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Community Sale Health Rules Start Today

New regulations on the sale of dairy and beef breeding cattle through community sales go into effect today.

The new rules, aimed at stopping the spread of communicable diseases of animals, especially brucellosis, provide that:

one. Sales of breeding beef and dairy cattle and dairy goats must be held on a separate day from the regular livestock auction.

two. A dairy stable must be maintained separate and apart from the building used in the sale of other livestock, and the stable, when not in use, shall be closed to other livestock.

three. The dairy sale stable shall be constructed with a cement floor with adequate drainage. Walls and partitions shall be constructed of a material that can be readily cleaned and disinfected. The sale stable shall contain one or more isolation pens.

Dr. H. A. Milo, head of the Bureau of Animal Industry at Harrisburg said that the new regulations were being mailed Tuesday and that they should be in the hands of sale operators by the last of this week or the first of next week.

He pointed out that the new regulations are not a drastic innovation in the handling of cattle at community sales, but are rather a revision of rules now in effect. The changes made, he said are to protect the brucellosis free status of tested and certified herds and cattle in the state.

When asked if strict enforcement of the new regulations would start Mar. 1, Dr. Milo said, "Sale operators will be given a fair length of time to comply with the new rules. The Bureau of Animal Industry will not be unreasonable in enforcement."

The code provides for loss of license by violators.

Under the provisions of the new regulations, a dairy or beef breeding cow retains her certified status. The regulations provide that the animals must be transported to the sale barn in a clean, sterilized truck, be accompanied by a health certificate and sold and held in accordance with the new rules.

By these measures, the regulations of the USDA concerning interstate transportation of animals are also complied with.

Dr. Milo also said that compliance with the new regulations helps protect the \$13 million that has been spent by the state and federal government in getting Pennsylvania certified as disease free.

To date, 52 counties have been certified as brucellosis free and nine more are in the testing stage. Only few counties, including Lancaster County, remain ineligible for certification.



Mrs. J. H. Fisher, Leacock, presents Dr. E. I. Robertson, (left) president Lancaster County Poultry Association, a check for \$100 for a ticket to the Association's \$100 plate "Booster Banquet" to be held at the Hotel Brunswick, March 6. This support of the association's new Poultry Center is in memory of Mrs. Fisher's late husband who for many years was allied with the poultry industry as representative for a leading producer of poultry medications. Looking on are (left to right) Lewis L. Mortensen, East Petersburg, and Daniel K. Good, Columbia.

Board Extends Philadelphia Milk Price Raise

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission announced Thursday that a previously unannounced pricing order effective Feb. 1 will maintain the 25 cent a quart retail milk price in the Philadelphia milkshed.

It is estimated that this will add nearly \$3½ million to the farm income this year.

The commission said that the announcement was withheld until scheduled conferences with "interested parties" had been held.

A general hearing held Jan. 9 and 10 at the Municipal Court Bldg. in Philadelphia heard testimony from milk dealers that increased wages and other operating costs warranted a higher level of retail prices.

They asked for an increase of 39 cents a hundredweight. Under the terms of the present order, they are receiving an increase of 18.04 cents a cwt.

The commission said that the price of retail milk will drop one-half cent a quart on April 1 to conform to the usual policy of pricing lower in the summer months.

Farmers also made claim for increase in prices at a substantially higher level than those paid at the present time. If the commission had granted the requests of the farmers and the dealers, the price of milk in Philadelphia would have been a possible 26½ cents or 27 cents per quart.

A study of the past five years has shown that the price of milk to the farmer has decreased from \$6.24 per cwt. in 1952 to \$5.69 per cwt. in 1956. The present order brings relief to the farmers of 46 cents per cwt.

During the same period of time, the dealer's spread in Philadelphia has increased 68 cents per cwt., while the dealer's spread in other areas in eastern Pennsylvania has increased 40 to 50 cents per cwt. This gives to the Philadelphia dealers the highest spread in the state.

Farmers affected by the pricing schedule cover a wide area in Pennsylvania, reaching as far as Bedford and Blair counties on the west and Columbia County on the north.

Purebred Imports Up 5 Pct. in 1956

Figures released last week show that an increasing number of imported animals were certified as purebred by the USDA last year and were thus permitted free entry into this country.

