

Under Revised Rules after Study

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that the Commodity Credit Corporation barter program, suspended since the end of April, is being resumed immediately on a revised basis.

The revamped program, under which CCC will continue to exchange surplus farm products for strategic and other materials from foreign countries, is intended to insure that each barter contract results in a net increase in exports of the agricultural commodity involved. One of the principal factors leading to suspension at the end of April of new barter transactions was the possibility that some of the barter contracts were simply replacing dollar sales with no net gain in the total volume of agricultural exports.

The program, as revised, contains the following principal provisions:

1. In general, if the barter contractor can satisfy the Commodity Credit Corporation that a proposed barter transaction will mean a net increase in U. S. exports of the agricultural commodity involved, CCC will enter into a barter contract providing for delivery of any CCC owned agricultural commodity (or tobacco held as collateral for CCC loans) for export to any friendly foreign country.
2. Exports of cotton, wheat, and feed grains to certain countries will be automatically presumed to be in addition to normal exports, and therefore a special showing that the barter transaction will result in a net increase in total U. S. exports will not be required.

3. Each barter contract must contain a specific designation of the agricultural commodity involved in the transaction. Up to now, barter contractors could export virtually any CCC-owned commodity under their contracts.

4. If barter contractors desire delivery of agricultural commodities in advance of delivery of material to CCC, such advance deliveries will be permitted but interest at the rate which would be applicable to credit sales by CCC will be charged until the material is delivered or payment is otherwise effected for the agricultural commodities.

Payment for the interest charges will be delayed until final settlement under the contract but must be paid in cash. An irrevocable dollar letter of credit acceptable to CCC must be posted for the value of agricultural commodities which are delivered by CCC in advance of delivery of materials to CCC plus the estimated amount of interest. Heretofore, interest was not charged for the first two years.

5. Barter contractors must provide assurances satisfactory to CCC that the agricultural commodities exported under barter contracts will not be transhipped from the approved countries of destination. In the past, only assurances against transshipment to unfriendly countries was required.

6. Materials delivered under barter contracts may not be produced or processed in the United States. Heretofore, foreign-produced materials could be processed here.

7. Each barter contract for strategic and other materials must designate the country of origin of the materials to be delivered. In the past, this was not required.

Foreign produced strategic and other materials currently acceptable to CCC under the barter program include aluminum; antimony; asbestos; bauxite; chromite; copper; fluorspar; lead manganese; mica; palladium; selenium; silicon carbide; and zinc.

CCC's ability to conclude barter proposals for materials depends at any one time upon such factors as requirements, existing commitments, and market conditions.

Authority to barter was initially provided in 1948 by the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act. This authority has been enlarged and clarified in other legislative provisions, including an amendment to the Charter Act;

the Agricultural Acts of 1949, 1954, and 1956; and Public Law 480.

The barter program was suspended at the end of April 1957 to permit a detailed study by the Department of possible safeguards against the substitution of barter transactions for dollar sales, without a net gain in total export of agricultural surpluses. Program revisions announced reflect the results of that study.

Two Ayrshires Complete 100,000 lb. Records

Two registered Ayrshire cows in the Spring Mill farm herd of Malvern recently became members of the 100,000 pound club.

Spring Mill Marauder's Success accumulated a record of 102,550 pounds of milk in eight years, while Spring Mill Instigator's Anne produced 101,190 pounds of milk in eight years.

USDA Buys 427,500 Pounds of Dry Eggs

The USDA last week bought 427,500 pounds of dried whole egg solids, which is the equivalent of about 43,000 cases of shell eggs, at prices ranging from \$1.0875 to 1.0915 per pound f.o.b. plants. The total purchased under the modified egg-buying program now adds up to 3,442,500 pounds at a total cost of 3,755,000.

Vernon Umble Leads Progressive DHIA; Ezra Hershey Has High Cow

The Progressive Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. reports for the month of April that there were 3,433 cows in the 105 herds of the association.

There were 28 herds over 35 lbs. of butterfat with leading herd belonging to Vernon Umble.

Herd	Milk	Butterfat
Vernon Umble	1,254	48.2
Harold Umble	1,143	44.4
Robert Counts	1,103	43.0
Earl Weir	1,079	42.9
Charles Brosius	878	42.2
Robert & Nancy		
Sahline	830	41.7
W. Paul & Robert		
S. Ankrum	850	41.6
Henry Landis	959	41.2
Chester H. Cullen & Son	843	39.6
Horace A. Walton	1,054	39.2
John Bartram	892	38.5
Earl Umble	996	38.2
Clair E. Kreider	989	38.2
Leary Prange	1,034	38.0
Lovell T. Chase	896	37.9
T. Barnard Walter	801	37.8
W. Elliot Jones	891	37.7
Samuel H. Groff	755	37.5
Robert C. Burkins	797	36.7
Bailey & Drennen	979	36.7
Ezra Hershey & Son	919	36.6
Dean Roland	997	36.3
Leon Wilkenson	763	36.1
Lloyd Wolf	992	36.0
Delp Bros.	755	35.8
Norman Whiteside	877	35.7
W. C. Henley & Son	952	35.7
Willard Moore	802	35.5

There were 35 cows over 70 lbs. of butterfat with the leading cow belonging to Ezra Hershey & Son. This cow, a registered Holstein, produced 2,226 lbs. of milk and 100.2 lbs. of fat with a 4.5 percent test.

Herd	Milk	Butterfat
Ezra Hershey & Son	2,226	100.2
Robert & Nancy		
Sahline	1,872	97.3
Mason Bros	1,824	93.0
James Vincent	2,511	92.2
Vernon Umble	2,121	91.2
Robert Counts	1,866	87.7
Lloyd Wolf	1,906	87.5
W. Paul & Robert		
S. Ankrum	1,680	84.0
Harold Umble	2,210	81.8
Henry Landis	1,944	79.7
Harold Umble	1,980	79.2

Harold Umble	1,806	78.1
John H. Ramsey & Son	2,442	78.1
Robert Counts	1,686	77.6
Lloyd Wolf	1,208	77.3
T. Barnard Walter	1,401	75.7
Mason Bros.	2,028	75.0
Henry Landis	1,566	73.6
Earl Umble	1,980	73.3
Vernon Umble	1,980	73.3
John F. & Truman		
H. McCleary	1,832	73.3
Robert Counts	1,923	73.1
Harold Umble	1,974	73.0
Harold Umble	1,824	73.0
Paul Young	1,974	73.0
Bailey & Drennen	1,620	72.9
Mason Bros.	1,752	71.8
Robert Counts	1,872	71.1
Earl Weir	1,815	70.9
Howard E. DeLong	1,504	70.7
James B. Lefever	1,413	70.7
John H. Ramsey & Son	1,962	70.6
John Bartram	1,380	70.4
Henry Landis	1,461	70.1
Robert Counts	1,347	70.0

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