

USDA Sustains Philadelphia Milk Marketing Order After Hearing

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Jan 16 that as a result of a meeting held Jan 15 to consider suspension of certain provisions of the Philadelphia Milk Marketing Order, no suspension action will be taken.

At the same time Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said he has asked Assistant Secretary Don Paarlberg to meet with officials of the Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission to discuss possibilities of more properly correlating the operations of the Federal and State Milk Orders in the Philadelphia market.

"The problems associated with regulating producer prices in the Philadelphia milk market are very complex, involving both Fed-

eral and State responsibilities and agencies," Secretary Benson said. "In view of the importance of the problems and issues involved, we feel it incumbent that the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Milk Control Commission of Pennsylvania give further and thorough consideration to procedures which will permit the practical and harmonious operation of both the Federal and State milk marketing orders in Philadelphia."

The Department also announced today that amendments to the Philadelphia milk marketing order, which were recently approved by producers voting in a referendum, would be issued to be effective Feb 1, 1958.

Federal Order Retention Lauded By Henning

State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning Friday said retention of Federal Milk Order 61 will be advantageous to Pennsylvania dairyman shipping to the Philadelphia market.

Henning, in a statement issued following announcement that the federal order would be continued with producer approved amendments effective Feb. 1, said Pennsylvania farm-

ers will benefit in the "long run" because the federal order regulates the inter-state movement of milk and requires dealers to pay dairymen a minimum price. The State's Milk Control Commission cannot regulate inter-state milk shipments.

"It is imperative that a federal order continue in the Philadelphia milk marketing area," Henning declared. "We know that the farmer and the milk

dealer must be protected from disorganized milk marketing practices."

Earlier this month the Philadelphia order was kept in force following special meetings by industry representatives for suspension of certain provisions of the regulation. At the same time officials said efforts would be made to correlate the Federal and State marketing orders.

Feed Executive Predicts 1958 As 'Good Year'

A favorable year for both farmer and feedmen was predicted Thursday by Robert D. Emmons, vice president of the Wirthmore Feed Co., at a meeting held in Lancaster.

He also predicted that dealers in the Lancaster area can be expected to increase their business during the coming year by using new service facilities to their greatest potential. Emmons noted that dealers in this area had shown a very favorable increase in business during the past 12 months.

Lew Whitaker, Wirthmore sales manager, discussed new products related to the feed business now being introduced and marketed.

Local dealers and dealer salesmen attending were: Paul Hiestand, Chris Hiestand, Ben Graybill, Amos Mummau, Glenn H. Herr, Mahlon Kreider, Le Roy Sensenig, Norman Kurtz, Marvin Weaver.

Clem E. Hooper, Jacob Hooper, Morris Hershey, Paul M. Ressler, Gordon Reshler, George Spotts, Lamber Smith, George Holton, Oran Dillabaugh, Jacob Bleacher and Jonas Frey.

Representing Wirthmore were Emmons, Whitaker, Roger Ham, Charles Perkins, John Renshaw, Bob Eckberg, Travis C. Johnson and Bill Mateer.

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