Dairy Farmers Of America Makes \$28 Million Allocation To 1997 Mid-Am Members

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Members of Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) who were members of Mid-America Dairymen (Mid-Am) in 1997, received payments on one of the most profitable years in Mid-Am history this month with the distribution of the 1997 Mid-Am earnings allocation totalling \$28.04 million. Twenty percent of the allocation was distributed to members in cash and the

other 80 percent was applied to the member's base capital equity in Dairy Farmers of America.

In the 20 percent cash distribution, more than 14,000 checks were mailed in September totaling operative DFA board chairman Herman Brubaker of West Alexandria, Ohio, said the base capital program is critical to the success of Dairy Farmers of America. "Every dynamic and growing organization needs equity in order to sustain growth and build markets. The equity our members hold in DFA allows us to grow and maxi-

mize earnings through investment in modern processing facilities and joint ventures that add to the bottom line earnings of our organization."



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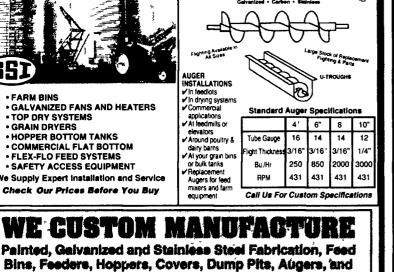
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