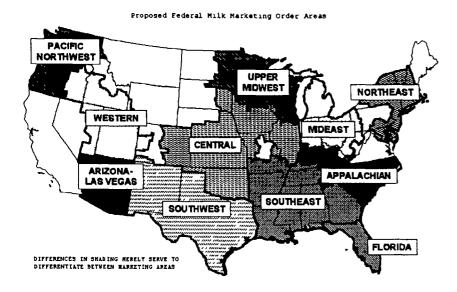
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The most contentious part of this plan is Glickman's calls for changing Class 1

differentials It is very possible that Congress will, in the end, decide how these should be set The period for federal order reform has been extended to October 1999 And, Congress has an extended period of time to review those changes

#### End to Freedom to Farm? Dairy Compacts?

Just which direction is farm policy moving in? Pennsylvania dairy farmers need to know Is it going to continue in the path of Freedom to Farm, with less government intervention? Or, will the major changes made in the last farm bill be overturned as Congress reconvenes in January?

It is very possible that Freedom to Farm could be imperiled if we face another year of lower crop prices That could have dramatic impacts on dairy policy Why should dairy farmers see their price support program disappear if crop farmers are granted higher support levels?

And what about Dairy Compacts? Authorization has been extended on the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact for another six months There will be a major push early next year to create a Southern Dairy Compact Pennsylvania dairy farmers may be interested in joining an expanded Northeast Compact, or joining with an expanded Southern Dairy Compact Or, they may want to fight Compacts

#### The Real Problems

The reality is that none of these Washington programs are going to save the day for our family farmers Why? The reason is that the solution to declining farm numbers is more fundamental that can be carried out with a new Dairy Compact or new federal legislation

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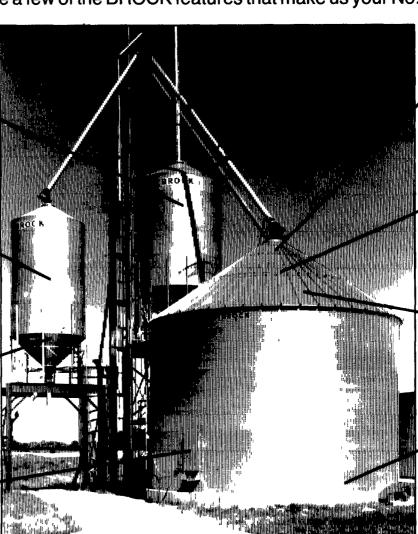
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