TO: FLORIDA DAIRYMEN AND THOSE IN RELATED ENTERPRISES

SUBJECT: SIXTEENTH ANNUAL FLORIDA DAIRY PRODUCTION CONFERENCE
MAY 1-2, 1979

Dear Dairy Cooperator:

The 16th Annual Florida Dairy Production Conference brought together authoritative speakers on topics of current major interest. The Dairy Advisory Committee, consisting of the DFI Board of Directors, is given specific thanks for their help in planning the 1979 program.

Special appreciation is expressed to Dairy Farmers, Inc. (DFI), South Florida Independent Dairy Farmers Association (IDFA), the Tampa IDFA, the Upper Florida Milk Producers Association, and the U.S. Sugar Corporation for helping to finance the Dairy Production Conference.

Special thanks is given to the Dairy Division of the State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Federal Land Bank & Production Credit Associations of Florida, the Florida Farm Bureau Federation, PDCA, and State DHIA Board for their support and participation in the awards program on Tuesday evening, May 1.

There were 15 displays presented at the 1979 Conference. We would like to express appreciation to the following representatives of those displays: Mr. Walter Oelfke, NOBA; Rodney Moore, Curtiss Breeding Service; George Manter, American Breeders Service; Danny Yant, Select Sires; Ellis Gulledge, Miller Machinery; Don Riesenber, Masonite Corp.; Bill Isaacs, Surge; Book Cunningham, Ag Bag; Mike Ciferri, Donovan Enterprises, Inc.; Herbert Weiher, Feed Additives; Joseph Militello, Top Quality Dairy Equipment Company; James Ziegler, J&S Herd Supplies; Morris Hicks, Vita Ferm; Jack Bridges, Sheffield Agri Systems; and Derek Hutchinson, Church & Dwight Co., Inc.

A list of those attending the conference is included.

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