

The Use Of Marketing Boards

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Avoiding government subsidies under the purchase program may require that CCC operations either be eliminated or be transferred to the USDB.

The question is whether such a transfer of authority is politically feasible. However, recent trends in U.S. dairy policy placing greater emphasis in covering program

costs by assessments is consistent with the spirit of URA policies under GATT.

Federal milk marketing order programs could be expected to encounter fewer problems under GATT within a USDB structure. As a program that facilitates classified pricing and distributes the proceeds to producers uniformly in the form of a blend price, market-

ing orders are GATT legal.

Orders could provide the means for accomplishing uniform distribution of the costs of exporting at competitive prices. This could be accomplished through the establishment of a separate price class for milk products exported.

A possible necessary modification could involve producers paying for the full cost of Dairy Divi-

sion/AMS/USDA operations. Alternatively, the order administration function could be transferred to the USDB.

Concluding Remarks

This issue paper has attempted to clarify the options for the operation of a New Zealand-type dairy board in the United States. Whether such a producer-controlled export agency would be politically acceptable in the United States is, itself, an interesting question. Would representation of proprietary processors or consumers make a USDB any more acceptable?

As the Uruguay Round of GATT is implemented, pressures on the U.S. dairy industry to chart a course allowing the industry to be export competitive will intensify.

If the Uruguay Round GATT agreement is fully implemented, the next GATT Round, which begins around the turn of the century, can be expected to make even greater strides in the direction of trade liberalization — perhaps

severely undermining Section 22 import restraints into the U.S.

The USDB concept is one of several means by which the U.S. dairy industry could become more effectively involved in export marketing.

Other means such as cooperative marketing agencies in common have been suggested.

It is time for the dairy industry to think through its policy adjustment strategy. Where does the industry want to be 10 years from now and how does it get there?

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TO HOLD MEETING ON PESTICIDES PROTECTION

Growers, Workers & Other Pesticides Users Urged To Attend

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is encouraging the public's participation in a public meeting on federal regulations which call for the protection of employees who use pesticides at work. Work Protection Standard (WPS) regulations are in place to protect employees on farms, forests, nurseries and greenhouses from the chance of pesticide poisonings and injuries on the job. EPA has set up the meeting to hear from those people directly impacted by WPS regulations. Employers, workers and other interested persons are urged to attend.

Worker Protection Standard

Public Meeting

June 26, 1996 - 7 p.m.

Biglerville High School

North Main Street

Biglerville, PA

From 5-7 p.m. people can register and speak one-on-one with EPA and State officials before the open public meeting.

EPA will be asking for public comment and concerns on the following topics:

- * Understanding Worker Protection Standard requirements
- * Suggestions to improve implementation
- * Success/Difficulties in implementing the requirements
- * Available assistance on the WPS

EPA will use input from the public meeting to develop strategies for improving the administration of the WPS

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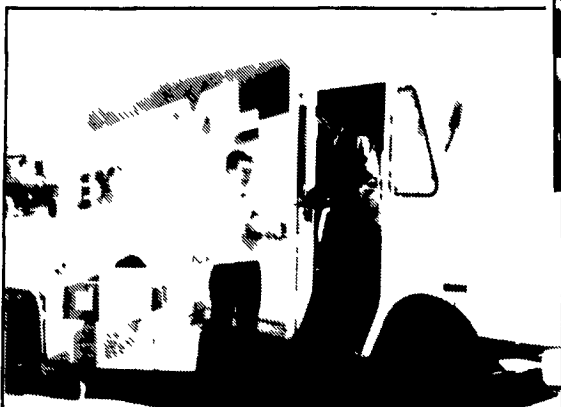
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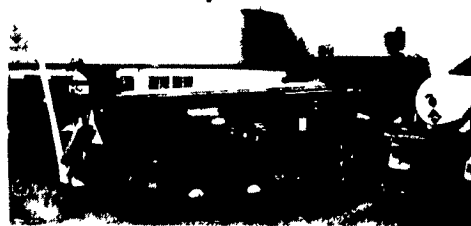
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The focus of the meeting will be on making quality round bale haylage. There will also be part of the meeting devoted to creating and using spring developments.

The Fry farm is located just across the I-80 beltway from the Lycoming Mall.

For more information on this and other forage and grazing meetings, contact Dave Hartman at the Columbia County Extension office at (717) 784-6660, Tom Murphy at the Lycoming County Extension office at (717) 327-2350, of Phil Durst at the Montour County Extension office at (717) 275-3731 or (800) 326-7410

Wayne County Preserves 10 Farms

HONESDALE (Wayne Co.) — Ten farm owners have sold conservation easements to Wayne County and the State of Pennsylvania. These farms, involving 1770 acres, can only be used for agricultural purposes.

Eligible farms are scored and reviewed by the Wayne County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. The highest scoring farm is then recommended to the Pennsylvania Land Preservation Board for purchase of an easement. Statewide, there are 595 farms consisting of 74,188 acres in the program.

Wayne County Conservation Easement applications for this year are due in the Wayne County Extension Service Office by July 1, 1996. For more information, contact Ed Pruss at (717) 253-5970 ext. 239.