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## Dairymen Object To Suspension Of Order 61

PHILADELPHIA — A public hearing to show cause why Federal Milk Marketing Order 61 should not be suspended in the Philadelphia area heard testimony mostly in favor of retaining Federal control as well as Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission regulation.

Both dairy farmers and milk dealer representatives went on the witness stand Thursday and Friday to declare that without a Federal order, the PMCC could set minimum prices only for milk produced in Pennsylvania, and that farmers shipping Philadelphia from Maryland, New Jersey, or Delaware would have no protection Pennsylvania dairymen thus might be forced to meet lower out-of-state prices or lose their markets, witnesses said.

The meeting was called by the U. S. Department of Agriculture on grounds that since the Pennsylvania Commission's Class I price in recent months has been as much as 51 cents per hundredweight higher than the Federal price, Order 61 is ineffective and unnecessary. More than 200 dairy farmers from the four-state area jammed the courtroom in the Federal Building, 9th and Market Streets. Hearing Master Will Rodgers asked for evidence for and against suspension, but all testimony was against it.

Dr. James E. Honan, assistant manager of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, which protested suspension of the Order 61 on behalf of its several thousand members, said that the Secretary of Agriculture fixes only minimum prices and that nothing in the Marketing Agreement Act, or the intent of Congress, indicates that the policy of the act is not being effectuated if farmers, through bargaining, obtain prices above minimums.

Pierce, marketing secretary of the Pennsylvania Dairy, testified that marketing conditions are expected to develop if order were suspended. He stated that a committee appointed to study the attempt to determine a reasonable compromise on terms of orders, and a program for keeping coordinated effect in the future. Recommendations of such a committee, he said, would not be binding on either the Pennsylvania Commission or the USDA.

J. Collins McSparran, master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, said the proposal to suspend Order 61 "is the most ridiculous, ill-timed, and baseless proposal I have ever heard. If this order is suspended, Pennsylvania producers will face either a drastic cut in the price they receive for milk or the complete loss of their markets for milk, neither of which is warranted, reasonable, or necessary."

Dr. George M. Worriow, Dean of Agriculture at the University of Delaware, and Dr. G. M. Beal.

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TOMATO HARVEST is in full swing now in the Washington Boro area. Here Clayton Charles, R2 Lancaster, brings in a few cases of early tomatoes. Inspecting and weighing is Edward C. Kraft, 200 Ruby St., Lancaster. This is the first year that Charles has grown tomatoes. He says that he is having lit-

tle trouble with them, other than learning some of the niceties of grading. Harold Snclair, mgr. of the Washington Boro Tomato Growers Cooperative, reports that prices are \$18 a bushel for No. 1 and \$10 to \$11 for No. 1x and No. 2 tomatoes. (LF Photo)

## Hog Field Day To Be July 27 At East Earl

The first annual swine producer's field day has been set for July 27 at Stauffer Homestead Farms, R1 East Earl. The date and place were set at a meeting of the board of directors of the new organization at a meeting June 27 at the Farm Bureau Cooperative in Lancaster.

Plans for the field day program are not complete, however it is expected that the events will include judging contests, a carcass quality demonstration, a picnic lunch, a meeting of the association, and talk by Penn State swine specialists.

At the meeting, a report on progress on the bred gilt sale and the fat barrow show will be given. The bred gilt sale is to be held Feb. 22.

The directors said that anyone who desires to sell gilts or to participate in the barrow show must be a member of the association. Dues are a dollar a year.

Questionnaires are being sent county swine producers this month to get a tentative number of gilts available for the sale.

Earl Fisher will be host at the field day.

## More than Half of Progressive DHIA Herds Average 35 lbs. Butterfat

The Progressive Dairy Herd Improvement Assn reports that for the month of May that there were 3,391 cows in the 103 herds of the association. There were 53 herds over 35 pounds of butterfat with the leading herd belonging to Vernon Umble.

