

Milk Hearing In Philadelphia Is Concluded

Philadelphia, — A month-long U. S. Department of Agriculture hearing on proposed changes in milk marketing regulations in the Philadelphia-Wilmington-South Jersey area was adjourned here this week with May 17 set as the date for filing briefs on the proposals and a final decision not

expected for several months. The public hearing before U. S. Department of Agriculture Hearing Master Will Rogers ran from March 5 through April 3, and heard testimony of more than 50 witnesses on questions involving changes in areas under Federal Order regulation and the system of pooling to be used in determining the price farmers receive for their milk.

The Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, a four-state organization of over 4,000 dairy farmers, asked that the

area of the present Federal Order 4, known as the Philadelphia milkshed, be joined with Wilmington's Federal Order 10 and be further extended to include South Jersey, which is not now under federal regulation. This area extension proposal was supported by United Milk Producers Cooperative Association of New Jersey, Trenton, and the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers, Allentown. Another area proposal, made by the Milk Distributors Association of the Philadelphia Area, was to include parts of Bucks, Montgomery, and Chester counties in Pennsylvania under Order 4. This was opposed by the Lehigh Valley Cooperative and the Suburban Milk Dealers.

A proposal by the Inter-State Cooperative, Lehigh Valley, and United Milk Producers that a handler-pool type of pricing be retained in the area was supported by the South Jersey and Philadelphia Milk Dealers, and the New Jersey Cattle Club. Opposed to the handler pool were Michael's Dairy, Philadelphia, and Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative, Metropolitan Cooperative Milk Producers Bargaining Agency and Mutual Federation of Independent Cooperatives, all of Syracuse, N. Y.

In a handler pool, prices paid to producers vary according to the percentage of milk their individual dealers utilize as Class I, or bottled, and as

Class II, or manufacturing.

Testimony on other points concerned minor changes in the Class I price formula and asked that the Philadelphia Order remain basically as is.

Following the submission of briefs on or before May 17, the Federal Government will write a recommended decision, after which all interested parties may file exceptions and submit another brief before a final decision is issued.

Heeding weather forecasts can do much to avoid excessive transit death rates in hogs, says Livestock Conservation, Inc. Some of the "danger" forecasts are: temperature above 60 to 65 degrees early in the season, temperatures 10 to 15 degrees above normal, and relative humidity of 50 percent or higher at 75 to 80 degrees. Any measures to promote comfort of the hogs at these times not only will reduce death loss in transit, but also will avoid excess shrink during shipment.

Safety For Family

Safety is a family affair, reminds Ralph Patterson, Penn State extension agricultural engineer. Especially on the farm, a family's very existence depends on the well-being and safety of every member.

Smith and Muth Attend Meeting On Conservation

M. M. Smith, County Agent, and W. Martin Muth, Soil Conservationist in Lancaster County, attended the eighth annual meeting of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service workers and County Agents of the Agricultural Extension Service at State College on April 8 and 9.

The two-day workshop was under the direction of State Conservationist, Ivan McKeever of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, and Russell E. Larson, Director of the Agricultural Extension Service Specialists of the two agencies reviewed new techniques in soil and water conservation and the latest developments in agriculture.

Highlighting the meeting was a discussion of the proposed study of the Susquehanna River Basin by representatives of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, U. S. Department of Agriculture, U. S. Department of Interior, and U. S. Public Health Service.

The comprehensive plan for the 27,400 square miles in the Susquehanna River, which drains parts of Pennsylvania, New York, and Maryland will take six years to complete. It will include the needed flood prevention, recreation, water supply and conservation on the river and its upstream tributary watersheds.

Max Manbeck, Jr., farmer and big game hunter from Mifflintown, Juniata County presented an illustrated talk on his African safari at the banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn on Monday night. He related his hunting experiences in Tanganyika, Kenya and British Columbia, and told of his fishing trip to Newfoundland.

Trees & Shrubs Are Shipped By Game Agency

More than 5,500,000 tree and shrub seedlings are being shipped from the Pennsylvania Game Commission nursery at Howard this month. George Weller, nursery superintendent, said today the shipments started April 1 and should be completed by April 13. They include over two million conifer seedlings, mostly pine and spruce, plus 3,560,000 shrubs of such species as multiflora rose, autumn olive, tartarian honeysuckle, lespedeza, asiatic crab, bittersweet, coralberry and silky dogwood.

