

NDB Hires Dairy Research Overseer

ARLINGTON, Va. — To guide and coordinate research programs at the six Dairy Foods Research Centers co-funded by the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, V. Edward Yaghoubian, Ph.D., joins the staff as director of dairy foods research.

Yaghoubian will oversee research programs at the Dairy Foods Research Centers so that researchers focus their studies on finding results that will help dairy farmers and that will be in line with the National Dairy Board's business priorities — fluid milk, cheese, new uses for milkfat, and building and protecting the image of dairy products.

The six centers are composed of the following institutions: Utah State, Oregon State, Brigham Young, California Polytechnic State, North Carolina State, Mississippi State, Cornell and South Dakota State Universities and the Universities of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Idaho, Vermont and California-Davis. The National Dairy Board began its commitment to the centers in 1987.

America's dairy farmers, through the National Dairy Board, fund research at the centers with matching funds from both the institutions composing the Dairy Foods Research Centers and local industry.

"I'm pleased to have Ed on staff to see that Dairy Foods Research Centers conduct research that can be used by the industry to help sell more milk as well as ensure research efforts between centers do not duplicate, but complement each other," said the National

Dairy Board's Robert Busey, senior vice president of dairy foods and nutrition research.

Yaghoubian comes to the National Dairy Board after serving as a project leader in the ingredient and flavor technology department at the Nutrasweet Company in Mt. Prospect, Ill. Before that, he was assistant professor and program director, foods and nutrition at Marian College in Indianapolis,

Ind. He has also worked at Universal Flavors Corporation, General Nutrition Corporation and Northwestern State University of Louisiana.

Yaghoubian has bachelor's degrees in food chemistry and human nutrition. He earned his master's and doctorate degrees in food science with a dairy science minor from Louisiana State University.

\$500 Scholarship

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Winning a \$500 scholarship is a great incentive for 4-H and FFA members to start sharpening their dairy management and cattle appraisal skills, nutrition and reproduction systems knowledge; and learning as much as they can about the dairy industry in the next four weeks.

The scholarship and other prizes will be awarded at the Pennsylvania All American Dairy Show's Junior Dairy Management Contest. It is a comprehensive competition sponsored by Church and Dwight Co. Arm and Hammer Ag Products, and Pfizer Inc. Animal Health Division.

All 4-H and FFA members are encouraged to participate in this contest which is to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, as part of the All American Dairy Show. This out of classroom experience tests general knowledge and skills, focusing on 10 different dairy related categories which include: heifer judging, linear trait evaluation, and identification of red meat cuts, grains, forages, and dairy products.

"It is an excellent opportunity for these young people to put their experience and their classroom training to work. It is a challenging contest, but we see students returning a second year. They love the challenge," said contest chairman Walter Wurster, Chester County Extension.

"There are prizes for both team and individual winners. We are fortunate to have sponsors such as Pfizer Animal Health Division, and Church and Dwight Co., Inc. to assist with costs of the prizes and the \$500 scholarship that the top individual will receive. In addition, this year, Milk Specialties Inc. has agreed to provide lunch for all the participants," noted Wurster.

Wurster stressed, "There are training kits and educational materials available for any group that wants assistance preparing for the competition. It is a great contest, and we want the participants to do well, it is a chance for them to learn a great deal about the entire dairy industry, not just the cattle appraisal side."

Lobbyists Head To Washington

DENVER, Colo. — More than 200 farmers and ranchers representing 22 states will participate in the 1993 National Farmers Union (NFU) legislative fly-in Sept. 12-15.

International trade, increasing farm incomes, and health care are the key issues this year's fly-in participants will discuss with members of Congress.

Participants will begin with a briefing on legislative issues on Sept. 12 and then spend Sept. 13-14 calling on U.S. senators and representatives on Capitol Hill. President Clinton, Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Mike Epsy, and USDA Undersecretaries Gene Moos and Bob Nash have been invited to address the group.

"The fly-in is an effective tool for providing our senators, representatives, and administration officials with grassroots input from U.S. farmers and ranchers," said NFU President Leland Swenson.

"Up to this point, the agricul-

ture sector has been represented primarily by agribusiness in the debate over the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)," said Swenson. "Under its current provisions, NAFTA will be negative for most of production agriculture and I think our elected officials need to hear that side of the story from those affected."

Swenson said the group will highlight ailing family farm incomes, which averaged less than \$6,000 in 1990, as well as health care reform during their Hill visits. "Fire sale commodity prices and climbing health care costs have left farm incomes in a dire situation," he said.

NFU has been a long-time supporter of health care reform, favoring a single-payer system. The Clinton administration and its health care reform task force has relied on NFU for input on reform in rural and underserved areas. The president's plan for health care reform is expected to be unveiled in late September.

Multiple Component Pricing

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It will accomplish nothing to set up a mechanism to adjust price according to the NFMS level if the tests are not comparable.

If producers are to be paid based on the M-W price series, the testing procedures should be relatively uniform across different regions in order to gain better accuracy and repeatability in the test results.

The data for this summary

shows that multiple component pricing as implemented in F.O. No.4 has strengths, but it also has some drawbacks.

As multiple component pricing becomes an issue in more and more federal orders, these drawbacks should be considered and, if possible, improvements made. This will result in a more equitable treatment of both producers and handlers across the country.

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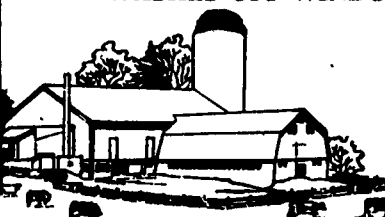
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