Eastern Cooperative: We Test Our Milk

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative" is committed to a safe and wholesome milk supply," and "routinely tests milk" for quality and drug residues, according to Eastern General Manager Michael Donovan. Speaking at a district meeting of member-farmers held in Wysox recently, Donovan made the statement in reaction to recent Wall

Street Journal stories on drug residues in milk.

He assured farmers that Eastern's quality control procedures, supported by a state-of-the-art laboratory, "prevent tainted milk from entering the marketplace."

Futhermore, Donovan said Eastern provides incentives for member farmers to produce quality milk.

"We pay extra for higher qual-ity milk," he said. "We also pay farmers who alert us to possible contamination problems before their milk is picked up."

Eastern President Lewis Gardner, a dairy farmer from Galeton, reported that Eastern began an informational campaign about the proper use of animal drugs a year and a half ago. At the same time it banned sulfamethazine from its member farms.

The Wall Street Journal report said trace amounts of sulfamethazine and other antibiotics used to treat injured or sick animals were found in milk samples.

Farmers who allow tainted milk from their farm to spoil a load of milk are penalized for the loss, he noted, and repeated violations will result in a farmer's dismissal from the cooperative.

Donovan said that Eastern producers represent some 3,000 farms in nine states and bring to market over 1.8 billion pounds of milk a year.

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