



More than one's share came in the two storms last week that dumped snow by the tons on Lancaster County. Yet this moisture was more than welcome, for here and elsewhere the soil stood in need. Ralph

Myer, R3 Manheim, is shown plowing out the lane of his farm. Last week's snows held on tenaciously, melting somewhat slowly over the weekend, giving a belated Christmas Card view of the County.

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Interstate Members Are Compensated

Dairy farmer members of the Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative who were temporarily unable to market their milk because of the recent Lancaster paratyphoid epidemic received cash compensation from their Cooperative last week totaling \$5,532.34.

In repaying these 21 members for loss of income, Inter-State emphasized that the organization's policy over the years has been to guarantee a market and to guarantee pay. These payments, the Cooperative said, were "in accordance with Inter-State's established policy of settlement with a member who is out of a market through no fault of his own or when his premises are quarantined because of human illness."

Checks \$56.89 to \$687.81.

When the epidemic broke out in December, the State Board of Health and the Lancaster City Board of Health ascertained that victims of the ailment had had access to milk processed by Queen Dairy, a Lancaster plant. The 21 members of Inter-State who were shipping milk to Queen Dairy all received compensation for the 10 to 12-day period they were without market with checks ranging from \$56.89 to \$687.81. Queen Dairy voluntarily stop-

ped distributing milk on Dec. 6 and resumed normal deliveries on Dec 23.

Charles E. Cowan, the Cooperative's field representative and manager of the Lancaster Secondary Milk Market, distributed the checks to farmers and their families. One member, Earle L. Groff of Strasburg, R 1, summed up the feelings of many when he said:

"I have been an Inter-State member since 1926. My father was a member on the home farm from 1918 to 1926. It was a real comfort to me during the recent period to know that Inter-State would cover my loss as well as work toward having my milk market restored."

Based on Queen Dairy's blend price for November, Inter-State paid out a gross value of \$6,287.89 for the 110,858 lbs of milk that its 21 members were unable to ship, less 10 cents per hundredweight, which represented the drop in the Lancaster area blend price during Dec., exclusive of Queen Dairy. The gross value also was adjusted to the f.o.b. farm price and allowed for home use, value of 59.4 cents per hundredweight, the Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission's skim milk value for December.

Inter-State General Manager, O. H. Hoffman, Jr., told farmers who received checks from the Cooperative.

"Remember this is not insurance money, nor is it anything more than your pro rata share of what you members of Inter-State set aside for just such an emergency. When a barn burns down, the neighbors come in and help with the lifting of the new barn. When a member of Inter-State gets in a jam of this sort, the other members come in and help too. The only difference is that in this case they helped by setting aside a reserve fund, so that the thing could be done in an orderly manner."

Others Receiving Payment
When health authorities were investigating the cause of the epidemic, Inter-State independently had the purity of their member's milk ascertained by dairy science and bacteriology experts J. Frank Cone, of Pennsylvania State University; Dr. T. G. Anderson of Temple University, and Dr. Earl Cook, Philadelphia area dairy bacteriologist. In addition, at Inter-State's instance, most valuable assistance in getting the plant reopened was given by Dr. D. V. Josephson and Dr. G. H. Watrous, of Pennsylvania State University, two nationally known experts in the field of dairy plant operation.

Prices Lower In Farm Index December 15th

HARRISBURG — Further declines in prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for most meat animals and milk during the month ended December 15 were more than offset by seasonal increases in prices received for poultry, eggs and grains, the State Department of Agriculture announced today.

The index of prices advanced 1 point, during the month, reaching 245 per cent of the 1910-14 base level, the same as a year earlier, the survey showed.

Hogs Lowest in 14 Years

Hog prices, averaging a return to farmers of \$12.80 per hundred lbs liveweight, are the lowest in almost 14 years, the Department said.

Beef cattle and sheep declined 10 cents a hundred pounds from the November 15 average. Lambs dropped 40 cents while calves advanced 70 cents.

The index for all crops advanced 2 points as all grains took a seasonal increase in price, the survey revealed. Wheat advanced 3 cents a bushel and corn 2 cents.

Livestock Up One Point

Potatoes advanced 10 cents per bushel and in mid-December growers averaged \$1.00 per bushel, 50 cents less than a year earlier.

The Penna livestock index advanced 1 point. There was a 3-cents per dozen rise in the average price received for eggs and a slight advance in chicken prices. These more than offset a \$1.70 drop in the average received per hundred lbs for liveweight hogs, along with a 5-cent decline in the price received by farmers per hundred lbs of milk at wholesale. The milk decline was less than usual for this season of the year, observers said.

IF YOU FIND HIM, PLEASE TELL US!

Oh where, oh where Is the guy that said, "A sandwich is MEAT Surrounded by bread?"

Poultry Markets

LIVE POULTRY

Philadelphia — Jan. 25 (USDA) Market unsettled. Demand light and selective. Supplies more than ample. Few lots barred rock pullets 38-40c, White Rocks 30-32c, with bulk unsold. Large White Rock and Hyline Caponettes 26-28c, Barred Rocks 25-26c, small sizes White Rocks 23-25c, carried over stocks 20-23c, mostly dressers. Few lots cross Fryers 24-25c, White Rocks 22-24 Van-tress Reds 24-25c, mixed 22-24c, without clearing. Turkeys barely steady. Demand fair for light supplies Heavy type Young Hens 43-45, few lots 47c, Young Toms 25-28, few lots 33c. White Holland Young Toms were unsold.

Receipts Jan 24 included: Maryland 11,854 lbs, Delaware 11,620 lbs, Virginia 3400 lbs

Wholesale selling prices: No. 1 and fancy Quality broilers or friers heavy type 3-4 lbs 22-25, Pullets 4 1/2 lbs and over 30-40, Hens — heavy type — 26-30, light type 15-22 Old Roosters 11-12. Ducks: Muscovy 18-25, Pekin 32. Turkeys Young Hens 43-47, Young Toms 25-33.

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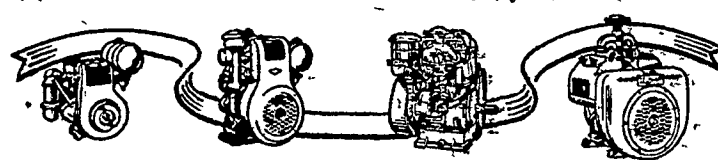
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