up. The program would be administered by ASCS.

4. A voluntary program that would pay an incentive to any producer who reduces his production from an established base. The

incentive would vary according to the points of reduction up to 7%. The money for the incentive would come from the market or a combination of the market and the government.

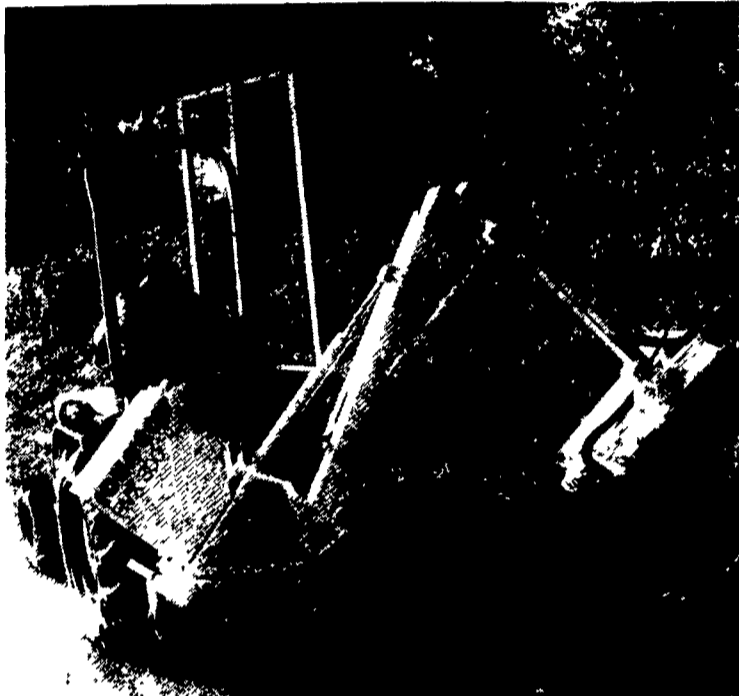
5. Another proposal would divide the nation into regions.

Supply management programs would be set up within the regions. Each region would have a base production and bases would be established for each farmer within the region. The support price would be 75% of parity that would increase over the next five

years. Excess production over base would receive a price of 25% of the support price. The program would be managed by a farmer board through the ASCS committees in each county.

6. Other proposals.

## Hamilton To Distribute Rosseau Mowers



Rosseau Inc. recently announced the appointment of Hamilton Equipment as wholesale distributor of their various commercial three-point arm mowers and rear-mounted multi-knife mowers. Pictured above is the RMX arm mower.

The RMX series is an excellent tool for use with smaller tractors in the 14 to 35 horsepower range. It does beautiful finish mowing and trimming, which makes it extremely useful for landscaping, golf course maintenance and mowing large residential and commercial complexes.

For more information on Rosseau mowers, contact Hamilton Equipment Inc., 567 S. Reading Rd., PO Box 478, Ephrata, PA 17522; 717/733-7951.

## Phosphorus Aids Plant Growth

ATLANTA, GA. — When we think of crop quality and how it is affected by fertilization, nitrogen and sulphur usually come to mind first because of their influence on protein content. However, higher crop quality is also a benefit of phosphorus use, a fact that is often overlooked.

Improved crop quality from phosphorus is an added bonus on top of higher yields. Quality can be measured in several ways...such as maturity, winter-hardiness, sugar content, drought resistance and reduced losses to disease. Phosphorus can improve crop quality through these benefits.

• Phosphorus hastens maturity. And that translates into reduced drying expenses for corn and grain sorghum, for example, because of lower grain moisture at harvest. It also can mean the difference in getting a crop out of the field ahead of bad weather or harvesting the first crop in a doublecropping system a week or so early, giving the next crop a faster start.

• Phosphorus helps improve winterhardiness. It is most effective when phosphorus soil tests are in the medium to high range. Although direct fertilizer application can improve winterhardiness on low phosphorus soils, it cannot compensate completely for low fertility.

• Phosphorus fertilization has been shown to significantly increase the sugar content of sugarcane even when yields were

not affected. Sometimes yield is not the most important consideration when crop response to phosphorus fertilization is evaluated. In this case, sugar production is the more meaningful measure of the fertilizer effect.

• Phosphorus can reduce losses from disease. For example, Canadian research showed that phosphorus fertilization reduced the level of root rot infection in bar-

ley. One way phosphorus helps to protect barley and other cereals is by stimulating enough new root growth to compensate for the damage done by the diseases.

So, phosphorus is a quality nutrient as well as a quantity nutrient; that is, its benefits go beyond simply increasing yield. Now is the time to look at phosphorus fertilization for next year's crop...to give the crop a quality bonus that can increase its value and profits.

## Lancaster Conservation District Announces Seedling Sale

LANCASTER — With spring just around the corner, it's time for the Lancaster County Conservation District's annual tree seedling sale. This year marks the 15th year that the Conservation District has been offering seedlings to all landowners to improve their property and help the environment.

The Conservation District is offering a variety of evergreen, hardwood, ground cover, and ornamental seedlings. Available evergreen seedlings include Norway and Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir, White and Scotch Pine, and the Pennsylvania State Tree, Hemlock. Evergreen seedlings are available in packs of 10, 50, or 100 seedlings. Ground covers included in this sale are Pachysandra and English Ivy, and are available in a pack of 10 individual plants or a flat of 100 plants. Red Oak and White Dogwood,

sold individually, comprise the hardwoods available for this year. The ornamental selection for this year is the Red Rhododendron and is sold individually or in a package of four. Fertilizer planting tablets also are available in packs of 10 tablets to aid in planting and establishing seedlings.

Order forms are available at the Lancaster County Conservation District office, Room #6 of the Farm and Home Center, or by calling 299-5361. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Prepaid orders must be returned by Friday, March 31.

Seedlings may be picked up Friday, April 21, 1989, at the Kiwanis Lodge, Lancaster County Central Park. For additional information, stop by or call the District office. Remember, spring is just around the corner and it will soon be prime planting time!

## - NOTICE -

Valley Road Woodworks is moving hardware, tools, paint, etc. 200 ft. up Vintage Road from our present location to a grocery store known as the Little Store.

We will be closed February 20, 21 & 25. There will be a public sale February 25, check ad on page E22.

We plan to keep the woodworking shop at present site. Hardware store will be known as Valley Hardware. Our new address will be 958 Vintage Road, Christiana, PA 17509

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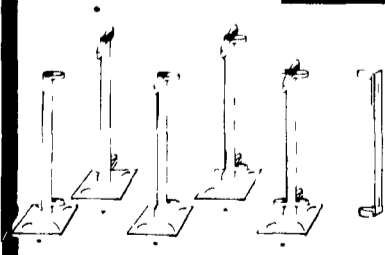
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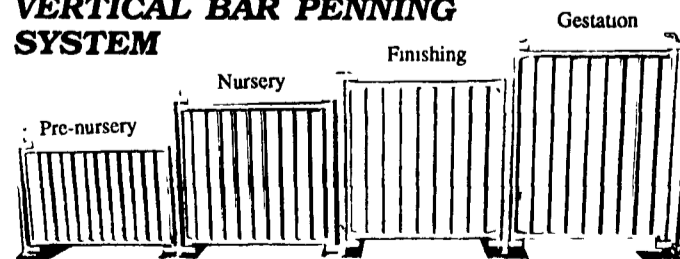
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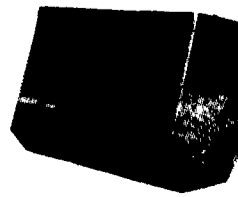


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