Dairy Board Seats New Members, Elects Officers

Elects Noss Vice Chairman

ROSEMONT, Ill. --- The National Dairy Promotion and Research Board (NDB) seated 10 new members and elected new officers at its annual meeting May 24.

The following board members were elected NDB officers: Robert Gaebe, New Salem, N.D., chairman; David Noss, Port Royal. Pa., vice chairman; Alice Moore, Frazeyburg, Ohio, secretary; and Myron Schmidt, Newton, Kans., treasurer.

Ten new board members were appointed to their first three-year terms by the U.S. secretary of agriculture; Elizabeth Anderson, Onalaska, Wash.; George Gambonini, Petaluma, Calif.; Vernal Gomes, Tulare, Calif.; Beatrice Moons, Chino, Calif.; Gregory Blaska, Marshall, Wis.; John (Jack) Christensen, Ringle, Wis.; Louis Smith, Fremont, Ohio; Charles Deputy, Harrisonburg, Va.; David Weitzer, Poolesville, Md.; and Jane Gillette, Turin,

N.Y. Two incumbent board members were reappointed to their second three-year terms: Myron Schmidt, Newton, Kans.; and Maynard Lang, Brooklyn, Iowa.

"On behalf of the new officers and board members, I want to stress that we are encouraged that milk sales are up and that this industry is working together better than we've ever seen it," said Bob Gaebe, incoming board chairman. "Marketing with one voice is

our best chance to keep sales moving in the right direction."

The National Dairy Promotion and Research Board is composed of 36 dairy farmers representing 13 regions of the contiguous United States. Through Dairy Management Inc., the staff and management formed by NDB and United Dairy Industry Association, NDB administers a coordinated program of promotion, research and nutrition education on behalf of America's dairy farmers.



New directors to the National Dairy Board are, from the left, George Gambonini, Charles Deputy, Elizabeth Anderson, Louis Smith, Vernal Gomes, David Weitzer, Beatrice Moons, Gregory Blaska, Jane Gillette, and Jack Christensen.

Soybean Producers Poll Set For July 26

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — Soybean producers who want to keep national soybean checkoff refunds available are reminded of an important poll taking place July 26 at their county Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA) office.

The poll will decide whether a referendum should be held on continuing refunds for the soybean checkoff. Under the checkoff, farmers contribute 50 cents for every \$100 worth of soybeans they sell. The funds go for research, market development and education programs. If at least 20 percent of eligible producers nationwide vote in the July 26 poll, a refund referendum will be held within a year. If the poll shows that less than 20 percent of pro-

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ducers support a refund referendum, a referendum will not be scheduled and soybean refunds will automatically be terminated.

Only producers who want to see a refund referendum take place are asked to participate in the poll at CFSA offices on July 26. Absentee ballots can be requested by mail or in person — but not over the telephone — and must be returned, postmarked no later than July 14 to the local CFSA office. No more than one-fifth of the total voting for a refund referendum will be counted from any single state.

The policy of the American Farm Bureau Federation, which includes the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB), supports providing refund opportunities in all commodity promotion programs, including the Soybean Promotion Research and Consumer Information Program.

to see if a referendum should be held," said PFB president Keith Eckel, "If not enough soybean growers support the petition by voting in the poll, the refunds will end. So if you want to keep the option of receiving a checkoff refund available, be sure to go to your CFSA office on July 26."

Soybean growers who certify that they produced soybeans between Sept. 1, 1991 and June 1, 1995, are elligible to vote in the poll. A total of 381,000 producers nationwide are eligible. If fewer than 76,200 growers - 20 percent



