

Milk Co-op Approves Increase Of Two Cents Dues Per CWT

A two cent per hundred-weight increase in dues was approved by delegates of the Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative Thursday at the organization's closing session in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia.

The vote came after a one hour discussion at the 27th annual meeting, and endorsed action of the co-op's board of directors who had earlier proposed the dues increase. One cent of the checkoff on milk shipped will go toward financing the cooperative activities and the other cent will be used for milk promotion activities — probably through American Dairy Association, although the resolution did not specifically restrict the use of the increase.

The increase in funds for operation of the cooperative is needed, it was explained, because of the change last year in the Internal Revenue law which requires cooperatives to return in cash 20 per cent of each year's net savings.

The increase in commission was the third since 1947 when dues went from four to five cents per hundred weight. Another one cent increase became effective in 1953.

Because of the new tax ruling general manager James Honan said the cooperative's reserve account would have dropped from the present \$740,000 to \$602,000 in the next seven years. He added that market risks are continually rising even as income would have dwindled.

The extra one-cent commission increase, at today's present volume of member's milk of one billion pounds, will bring in an average of \$105,000 more net savings a year.

Honan said the cash return "forced" by the IRS legislation will amount to about \$42,500 — equal to about one-half cent a hundredweight on present production.

"So for the one-cent increased commission for Interstate finances," he said, "members will get about one-half cent back each year."

Honan said Interstate has written assurances from both the American and Atlantic Dairy Associations that the present program, which amounts to 4,800 a year, will be

continued in the Lancaster area.

Honan noted that members who have already signed a deduction authorization to give two cents a month to ADA, the association will return these deduction cards to members and notify members' dealers to stop the present

two-cent ADA checkoff. Approval of the Interstate dues increase, when put into effect, will cancel the ADA checkoff without a loss in milk promotion for the local market by the association.

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He asserted, "A No vote would not be an automatic end of federal orders," and added that he could not remember when a proposed order had ever been defeated in

New York referendum.

Stratton criticized what he called undue pressure by the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture in promoting market orders. He said midwestern dairymen, after defeating a proposed amendment to a market order, "were told by the Secretary, 'Now you fellows get together and vote right or you won't have any order at all.'"

Earlier the membership voted on recommended decisions on the New York Federal order. The proposed changes, among other things,

would eliminate the free hauling of bulk milk provision in the present order.

The ballots will not be counted until next week, and the individual cooperative votes will be cast in the November 25 referendum.

Abner Risser and Simeon Horton, Mount Joy, represented the Mount Joy Milk Producers Cooperative at the convention.

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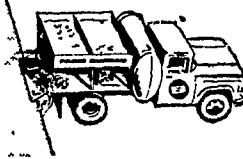
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