

State Approves Sales Of Low Fat Milk

The state said Wednesday it would allow the conditional sale of low butterfat milk which is now outside of existing law.

Conferees from the State Agriculture Department, Milk Control Commission and the Department of Justice in a meeting this week came to the following terms of agreement.

1. The Milk Control Commission will issue a pricing order on the product.

2. The Agriculture Agency will not object to the product as long as it is not sold as milk, is not deceptively advertised and does not violate milk sanitation laws.

3. All sales of the product must stop pending issuance of the Commission's pricing order.

The milk code in Pennsylvania at the present time specifies that whole milk must have 3 1/4 per cent butterfat while skim milk may not have more than 1/2 per cent butterfat.

The gap in the law does not cover milk with butterfat content ranging between the two, and such product can not be legally called milk.

The Justice Department has been asked to rule on the State's jurisdiction over the dairy product in the in-between range after a Pittsburgh firm sought to market a product with two per cent butterfat at a price lower than for whole milk.

The product has been on the market for several years in 46 of the 50 states,

Tomato Growers Plan Two Meets

Two meetings of interest to tomato growers have been scheduled by the Extension Service for next week.

On Monday evening, August 1, J. O. Pepper, extension specialist will discuss tomato insect control with special emphasis on control of Drosophila or vinegar fly on ripe tomatoes.

Food and drug department officials have become more strict on the Drosophila regulations and some canned tomatoes have been condemned. Pepper will lead

but it is new to Pennsylvania. The Commission's order will specify under what title product may be sold in the state.

Butterfat content is the main basis for milk pricing regulations in Pennsylvania.

the discussion in the Rawlinsville fire hall starting at 7:30 p.m.

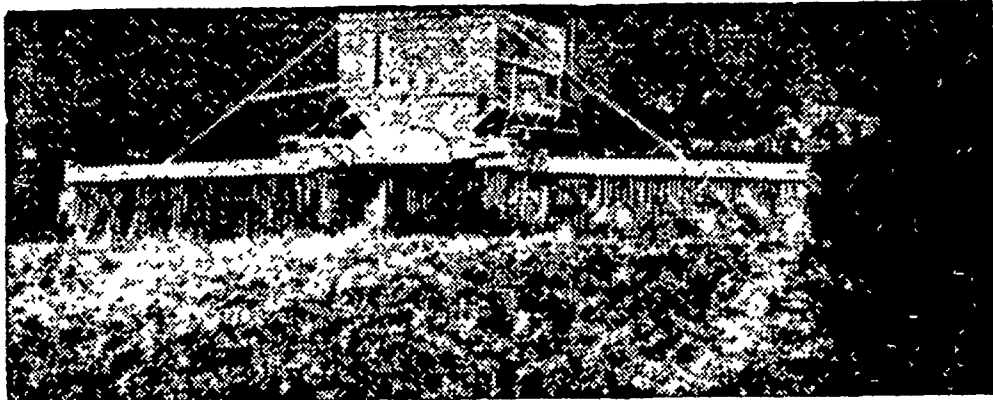
Dr. Carlton Taylor, extension disease specialist, and J. O. Dutt, Extension Vegetable Specialist will conduct the discussion on tomato picking, grading and handling at two field meetings.

On August 4 at 1.30 p.m. tomato growers will meet on the farm of James N. Zimmerman, Stevens R1; about half way between the Green Dragon and Reams-town. At 6:30 the same afternoon the specialists will

be at the farm of Jay Garber, Lancaster R6, 1 1/2 miles south of New Danville on the road to Conestoga Center

Extension personnel advise farmers processors need fruit with the flavor and color developed when the tomatoes are allowed to ripen on the vine. During the last four or five days of the ripening period, starch turns to sugar, the exterior of the fruit becomes very red and flavor improves. Farmers are invited to bring pickers to these meetings to sharpen their color vision

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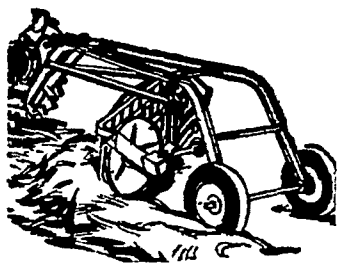
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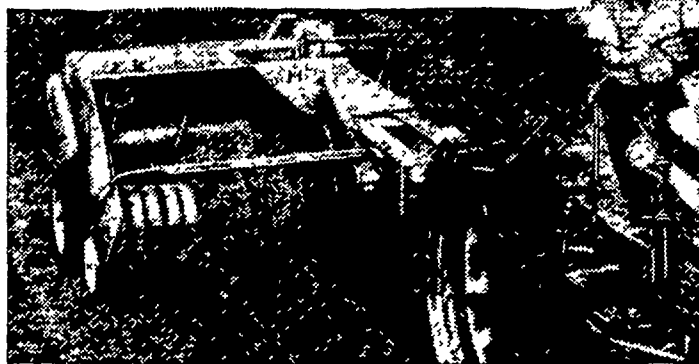
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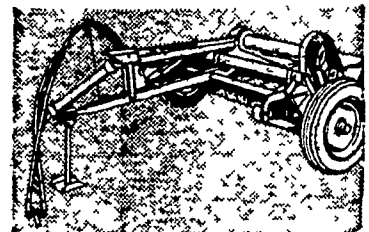


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