

## Milk Dealers Seeking Price Cut On Milk To Be Sold Out Of State

The Lancaster County Milk Dealers Association this week asked the Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission for a lower minimum they must pay farmers for bottled milk to be sold out of state.

A. J. Nixon, director of milk procurement for Penn Dairies told the commissioners in a hearing Tuesday that Lancaster county dealers cannot compete with out of state dealers at the present price.

Under a 1956 commission order, the price of Lancaster County milk varies seasonally from \$8.65 per hundredweight to about \$5.85 per hundredweight as fluid milk at farms.

Dealers pointed out that in some areas of Maryland and Delaware where Lancaster County dealers sell some of their milk, local dealers must pay lower federal minimums or are not regulated at all.

Local dealers contend that they can not compete in interstate markets because their initial costs are higher than their competitors' costs.

Nixon pointed out York County dealers last year were granted a minimum reduction similar to the one the Lancaster dealers are asking.

Some of the York dealers are competitors to the Lancaster dealers in the interstate-market, he added.

Nixon asked that the same minimum apply to them as now applies to the York area.

That is, prices for all fluid milk bought, bottled or packaged in Pennsylvania, but sold outside the state, be "the producer prices for milk prevailing in the market or area in which the milk is ultimately sold."

Under the proposed amendment the commission would announce prices monthly on the fifth day, determined on data concerning prices in the affected market area, compiled by the commission or submitted to it from other public agencies.

Dealers would notify the commission on the 25th day of the preceeding month as to whether they intend to sell in a particular market area and in which area.

Nixon said, "commission approval of the proposed amendment to the area 14 pricing order will not adversely affect payments to Pennsylvania producers."

## USDA Moves To Increase Food Program

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman moved this week to expand the variety of foods to be distributed to needy families in the nation.

The Department announced purchase programs for canned pork and gravy, dried edible pea beans and whole dried egg solids.

The purchase programs announced today will be carried out with Section 32 funds which are made available to the Secretary and provide authority for the distribution of foods to needy persons.

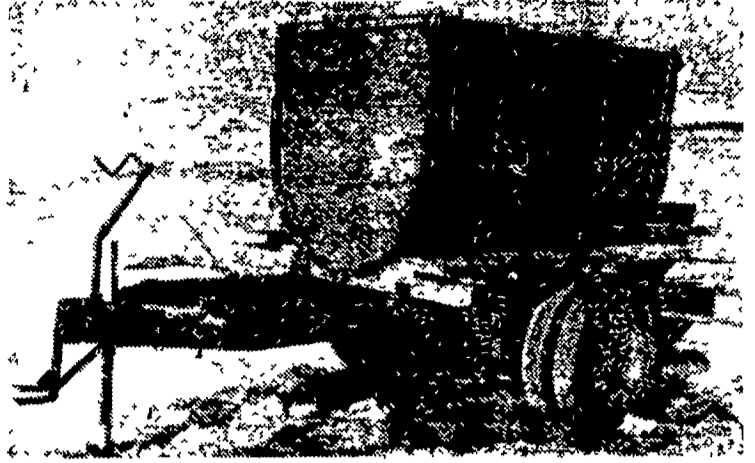
"Under this new order," Secretary Freeman said, "we are providing essential food for those who need it and at the same time assisting American farmers by action that will help to decrease our agricultural surplus."

The proposed purchases will add a significant amount

of protein foods, thus supplying the most essential nutritional element needed by approximately 3.5 million persons in 42 States, who now receive flour, cornmeal, nonfat dried milk, rice, lard and butter. Distribution rates are established in such amounts as can be properly utilized so as to avoid waste or misuse.

Foods made available to the States under the USDA's food distribution program are delivered in carlot quantities to points designated by the State agencies. The State agencies assume responsibility for properly storing, handling and distributing, determining eligibility of recipients, and program supervision.

Foods purchased under the program will be available to States by late February or early March.



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