

Dairylea To Host Legislative Breakfast

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Dairylea Cooperative Inc. is sponsoring an

informational breakfast for its farmer members and state-level legi-

slators from the state of Pennsylvania on Tuesday, March 19.

"With the uncertainty of dairy policy, many questions and issues have been raised concerning the future role of government as it relates to the dairy industry. It is the presence of these issues and concerns that make this year's legislative breakfast more important than ever for our members."

Dairylea is a Syracuse-based dairy cooperative with more than 2,500 member farms throughout the Northeast. It markets more than 4 billion pounds of milk annually and participates and is invested in a milk marketing network stretching from Maine to Maryland to Ohio.

Producers Get Apple Marketing Assessment Referendum

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Charles C. Brosius is urging apple growers to vote in a referendum to change the rate of assessment to growers under the Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Program.

Ballots may be mailed or delivered to the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Market Development, Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Program, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.

Dairylea holds the breakfast annually to encourage members to become involved in policy making that affects their farming operations.

"This informal gathering provides an excellent opportunity for Dairylea members to meet one-on-one with their state legislators and discuss current dairy and agricultural issues important to the farming community," said Dairylea President Clyde Rutherford.

The program promotes the sale of Pennsylvania-grown apples and apple products through advertising and sale displays, and by serving as the industry spokesperson. "Pennsylvania ranks fifth nationally in apple production," Brosius said. "With increased resources, the Apple Marketing Program can work to enter new markets, including export markets."

The referendum proposes to change the rate of assessment beginning with the 1996-97 marketing season to 12 cents per bushel of apples sold for fresh market use and six cents per hundred pounds of apples sold or accepted for processing. Beginning with the 2000-01 marketing season, the proposed rate of assessment would increase to 15 cents per bushel of apples sold for fresh market use and eight cents per hundred pounds of apples sold or accepted for processing.

The proposed amendment applies to all apple growers in the Commonwealth with five hundred or more apple trees of all ages.

The referendum period will begin on March 25, 1996, and will end at 4 p.m. on April 8, 1996.

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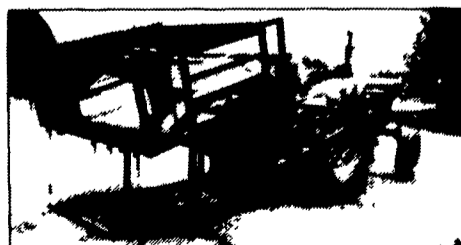
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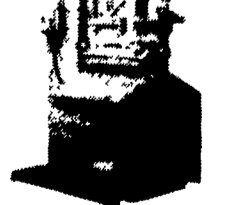
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