

Berks County Dairyman Re-elected As RCMA Director

BATAVIA, NY — Donald B. Duncan of Robesonia, was re-elected director of the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency (RCMA) for 1990.

On the Board of Directors, Duncan represents dairy farmers in RCMA Region 16, which includes the counties of Northampton, Lehigh, Bucks, Berks, Montgomery, Delaware and Chester, and also southern New Jersey.

Duncan has been a dairy farmer for 35 years. He and his wife, Anne, and a son, Donald Jr., operate a 130-acre farm with a herd of 110 registered Holstein cows. They also raise some beef cattle.

He currently serves on the RCMA Executive Committee and its Marketing Committee. In addition to his activities with RCMA, Duncan is the chairman of the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program and a director of the NEBA Division of Sire Power.

He said he is active in RCMA because he believes farmers must work together to assure the future of the dairy industry. Producers need an organization like RCMA to help stabilize milk prices so they can make sound business

decisions for their farm operations.

Elected delegate for Region 16 was Elam Hoover of Reading. He has a herd of 85 cows on his 450-acre farm. He also raises 300 hogs. He is active in the Walnut-town Mennonite Church.

The delegates decide on important membership issues during RCMA's annual meeting in

December.

Fred Wainwright Jr. of Bordentown, N.J., was elected alternate delegate. He and three sons have a herd of 180 cows with 180 replacement animals on their 200-acre farm, which was named a Dairy of Distinction. Two sons also do custom combining and raise 400 acres of beans and corn. He is a member of Farm Bureau,

the Burlington County Board of Agriculture and the Holstein Association.

The election was held at the Berks County 4-H Center in Leesport. The election was confirmed by the RCMA Board of Directors at their March meeting in Albany, N.Y.

RCMA is a dairy-farmer organization working to assure a fair

price for milk. It does this by collecting from milk processors an over-order price, or premium, on milk sold for fluid consumption. That premium is then disbursed among RCMA members.

Over the past two years, RCMA has distributed nearly \$70 million to dairy farmers. There are 22,000 RCMA members in the 11 states of the Northeast.

Chesapeake Bay Funding Available

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)— The Lancaster Conservation District has reopened the signup period for landowners who wish to apply for cost-sharing funds to put Best Management Practices in their farm conservation plans during the 1990 and early 1991 construction season. According to Amos Funk, well known Lancaster conservationist, \$600,000 in additional funds are available for Chesapeake Bay clean-up and these funds will be lost if they are not used. The district will accept new sign-ups by landowners who wish to apply for

cost sharing funds to put best management practices on county farms. Applications must be completed by September 1, 1990.

According to Robert Gregory, district conservationist, this program is a joint effort of several agencies: The Conservation District has cost-sharing funds available through the Chesapeake Bay Program, the Soil Conservation Service is responsible for the technical planning and design, and the Agricultural Extension Service handles part of the educational program.

These Best Management Prac-

tics may include one or as many as 14 B.M.P.'s that are approved by the Conservation District Board of Directors. Those approved B.M.P.'s include: Permanent Vegetative Cover, Terrace System, Grazing Land Protection System, Cropland Protection System, Stream Protection System, Soil Analysis & Manure Analysis, Permanent Vegetative Cover on Critical Areas, Animal Waste Management System, Diversion System, Waterway System, Conservation Tillage System, Fertilizer Management, Stripcropping & Contour Farming System, Sedi-

ment Retention & Erosion or Water Control Structures.

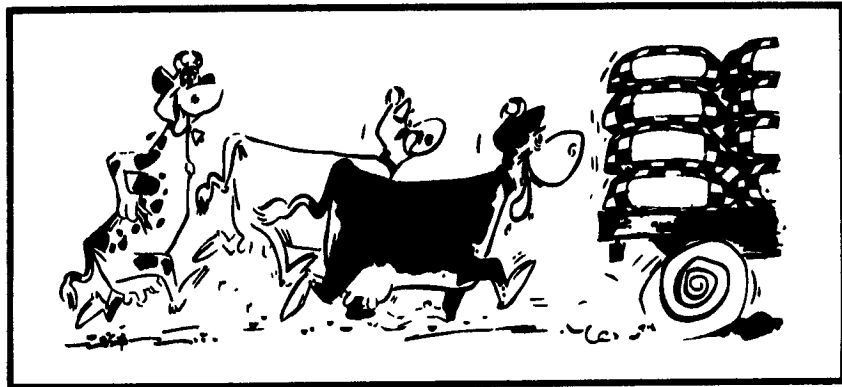
The cost-share with landowners varies from 50% to 80% of cost depending on the conservation practice is needed.

Farmers and landowners that have questions on the details in this program are asked to contact the:

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