

Officials Say DFA Small In Country, Big In City

• Approval of Option I-A instead of the national secretary's proposed Option 1-B

Extension of New England Compact

Forward pricing ٠ contracts for producers and cooperatives

Modifications of Federal Orders will consolidate the current 31 orders into 11 orders Four classes of milk will be designated with class IV as butter and dried milk product. Producers will be paid on the basis of butterfat, protein and other solids with a producer price differential

DFA project average milk price for 1999 to be \$12.43 per hundred lbs with January at 16.27 and November and December at \$9.79 The average is down \$1.77 from the 1998 average of \$14.20. In the year 2,000 the average price is forecast at \$11 78 with a low of \$10 53 in June to a high of \$13.34 in December

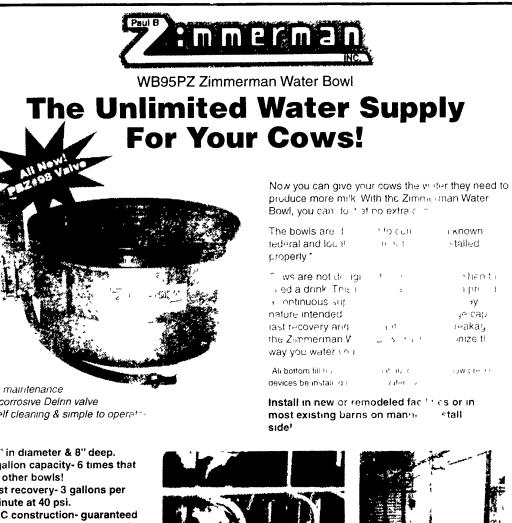
DFA has members in 45 states. owns and operates 34 dairy manufacturing plants in 15 states, and is involved in 13 joint ventures that operate 61 fluid milk, cultured, and ice cream plants throughout the continental US and Hawan DFA now

markets more than 36.4 billion pounds of milk annually that is produced by 24,718 farm family members. They live on 18.038 Jarms. Sales are projected to reach 87.9 billion in 1999.

DFA officials were to be in Sayre Luesday night, Kent Miller's Farm at Arcade, NY at noon on Tuesday, and in Saratoga-Springs, NY Tuesday night More than 800 dairy farmers attended the four meetings

Shocking Drop In **BFP**

In a related story USDA this week, announced a shocking drip in BFP. See Ken Bailey's report from Penn State on the **Futures Market Page** A16.





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