

Cow-Level In Pa. At 95-Year Low Point

HARRISBURG — Another 2,000 milk cows were lost from dairy herds in the state in November — the 28th consecutive month in which a decline was recorded — according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The November total, estimated at 738,000 cows, was the lowest in 95 years. In 1871 there were 740,000 milk cows reported in Pennsylvania.

Milk production in November totaled 531 million pounds, three million pounds less than in November 1965. In the first 11 months of this year 6,349 million pounds of milk were produced in the state, 93 mil-

Pa. Bankers Assn. Gets Agricultural Award 23rd Time

The Agricultural Award of The American Bankers Association has been presented to the Pennsylvania Bankers Association in recognition of the PBA's service to agriculture in the commonwealth.

lion pounds below the 11-month total last year.

Average production per cow, however, continued to increase. The November average of 720 pounds — up 30 pounds from a year ago — was the highest for any November on record. Production costs also increased, with the value of the ration fed per 100 pounds of milk produced up 28 cents from November 1965.

This is the twenty-third consecutive year that the PBA has received the award.

The ABA award is presented each year by its Agricultural Committee to the state bankers associations of those states whose programs and activities have been of notable service to agriculture during the preceding year.

The PBA's program is conducted by its nine-member Agricultural Committee.

PBA President Charles H. Bracken, president, Marine National Bank, Erie, commented that the award "attests to the fine job the Committee has done in the past and is currently doing."

Outstanding committee programs cited by the ABA included the annual agricultural credit conference held in State College and support of

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the 4-H Club movement and many agricultural community service programs.

Area Teacher Attends Milk Marketing Conf.

Garland Gingerich, vocational agriculture instructor at Penn Manor High School, was among teachers from Blair County to Philadelphia attending the Milk Marketing In-Service Workshop last week at Harrisburg.

The one-day program was sponsored by the Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, and was conducted by Inter-State personnel including, Dr. James E. Honan, general manager; Dr. Paul E. Hand, economist; Golden Davis, management assistant; and Boyd C. Gartley, director of public relations. Inter-State fieldman

PSU TAX EXPERT TO BE IN READING AREA DEC 21

B. Wayne Kelly, Penn State University farm management specialist, is spending the month of December traveling about the state in a series of programs for income tax practitioners and farmers preparing their own tax returns or assisting others.

The program to be held closest to Lancaster County will be in Reading at the Met-Edison Building, North on Route 61. The program will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will include the latest rulings affecting farmers tax reporting.

Charles Cowan also attended. The highlight of the day for agriculture teachers was milk marketing methods adapted for classroom discussion by milk marketing specialists.

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