Here are the top ten herds in butterfat production:

Herd	Lbs Milk	Lbs Fat
Vernon Umble	1,332	50.7
Robert Counts	1,258	48.2
Earl Weir	1,185	45.7
T. Barnard Walter	967	45.1
Harvey Hottel	1,195	44.9
Clair E. Kreider	1,064	43.2
Leon Wilkinson	876	43.1
Charles Brosius	832	42.1
Robert Sahline	878	42.6
Earl Umble	1,126	42.4

There were 83 cows over 70

pounds of butterfat with the leading cow belonging to Leon Wilkinson. This cow, a Guernsey, produced 2,003 pounds of milk and 100.2 pounds of butterfat with a 5.0 test.

Here are the records of the 10 leading cows:

Herd	Lbs Milk	Lbs Fat
Leon Wilkinson	2,003	100.2
Mason Bros	2,012	92.6
Henry Landis	2,379	92.0
James Vincent	2,548	91.7
Louis C. Neyman	2,025	91.1
Louis Hertzberg	2,266	90.6
Vernon Umble	2,124	89.2
Faith B. Weaver Est	1,706	88.3
Horace Prange	2,384	83.2
Louis Hertzberg	2,322	88.2

These herds were tested by David Sweigart, Harold J. Lindcamp, Robert L. Janney and Rob-

## Tractor Safety Demonstration To Be Plowing Contest Feature

HARRISBURG — A tractor safety demonstration will be a feature of the annual Pennsylvania tractor plowing championship finals to be held Aug. 22 at Hershey.

Leland H. Bull, deputy state secretary of agriculture, said the safety demonstrations will be presented to stress safe driving and

encourage proper methods of tractor operation.

Winners of the state contest will represent the state in the national contest at Jaspers County, Iowa, Sept. 20-22. Last year, Harold Forester, Chambersburg, placed first in the state in contour plowing and was second nationally.

## Now Is The Time . . .

By M. M. Smith, County Agricultural Agent

### To Spray Alfalfa Again

Alfalfa producers will soon be making their second crop. For the benefit of the plant root system, it is suggested that the stand be allowed to reach at least 50 per cent in-bloom before cutting. This will also be true for any additional cutting this season. Another spray for the benefit of this cutting — to eliminate leaf hopper damage — is recommended. Use three pints of 25 per cent methoxychlor an acre when the new growth is three to six inches tall.

### To Fish Out Bluegills

Recent inspection of a number of local farm ponds showed too many bluegill sunfish in proportion to the black bass. In many cases this is due to the lack of removal of the sunfish, many pond owners prefer to fish for the larger bass and ignore the sunfish. This will surely lead to an unbalanced pond. Fish research men claim that 12 bluegill sunfish should be removed for each bass taken out.

### To Clip Pastures

Regular mowing of the pasture area is strongly advised for maximum production. This will control weeds and improve the appearance of your field. Legume stands will have a better chance of survival and greater growth if they are not shaded or crowded by the taller grasses.

### To Seed Piper Sudan Grass

If the recent dry hot weather hurt your permanent pasture, there is still time to seed sweet sudan grass for late summer grazing. This fast growing grass (Piper variety) seeded at the rate of 45 pounds an acre will make a lot of forage in spite of hot summer weather. Allow about six weeks growth before grazing. Also, winter rye can be seeded around Aug. 1 and will provide late fall and early spring grazing.

## Warm Weather Last Week Helped Crops, Working Conditions over State

HARRISBURG — Warm weather during the week ended July 1 helped crops and provided good working conditions for farmers over most of the Keystone State, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture said Wednesday.

Although the western portion experienced high winds and as much as two inches of rain as a result of the final days of hurricane Audrey, little damage occurred.

Lodging of grains and damage to some crops in localized areas was reported.

Most of the first cutting of hay has been stored in the state, the Department said. In southcentral counties farmers reported second cuttings underway. The second crop is maturing well, but some spoilage was reported in local areas because of rainy conditions.

Combining of wheat is under way in the south-central area and is in shock in neighboring counties. Winter oats prospects look good. Barley progressed satisfactorily during the week and yields are expected to be good. Corn also showed up well.

The heaviest rainfall for the week was in the Erie area where 3.59 inches was recorded. Harrisburg had less than one inch.

For the remainder of this week farmers in the eastern half of the State can expect temperatures near normal in the southern counties and two or three degrees below normal in the northern sections. In the western area temperatures are expected to average near normal in the north and two or three degrees above normal in the southern portion. Rainfall is expected to average less than half an inch for the entire State.