

County Libraries Get \$88,749 In State Aid At 25c Per Capita

As its per capita share in the distribution of more than four million dollars of state aid, libraries in Lancaster County divided \$88,749 this week. The bulk of the allotment went to Lancaster Library — \$80,346 — while five smaller community libraries shared the balance.

In announcing the distribution, Governor Raymond P. Shafer said that, for the first time since its inception in 1962, state aid to local libraries will amount to the full 25 cents per capita allowable by law. Payment last year amounted to 15 cents.

Declaring that state aid under Pennsylvania's public library development program now is given to libraries serving more than 8.1 million people throughout the Commonwealth, the Governor said that 69 percent of all public libraries in the Commonwealth — 328 of 472 — now participate in the program. To qualify, a local library must receive substantial local support.

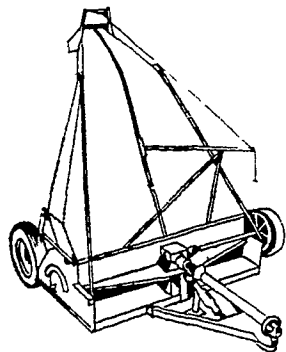
"In the first year only a little more than half of our libraries were supported at a level sufficient to qualify them for aid. Growth of participation in the program indicates that individual communities throughout the Commonwealth have come to recognize the public library as a necessary center for information and recreation.

"We are pleased that the State program has proved an incentive for increased local

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PA. MILK PRODUCTION CONTINUES TO LAG

During January, unusually warm weather prevailed for a period of at least 10 days. Precipitation for the month, some as rain and some as snow, was light and below normal. Winter grains continue to look good with little damage to date. However, concern has been expressed about the effects of the warm weather and lack of snow cover.

Milk cows on Pennsylvania farms during January produced 584 million pounds of milk—a decline of 20 million pounds from January 1966, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. January milk production was seven million pounds below the 1961-65 average, and 28 million pounds less than the record high for the month in 1963.

The number of milk cows on Pennsylvania farms in January was 754,000. Milk cow

numbers are down approximately four percent from January 1966, and 13 percent from the January 1961-65 average. January production per cow was 775 pounds or eight pounds above January 1966 and 88 pounds above the 5-year average.

On a daily basis, January output at 25.00 pounds was .97 pound above December and .26 pound above January last year. Based on the July 1, 1965 Pennsylvania population estimate, January milk production was at a level to provide 1.64 pounds or .76 quart daily per person in the State.

U. S. MILK PRODUCTION 1% ABOVE LAST YEAR

January milk production is estimated at 9,855 million pounds, one-half of one percent more than the 9,805 million pounds produced a year earlier. This is the second consecutive month that milk production was higher than the

corresponding month a year earlier. Average daily production was up four percent from December 1966. Production averaged 1.60 pounds per person per day in January compared to 1.61 a year earlier.

Milk production per cow in January averaged 715 pounds — five percent more than last January's output of 678 pounds per cow. The average daily output of 23.1 pounds during January compares with 22.2 for December 1966 and 21.9 pounds for January 1966. Output per cow was at record high levels for January in all states except Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska and Hawaii.

California continued to lead in output per cow with 900 pounds in January, followed by Arizona, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut and Hawaii.

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