

Farm Forum

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tough words . . . They are not new words . . . I can't do it on our own farm so I understand how it is so tough for my richest uncle to do it. You know my Uncle Sam don't you?

We dairy farmers and Uncle Sam have worked together many times in recent years to solve our over-production problem. He has always said over-production is bad business. In economic terms, supply exceeds demand. Uncle's policy has been a cheap food policy to guarantee our country's people food on the table. That makes sense to me, but at whose sacrifice? We dairy farmers have done our share. Uncle Sam says cut production . . . Cut production. We have stirred congress up so many times about our plight I believe they're sick of us! Over recent years, through different farm pro-

grams that congress approved, they tried to help us get that supply and demand in a proper balance . . .

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We dairy farmers still need HELP! Some of us have different ideas as to what the answer is even now!

I do not think there is one and only one answer as how to get the pay we need for our milk. One thing I am sure of, this is a country where free enterprise is guaranteed. That's what we dairy farmers are is entrepreneurs . . . How about that! We organize, arrange and assume responsibility for our dairy business in order to produce milk to feed our fellow people.

Our past dairy programs have not worked and now on the positive side there is probably more unity among dairy farmers across the entire country than ever before. The problem must be solved! I call to your attention that before as all, are new words that must be noticed.

SELF-HELP "God helps those who help themselves," I was always told that. I believe it! This program is approved and made legal to implement would ask for nothing more from our Uncle Sam than to give we dairy farmers the ability to control the distribution of our surplus products. No more would excess products be an expense to Uncle Sam. He could cut his budget . . . Dairy Farmers could collectively, through a dairy board, decide what to do and where to move our surplus products. We must expand our markets and SELF-HELP could be the way.

I urge any and all concerned to remember the words SELF-HELP, I urge you to support it and if in position to promote or pass it, please do so.

Other new words that not only concern we farmers, but should concern all who want to expand their markets are NAFTA. Many other businesses in this country have also hit a lull in their growth because of supply exceeding demand. NAFTA is the answer to allow these businesses to grow and expand.

Please, for the future of our American dairy farms . . . support

SELF-HELP and for the betterment of most American businesses, support NAFTA.

Thank you for your time and may all your decisions be made with more than yourself in mind. We all live collectively, cooperatively, and completely!

Joseph Stratton
Member Eastern
Milk Producers

Mason-Dixon Red And White Association Meets

MANCHESTER, Md. — The Mason-Dixon Red and White Association met for the first time on November 7 here at the home of Jack and Vicki King.

All Red and White Holstein owners and enthusiasts are encouraged to join the new association.

The newly formed Mason-Dixon Red and White Association will host a national Red and White Show and Sale on April 8 and 9, 1994 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Md. This spring show and sale was the catalyst for the formation of the new association. The annual event will be alternating between Syracuse, New York, and Timonium.

Directors elected were: 3-year term, Michael Allen, Jack King,

and Harold Smith.

Two-year-term, Roscoe Harbaugh, Kenneth Myer, and John Weiler.

One-year term, Gary Derr, Charlie Hudson, and Glen Peachy.

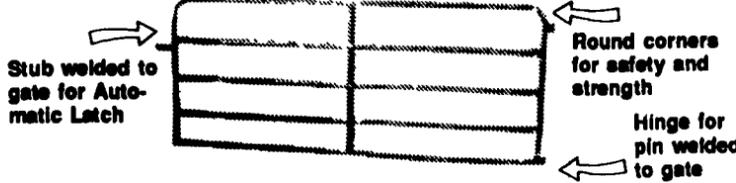
Officers elected were Jack King, president; Harold Smith, vice president; and Kenneth Myer, secretary-treasurer.

Membership dues were established at \$10 per farm family. For additional information, call Jack King at (410) 848-6650 or Kenneth Myer at (717) 367-3344. For membership for 1994 send your name, address, and phone number along with \$10 to Mason-Dixon Red and White Association, c/o Kenneth Myer, 393 Ridgeview Road North, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.



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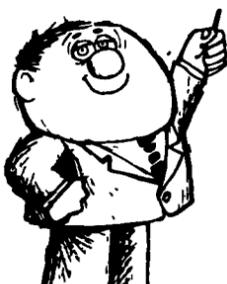
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