More than 22,000 animals from foreign countries were certified to the U. S. Customs as purebred in 1956, an increase of about five per cent over 1955.

Nearly 20,000 of them were purebred cattle, mostly Holstein-Friesian and other dairy stock from Canada.

15.3 Million Acres Entered in Soil

Latest soil survey shows that 15.3 million acres of land in Pennsylvania have been entered in the soil conservation program.

Eastern States Annual Meeting Held Today

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Farmers in nine northeastern states purchased more than \$85 million worth of supplies through Eastern States Farmers' Exchange in 1956, more than 1,000 farmer members learned today as they attended the 39th annual meeting of the cooperative being held here.

Next May 1 these same farmers will get back well over \$2 million in cash patronage refunds. This patronage refund money represents what was left over from 1956 receipts after paying for all goods and services and providing for capital needs. W. D. Milsop, general manager, reported that the cooperative's two feed mills at Buffalo, N. Y. and at Huron, Ohio turned out more than 800,000 tons of feeds for poultry, dairy cattle and livestock. This 1956 feed tonnage exceeds the 1955 volume by seven per cent.

Milsop further declared that an all time record was set in fertilizer distribution. Farmers pur-

H. H. Ranck Herd Top Butterfat Producers in Red Rose in January

The herd having the highest monthly butterfat average in January in the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. was that of Harry H. Ranck, R1 Ronks. The

herd averaged 1,912 lbs. of milk and 75.5 lbs. of butterfat.

The Jacob L. Kurtz, R2 Elizabethtown, herd was second with an average of 1,422 lbs. of milk and 52.8 lbs. of butterfat.

A "Lucifer" daughter owned by J. Richard Keller, R1 Manheim, completed the highest 305 day lactation in January with a record of 18,541 lbs. of milk and 710.5 lbs. of butterfat. The second high lactation completed was by a registered Holstein owned by Henry E. Kettering, R1 Manheim. She produced 16,777 lbs. of milk and 692.5 lbs. of butterfat.

The high monthly producer of butterfat was a registered Holstein, "Maggie," owned by Harry H. Ranck, with a record of 2,378 lbs. of milk and 109.4 lbs. of butterfat. The second high cow was another registered Holstein, "Bess Ruby," owned by Christ G. Lapp, R1 Kinzers. She produced 2,232 lbs. of milk and 107.1 lbs. of butterfat.

Elam P. Bollinger, R1 Manheim, 1,233 lbs. milk, 46.1 lbs. butterfat; Bard Kreider, R4 Lititz, 1,270 lbs. milk, 45.9 lbs. butterfat; Albert R. Fry, R2 Manheim, 1,152 lbs. milk, 45.7 lbs. butterfat; Henry E. Kettering, R1, Manheim, 1,169 lbs. 45.6 lbs. butterfat; Henry E. Kettering, R1 Ephrata, 1,128 lbs. milk, 45.5 lbs. butterfat.

chased through the Eastern States cooperative 142,164 tons of mixed fertilizers and fertilizer ingredients.

Farm supplies moved in larger volume than during any previous year. Aluminum sheeting demand was up 47 per cent, paint 36 per cent and motor oil 15 per cent. Distribution of pressure-treated fence posts and poles and lumber for farm structures almost doubled the 1955 volume.

Those attending from this area are Earl Harmsh, Quarryville, Roy Deiter, Refton; Raymond Hershey, Bird in Hand; Abram Barley, Washington Boro; Edwin Funk, Annville, Jacob Krall, Myerstown; Emanuel Hoover, Gap; Raymond Kauffman, Gordonville; John Martin, West Willow.

Lester Gehman, Mt. Joy, Roy Erb, Richland, Levi High, Reinholds; Carl Graybill, Jonestown, John Campbell, New Holland; Le Roy Eberly, Bareville; Arthur Graybill, Ephrata; Joseph Petersheim, Joanna; J. Mervin Weiler, Conestoga, Paul Gehman, Lititz; Rufus Fahenstock, Manheim; Melvin Rohrer, Lancaster.

Elwood Zell, Hummelstown, Howard Kopp, Elizabethtown.