

RCMA Members Elect Directors, Delegates

BATAVIA, N.Y. — Pennsylvania's independent dairy farmer members of the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency (RCMA) elected representatives to the Board of Directors during regional meetings conducted throughout the state.

Elected were:

Gary Rickard of Honesdale, representing Region 12, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wayne, Pike, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Sullivan, Luzerne, Carbon and Monroe counties. Rickard is in partnership with his brother, Chester, in the operation of Clearfield Farms. Their sister, Sandra, manages the herd of 120 milk cows. They have a total of about 240 head. Gary is president of Sire Power and is a member of the Wayne County Bank and Trust Board of Directors.

Don Fetterolf of Aaronsburg,

representing Region 13, McKean, Potter, Tioga, Lycoming, Clinton, Cameron, Elk, Clearfield and Centre counties. Fetterolf, who has been farming 17 years, operates a 300-acre farm with 55 cows and a few hogs. He is a director for the Soil Conservation Service, is past president of the Centre County Pennsylvania Farmers Association and served on a number of PFA state committees.

Carl Wenger of Pleasant Hill, representing Region 14, Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Cumberland, Adams, Franklin, Fulton, Bedford and Somerset counties. He has been farming for 19 years and operates a 350-acre farm with 100 cows. He is a director of both the Crop Management Association and the Pennsylvania Farmers Association. He and his wife, Susanne, have five children, all of whom

help around the farm.

Carl Brown of Pine Grove, representing Region 15, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Schuylkill, Lebanon and Dauphin counties. He and a son, Kevin, operate a 600-acre farm with a milking herd of 50 cows. He is chairman of the Schuylkill County Dairy Committee of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association. He is a former member of the Milk Promotion Board, DHIA Board, Cooperative Extension committees and the Wayne Township Planning and Zoning Boards.

Donald Duncan of Robesonia, representing Region 16, Berks, Lehigh, Northampton, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester and Delaware counties in Pennsylvania, plus southern New Jersey. Duncan is a member of RCMA's Executive Committee. He, 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 dairy steers. Duncan is a director of the Pennsylvania DHIA and the NEBA Division of Sire Power. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association, Grange and Farmers Union and is former chairman of the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program.

Joe Hess Jr. of Mt. Joy, representing Region 17, Lancaster and York counties. In partnership with his father, Hess operates a 300-acre farm with a milking herd of 120 cows. They also raise 50 acres of processing tomatoes. He is a board member of the Kraybill Mennonite School and is Bible school superintendent of the Mt. Joy Mennonite Church. He and his wife, Linda, have four children.

RCMA's directors meet monthly in either Syracuse or Albany to set policy for the organization, which has 22,000 dairy farmer members throughout the Northeast. RCMA has led efforts to establish higher milk prices throughout the Northeast, including the Rogers-Allen Act hearing that began this week in Albany, N.Y., to consider minimum milk prices for New York farmers. RCMA plans to establish minimum milk prices for New York farmers. RCMA plans to establish

a similar over-order premium program to enhance dairy farmer income for farmers in the states surrounding New York.

Each RCMA region is represented by delegates at the annual meeting in December, when important membership issues are discussed. Delegates and alternates elected include:

Region 12, Edwin Jonas of Pleasant Mount; Kenneth Teel of Meshoppen.

Region 13, David Martin of Bellefonte; Donald Lepley of Williamsport.

Region 14, Jason Burkholder of Ickesburg.

Region 15, Dennis Spangler of New Berlin; James Rodichok of Tower City.

Region 16, Elam Hoover of Reading; Fred Wainright Jr. of Bordentown, N.J.

Region 17, Thomas Zartman of Ephrata; Christian Becker of Elizabethtown.

RCMA collected over-order premiums for dairy farmers from 1987 through 1989 and distributed approximately \$70 million to its members during that period. It charges no dues or fees. Farmers seeking more information about RCMA may call their regional director or delegate or the RCMA office, toll-free, at 1-800-634-3723.

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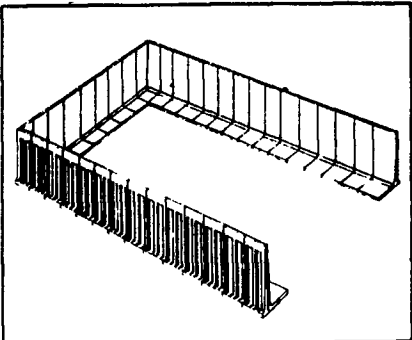
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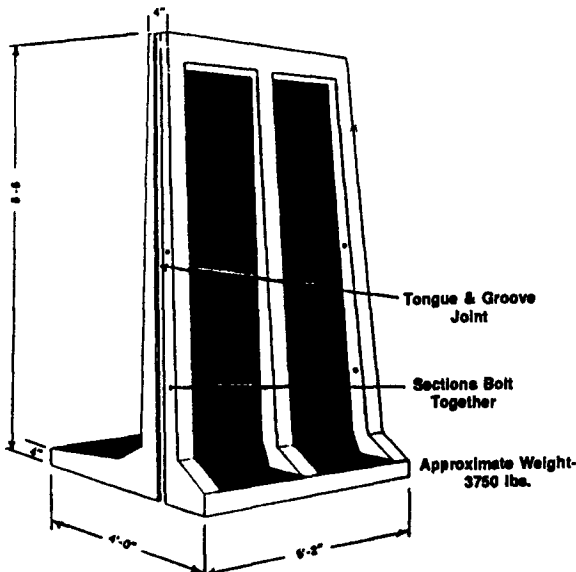
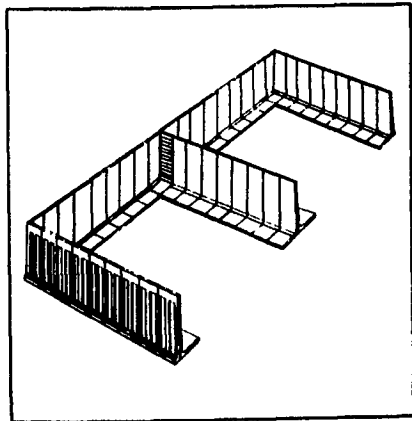
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