Seedling production at the Game Commission property in Centre County is geared to providing planting stock for wildlife habitat improvement programs. Most of the seedlings are planted by the Commission's food and cover corps on state game lands or furnished to farmers enrolled in cooperative farm-game projects. Any extra seedlings may be made available to conservation organizations for planting on other land open to public hunting.

Weller emphasized that the Commission does not ship seedlings in individuals for planting on private land. He also stated that all plantings are subject to future inspection by Commission field officers who determine survival rate, care in planting procedures, and benefit to wildlife.

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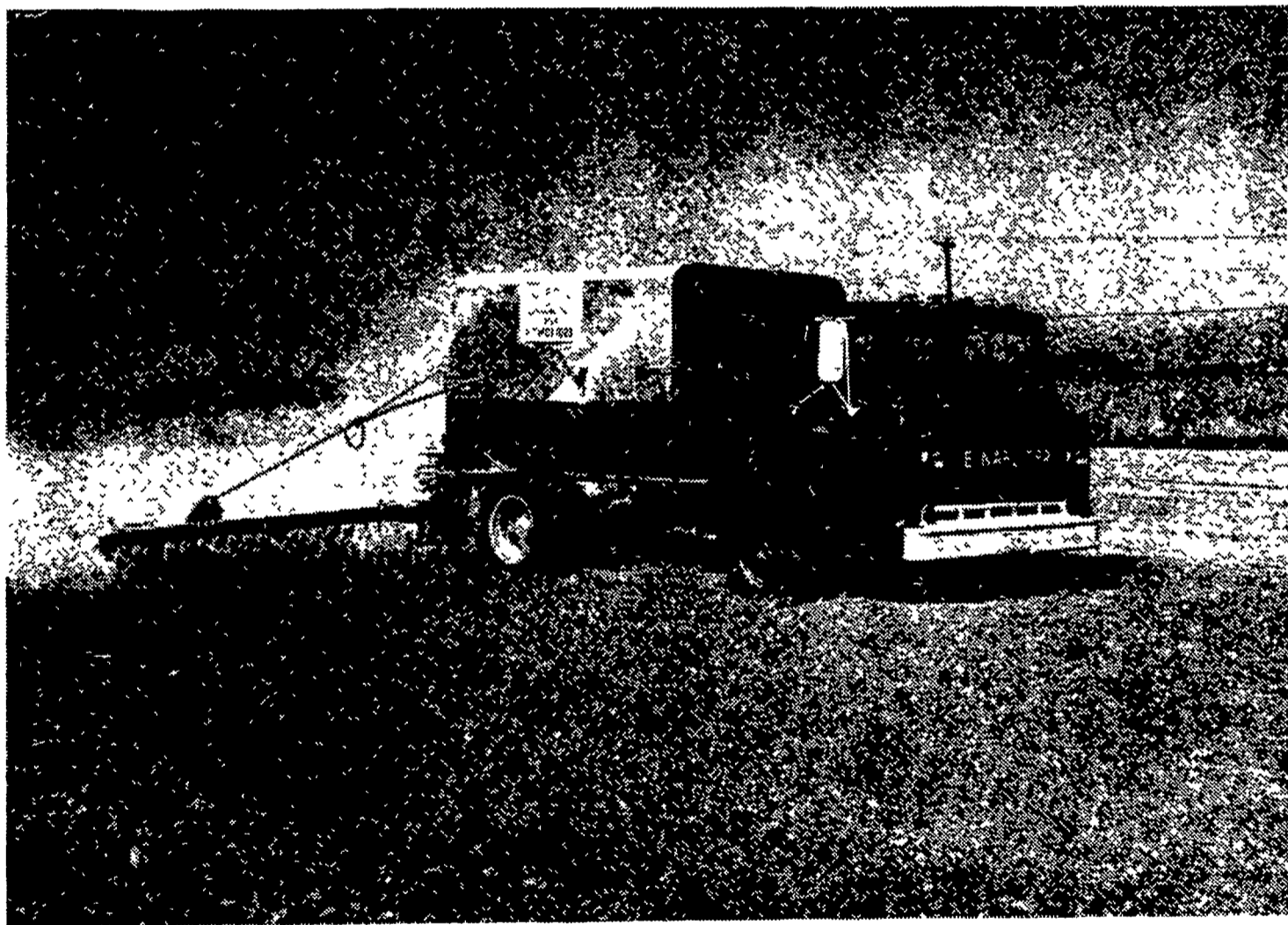
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