

# Ag Research

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actions has severely reduced or, in some cases, essentially halted many research programs of long-term value to the agriculture industry," he said.

Howes told Lancaster Farming that some of the research money could have contributed to finding solutions for possible nutrient management issues affecting many farms.

"We are willing to bear a fair and uniform share of budget cuts," Howes told the committee. "We do, however, object to being forced to accept a drastic 57 percent reduction as a short-term 'politically painless' solution when it will have a long-term negative impact on our industry."

### Regs leave open

In addition, Dwight Frymyer, Juniata dairy farmer, is concerned about the current proposed legislation bound up with H.B. 496. The regulations in the bill leave "wide open for interpretation such phrases as 'time and manner in which nutrients are to be applied,'" said Frymyer. "Also, each operation is different, and to successfully address each management system with regulations would seem to be, at best, difficult."

Frymyer said that the present version of the bill "leaves open the possibility of other than nitrogen-based planning."

Basing a bill on nitrogen-based planning, rather than phosphorous-based (as in the cur-

rent version of the bill), is key to keep farmers from potentially being put out of business, according to Frymyer.

"Farmers also feel that the regulations should be drawn to address only the high-density, high-risk operations, and exempt completely farms that pose little risk," he said.

### Credit more costly

Jay Rush, chief executive officer of York Farm Credit, emphasized the fact that credit "will become more costly and more restrictive to agricultural producers in direct proportion to the level of perceived risk.

"Our concern is that improperly legislated practices will require excessive expense for agriculture," said Rush. "If this continues or becomes a more significant issue, it will . . . make much of the current commercial agricultural financing an unacceptable lending practice for many of the ag lenders in Pennsylvania for the future."

Ken Rutt, Lancaster County dairy farmer, emphasized the need for legislators to consider the fact that farms "have survived and prospered because they continue to be efficient and competitive," he said. "our economic strategies must support and encourage farming, not discourage farming."

Approximately 33 people representing an array of agribusiness industries and area farmers met with representatives of the Senate committee. Members present

RUTLAND, Vt. — Despite a lingering recession that hit the co-op's subsidiaries with lower sales, Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative should end the fiscal year March 31 with about \$200,000 in profits, officials told some 200 farmers at the co-op's first-ever delegate meeting held in Vermont.

"We are one of the major organizations operating in Vermont today," Eastern General Manager Michael Donovan told delegates meeting in Rutland. He said the co-op's presence in the Green Mountain State has been growing since the early 1980s through mergers and an agreement to supply milk to International Cheese in Hinesburg.

Eastern has 3,100 member farms in nine states, with the largest concentrations in Pennsylvania, New York and Vermont.

Headquartered in Syracuse, N.Y., the co-op has offices in Montpelier, Vt. and operates a milk receiving station at Hinesburg, Vt.

Eastern also has a food and farm supply subsidiary based in Canton, Pa.; a dairy and environmental testing laboratory in South Waverly, Pa., and a video com-

included Sen. Noah Wenger (R-Stevens), Sen. Roger A. Madigan (R-Towanda), Sen. John E. Peterson (R-Pleasantville), Sen James J. Rhoades (R-Mahanoy City), and Patrick J. Stapleton (D-Indiana).

munications division in Syracuse, N.Y.

Vermont Agriculture Commissioner George Dunsmore welcomed the delegates, some of who came from as far as Delaware and Maryland. He said that agriculture, especially cooperative farming, was vital to the Northeast economy.

He disagreed with a newspaper columnist who suggested that agriculture was not very important anymore.

"I think Vermont's economy will be in trouble if agriculture fails," he said.

Commissioner Dunsmore also congratulated Eastern for being a leader in the recent farmer-sponsored food airlift to Moscow and in having an impact on the U.S. government's decision to send surplus dairy products to the former Soviet Union and other Eastern Bloc countries.

### In other action:

• Eastern announced a major farm safety program, designed with the help of the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health. The goal, Donovan said, is to reduce injuries and illness on member farms through a safety audit and a free safety kit including protective gear for the head, eyes, ears and lungs. Farmers who make safety improve-

ments will receive \$50 gift certificates.

• Delegates approved an operating and administrative budget of \$204 million for the fiscal year starting April 1. That budget is based largely on the projected sales of 1.6 billion pounds of milk.

• Membership Audit Committee Chairman Kevin Barrett reported that membership currently stood at 3,136 farms, and that their equity investment in the co-op totaled \$10.8 million.

• Membership Manager Anthony Schlesier reported the co-op recruited 160 new members in 1991.

• Delegates heard details of how Northeast co-ops organized a food airlift to Moscow schools and orphanages in less than two weeks. "This project falls into the category of self help," said Eastern President Lewis Gardner, who headed the farmer delegation to Russia as president of the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency (RCMA). He said it was both a humanitarian project and an effort to put pressure on the U.S. Department of Agriculture to release surplus dairy products to keep U.S. farm prices from being depressed. "It's an example of pulling our resources to do something for us and to help others," Gardner said.

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