

New State Milk Standards Go Into Effect On July 2

HARRISBURG, June 15—Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning this week announced that new standards defining the number and character of bacteria in milk products will become effective July 2. The promulgation of these regulations follows studies and hearings on milk bacterial standards held by the Department of Agriculture during the past 12 months.

Dr. Henning said that while they are similar to bacterial standards recommended by the U. S. Public Health Service, in some instances the new regulations will be more stringent. In no instance do the standards drop below Public Health recommendations.

"Under the new regulations, milk for pasteurization must not have a bacterial count in excess of 200,000 from the farm. Pasteurized milk must not have a Standard Plate Count in excess of 36,000 per milliliter. Both these standards are identical to the requirements of the U. S. Public Health Service milk code," Dr. Henning explained.

The new regulations do not affect Pasteurized A milk. For Pasteurized A milk, the standards remain the same—a count of 25,000 per milliliter for milk as received from the farm and 15,000 following pasteurization. Approximately 1,500 farmers supply 28 milk plants selling Pasteurized A milk in Pennsylvania, most of them in the Philadelphia milk market area.

Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture milk sanitarians will enforce the new regulations through unannounced checks in dairies. Milk processors and bottlers must keep accurate records of all milk tested and make these records available to Departmental milk inspectors.

All milk received for pasteurization must be tested at least monthly for bacterial count. Pasteurized milk and cream must be tested monthly for the number and character of bacteria and for phosphatase activity. Tests must be run in approved laboratories using standard methods of analysis.

Similar regulations covering ice cream and other frozen dairy desserts, cream and other dairy products also become effective July 2, Dr. Henning added.

Delmarva Weak Off 1/3 Cent

Delmarva closed the week unsettled, with prices slightly weaker from mid-week. Mon. range was 16.70-18.75; Wed. - 17.80-18.70, and Fri. - 17.40 - 18.25. Week's volume totaled 3,820,000, evenly distributed, except for normally light Tuesday.

Broiler feed ratio for week ending June 19 held at 3.6 with broiler avg. at 17.41 and mash at \$96.28 per ton. Delmarva growers started 3-7 million broilers during the week ending June 20, off 14 percent from last year. They marketed 3.8 million, 7 percent off from previous week, 1% from last year.

Georgia growers sold 7,268,000 head from Friday, June 19 thru June 26 with range climbing from 15-16 to 16-17 on Thursday.

Friday's sales totaled 1,641,000 at 16-17, 85% at 16

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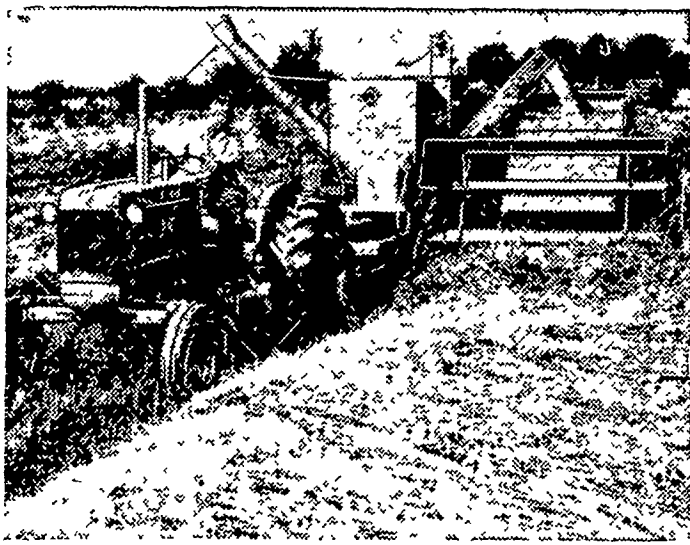
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