

## PFA Disappointed With Milk Board Budget Cut

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — The state's largest farm organization said today that it was disappointed that the Casey Administration cut \$300,000 of general fund appropriations from the budget of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board (PMMB).

Eith W. Eckel, president of the Pennsylvania Farmer's Association (PFA), urged "reconsideration and restoration of the \$300,000 general fund cuts in the PMMB's budget."

In a letter to Governor Robert P. Casey the farm leader wrote that PFA supported an amendment (Act 135) to the Milk Marketing Law in 1988 giving the PMMB authority to increase administrative fees, which can be imposed on all segments of the milk marketing industry. The legislation was introduced and passed at the urging of the Casey Administration.

"We supported that legislation in the face of considerable resistance . . . realizing that it was important for the milk industry to do its fair share to supplement the strong and continued commitment of Commonwealth funds in the administration of the important functions of the Milk Marketing Board."

"At no time during the period of consideration and enactment of Act 135 was there any discussion that the \$300,000 raised by fee increases was intended to replace the commitment of monies from the general fund. Nor was there any expression of any intent by your administration to reduce budgetary commitments of general fund monies in response to increases in revenues resulting from (passage of) Act 135.

"In light of this action, we who supported Act 135 feel betrayed by the recent effort by your administration to cut \$300,000 of general fund monies from the PMMB

(budget)." PMMB performs "an integral service to all aspects of milk production, marketing and consumption in Pennsylvania.

"The establishment of over-

order producer premiums and other regulatory measures by the board have been hailed by milk marketing experts both within and outside Pennsylvania," Eckel said in his letter.

"If the board is to continue to remain responsive to the needs of the milk industry and to milk marketing conditions existing within our Commonwealth, sufficient funding must continue," he

concluded.

PFA is a general farm organization with 23,000-plus family members in Pennsylvania and is affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

## Dairyalea Moves Headquarters To Office Park

SYRACUSE, N.Y.— Dairyalea Cooperative Inc. has announced its plans to build a new corporate headquarters at Brittonfield, the 58-acre office park in the town of DeWitt.

Dairyalea is purchasing a 4 1/4 -acre lot from the Brittonfield Office Park owner, Buckley Road Properties Inc., according to Dairyalea officials.

The cooperative's 16,000-square-foot, single-story building will be designed by Fuligni-Fragola and constructed by Heuber-Breuer Construction Co., both of Syracuse.

Approximately 40 Dairyalea employees will be involved in the move from their existing offices at 831 James Street in Syracuse. The relocation is expected to be completed by the beginning of 1991.

The 83-year-old cooperative has been located in Syracuse since 1982. It also maintains a member testing laboratory in Syracuse.

"We are excited about the new building and the convenient new location," said Clyde E. Rutherford, president of Dairyalea Cooperative Inc. "Since divesting of our manufacturing operations on late 1988, the cooperative has been more competitive, has established innovative member programs and services, and has generated a strong earnings stream. Moving to our new headquarters complements the cooperative's new focus and will allow us to continue our progress with a streamlined management and support group."

Brittonfield is located immediately west of, and adjacent to,

Interstate 481, just north of New York State Thruway Exit 34A.

Dairyalea Cooperative Inc. is a farmer-owned dairy cooperative with 2,300 farmer members

throughout the Northeast. It participates in a milk marketing network stretching from Maine to Pennsylvania and Boston, MA, to Buffalo, NY.

## Milk Production Down

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Milk production in Pennsylvania during May totaled 887 million pounds, down 3 percent from May 1989 production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS).

The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 677,000 head, down 3,000 head from April and 18,000 less than the previous May, PASS reported.

Production per cow averaged 1,310 pounds, up 70 pounds from

April 1990 but unchanged from May 1989.

In the 21 major producing states, May milk production totaled 11.2 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the same month last year.

The number of milk cows in those 21 states averaged 8.51 million head, 6,000 less than May 1989. Production per cow was 1,317 pounds, 43 pounds more than April and 22 pounds above the previous May.

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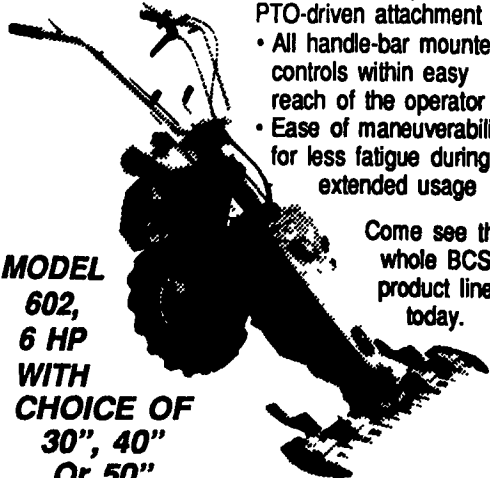
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