

Milk Co-op

Did OK

Despite It All

San Antonio

Associated Milk Producers, Inc., despite having "been put to virtually every conceivable test," reported yesterday that annual sales are up a record 28.5 per cent.

The nation's largest dairy cooperative has been embroiled in political financing controversies and exhaustive antitrust suits.

"It has been a hard year, but a good year," said general manager George Mehren and president John Butterbrodt in a joint statement accompanying its 1974 financial report.

"We have been put to virtually every conceivable test of the market, the govern-

ment and the public forum known to mankind. We have endured and passed these tests with strength and unity," they said.

The cooperative's financial report said sales for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1974, were just under \$1.42 billion, an increase of 28.5 per cent or \$315 million over the previous year.

The cooperative markets 12 per cent of the nation's milk for its 37,000 members in 22 states.

The cooperative recently pleaded guilty of making an illegal corporate contribution of \$100,000 to former President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign.

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