

Dairy Practices Council Works For Mutual Benefit

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of the watershed is largely blamed upon the farms, it has been recognized that any other land uses, especially residential, would increase the pollution of the waters by at least six times.

In other words, while farms there may be linked to nutrients in water, the impact is not as great as would occur would the farms be replaced by any other use for the land.

(Furthermore, it could be assumed that for New York City to otherwise secure an adequate protection of the watershed upon which it depends, it would have to purchase the entire acreage and put it out of service in generating taxes.)

Becker said the Compact does stabilize dairy prices and dairy farms, and while it doesn't prevent the on-farm price from declining, it does lessen the decline.

As far as overproduction within the Compact being encouraged because of the artificially higher producer price, some states, such as Massachusetts are proposing caps on production, according to

Becker.

He said that the idea is that the Compact price would be paid on a certain poundage coming from the farm, while the rest of the milk produced would not receive that price.

(The proposed concept is not new to the dairy industry.)

Becker said that as government gets out of regulating farm commodity pricing, and moves into environmental controls, there are more questions as to how to pay for the environmental controls.

"If you want farms to farm in a region, and you're unwilling to use tax-based farm supports," people will have to seek some alternative means for supporting local or regional farms, as a means for achieving environmental goals, he said.

Awards, Recognitions

The DPC meeting also recognized achievements of some of its members.

The group annually recognizes those who have helped secure supporting or sustaining memberships into the DPC. Those who are recognized receive a Silver Eagle

award — a silver dollar.

There are 124 sustaining memberships in DPC.

Receiving awards were Robert Turner, president of the DPC, for sustaining member PLADOT Mini Dairy Processing Systems, and the DPC Office, which was responsible for bringing in sustaining member Northeast Dairy Processors Association.

Also receiving Silver Eagles were Donald George, Terry Musson, Chris Newcomer, Gaylord Smith, Stan Weeks, Daniel Scruton, Patrick Boyle, and Lee Southwick.

New states regulatory and extension agencies for the year include the California Department of Food and Agriculture; California Cooperative Extension, University of California-Davis; New Mexico Department of Agriculture; Tennessee Department of Agriculture; the Texas Department of Health; and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Industria Lechera de Puerto Rico. At the federal level, the Food and Drug Administration Southwest Region Milk

Program is also a participant.


In other recognition, Sid Barnard, retired from Penn State Extension as a dairy quality specialist (his work in helping Pennsylvania companies and the dairy industry achieve higher taste quality controls and longer shelf life are widely known and respected, even though the program was allowed to disappear); and Steve Spencer, also a dairy specialist very active with DPC who worked on dairy plant equipment proce-

dures for DPC.

Though Spencer was unable to attend, the two men received honorary life memberships and plaques commemorating the achievements.

For those interested in more information about the DPC, call Terry Musson, executive vice president at (732) 264-2643.

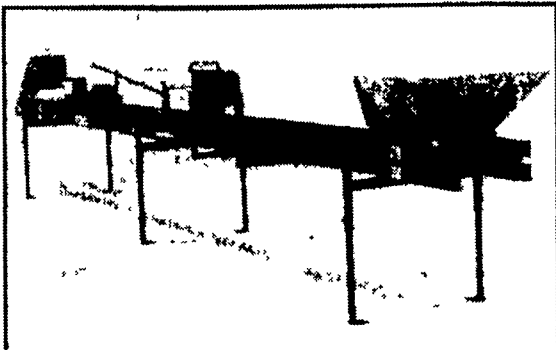
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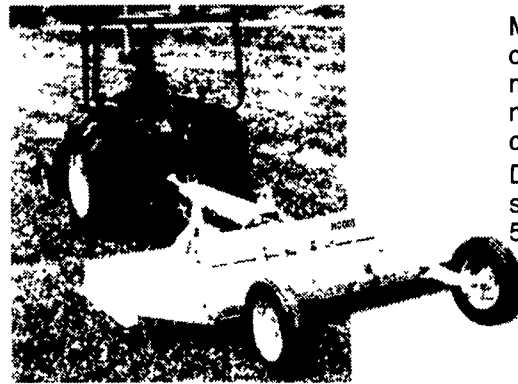


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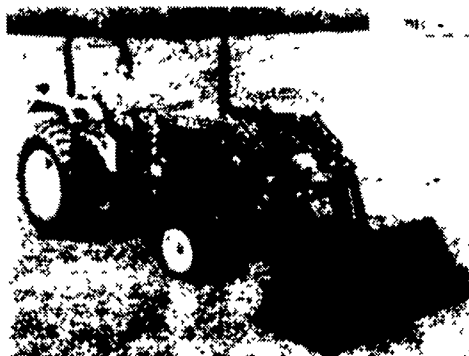
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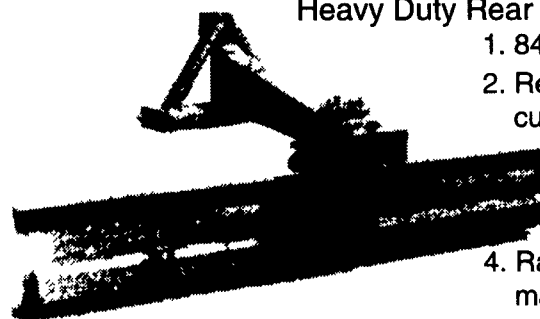
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