

USDA Seeks Nominations For National Fluid Milk Board

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The USDA is asking dairy processors to nominate candidates for the National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service oversees the fluid milk program as well as other research and promotion programs. The sec-

retary of agriculture will appoint seven members to replace six members and one vacancy position with terms expiring May 31, 2000. Newly appointed or reappointed members will serve 3-year terms.

Kathleen A. Merrigan, AMS Administrator, said, "AMS encourages all eligible women,

minorities, and persons with disabilities to serve on its committee and board activities. It is USDA's policy that membership on industry-governed boards and committees accurately reflect the diversity of individuals served by the programs."

The 20-member board was established by the Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990 to develop and administer a coordinated program of advertising and education to promote fluid milk products. Of the 20 members, 15 represent geographic regions and five are at-large members of the board. The at-large members must include at least three fluid milk processors and at least one member from the general public. There are two

members from the general public.

USDA will accept nominations for board representation in five geographic regions and for two at-large positions. Nominees for all regional positions and at least one at-large position must be active owners or employees of a fluid milk processor. The other at-large position may be filled by a member of the general public. The geographic regions are: Region 3 (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia); Region 6 (Ohio and West Virginia); Region 9 (Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee); Region 12 (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah); and Region 15 (Southern California). No fluid

milk processor shall be represented on the board by more than two members.

Fluid milk processors and others may submit nominations for regions in which they are located or market fluid milk and for the at-large members.

Nomination forms and background information forms can be obtained by calling (202) 720-6909. To nominate an individual, please submit a copy of the nomination form and a signed background form for each nominee by Feb. 11. Forms should be sent to Promotion and Research Branch, Dairy Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop 0233, Room 2958-S, Washington, DC 20250-0233.

Organic Certification Applications Available

PENNINGTON, N.J. — The Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey (NOFA-NJ) has just released applications for the spring cycle organic certification during the 2000-2001 certification year.

Farmers, market gardeners, greenhouse operators, and livestock producers interested in becoming certified organic should contact Henry Krzewinski, NOFA-NJ Certification Administrator, at 609-737-6848 for program details and application ordering information.

Organic certification is available to growers with qualifying fields and practices. To qualify for certification, fields must have been free of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides or other prohibited substances for at least three years. Growing practices must meet organic standards that emphasize the

restoration and maintenance of fertility and soil life. Additional requirements are found in the "NOFA-NJ Certification Standards and Procedures Guide," available from NOFA-NJ and included in all application packages.

Rapid growth in the organic field has fueled demand from consumers, wholesalers, and farmers' markets for independent, third party grower certification. NOFA-NJ offers area growers an opportunity to become certified by a local organization with a national reputation.

NOFA-NJ is a private, non-for-profit organization offering certification services to organic growers in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. In addition to certification services, NOFA offers technical support to organic growers, publishes a quarterly newsletter, and conducts an annual conference.

Biotech Panel Appointed in D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A committee appointed recently to advise the government on development and use of genetically engineered crops will include organic farmers, critics of biotech food, consumer advocates, scientists, and executives of major seed companies.

"It is my hope that this group, which brings together people with a range of perspectives and experiences, will engage in the kind of thoughtful and civil debate on biotechnology that our country now needs," Agriculture

Secretary Dan Glickman said.

Glickman appointed former Rep. Dennis Eckart, D-Ohio, as chairman of the 38-member panel. So diverse are the views of the committee's members that USDA plans to hire a professional facilitator to help Eckart manage the panel.

The committee includes representatives of the Monsanto Co., General Mills Inc., the Environmental Defense Fund, Organic Farming Research Foundation, Consumer Federation of America, Rural Advancement Foundation International, Nat-

ional Corn Growers Association, and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The committee's first meetings will be March 29-30 in Washington. The panel is authorized to stay in operation for two years.

Glickman has also asked the National Academy of Sciences to review USDA's approval process for genetically engineered crops. Critics say the agency has approved new varieties without adequately testing their potential impact on the environment.

USDA is among several agencies involved in regulating biotech crops. Others include the Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

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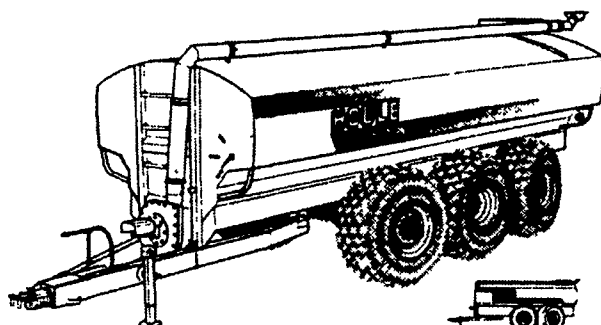
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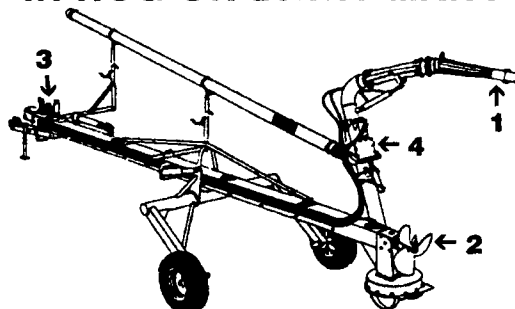
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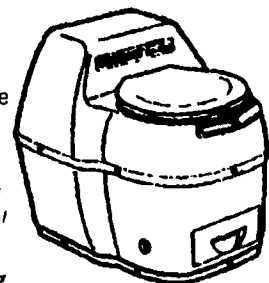
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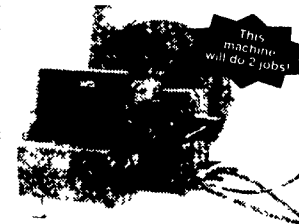
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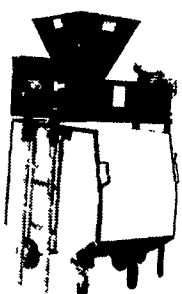
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