

## Payment And Pricing Provisions Amended For Three Milk Orders

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has amended the payment and pricing provisions of three eastern federal milk marketing orders. They are the Massachusetts-Rhode Island, New York-New Jersey, and Connecticut orders.

Consumer and Marketing Service officials said the amended order, to become effective April 1, has been approved by more than the required two-thirds of the dairy farmers serving each of the areas. This was determined through polling their cooperative associations.

The amended order is identical to provisions contained in a final decision issued by USDA on March 23, based on a public hearing held in New York, Feb. 15-16 at the request of dairy farmer cooperatives. It will provide for pricing fluid (Class I) milk the same way every month, avoiding present seasonal price swings. It sets the price in each of the markets at the annual level which is now in effect for March.

Another amendment provides a seasonal incentive payment plan in each of the orders to take out part of producers' returns for milk delivered in spring months when milk is more plentiful, which will be paid back to farmers, with interest, in later months of shorter milk production.

## PENB Plans Apr. Member Meeting

There will be several "firsts" at the Poultry and Egg National Board's annual membership meeting at the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago April 10-12.

There will be for the first time, an election of five regional egg directors.

A director will be elected representing hen processing and other directors will represent egg products, egg equipment, egg carton manufacturers and feed manufacturers. They will provide even broader industry representation on the board of directors, according to Dr. John Salsbury, PENB chairman. This assures that these various industries will be well represented on the board, he pointed out.

The focus of the 1967 annual membership meeting will be on "Operation EGGspanion".

Reports on various phases of the EGGspanion drive to double the size and income of PENB will be presented by national chairman Earl L. Hess, first vice chairman of PENB, special chairman W. G. Owens, PENB's second vice chairman, allied chairman Dr. John G. Salsbury, chairman of PENB, and loaned and retired executives chairman Dr. L. A. Wilhelm, president of the board.

A special report "The Last Fifty Days—the Wrap-up", will be presented by Donald L. Martin, campaign coordinator, on Tuesday, April 11.



The weather outlook for the next five days is bright and mild. Temperatures are expected to average above the normal 57 to 36 degree range. It will be mild Saturday, cooler Sunday and Monday, then mild through Wednesday.

The only precipitation in sight is in the form of scattered showers for Sunday, and these are expected to yield less than 1/4-inch.

These changes in the payment and pricing procedures will not change the amount of annual returns to dairy farmers serving the three markets, officials said.

### Farmers Warned

(Continued from Page 1) Although it has had approximately 18 amendments tacked on since the original compact was drawn, it still does not give the people the protection it must before it can be considered acceptable, he noted.

He cited several primary objections, including: (1) 76 percent of the land in the basin is in Pennsylvania, and 70 percent of the Class I, II and III land in Pennsylvania is included in the basin—and yet Pennsylvania will have only one representative on the commission (2), the four-man commission — one each from Pa., N.Y., Md., and federal — will have absolute authority, extending even to the tributaries following into the Susquehanna River (3) the contract will

run for 100 years, if passed. "This Compact has been changed modestly to protect the farmers involved," Hatfield noted, but he added that more changes were needed. "If it can't be changed to protect the people, it should be killed", he stated.

### CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

PFA favors the amendment procedure for changing the state's constitution, Hatfield said, explaining the limited convention proposed for vote by the people in the May 16th primary.

The convention is requested to consider four questions, Hatfield noted. Even if the people approve holding the convention, each issue will have to be approved independently by referendum, he added.

**MEAT BOARD ACTIVITIES**  
Glenn D. Thrasher, representing the National Live Stock and Meat Board, presented an illustrated talk explaining some of the services and functions of the Board.

It was noted that there are "more than 8000 items competing for the farmers' share of the consumers' dollar in today's supermarket".

The Board's program is fi-

nanced primarily by two groups —marketing agencies and meat packers—and by direct contributions from industry, Thrasher said.

In noting changing consumer demands for food products, Thrasher said that pre-packaging is about the only new thing in the meat industry since refrigeration.

"There is a highly increased demand for competitive products which are mostly synthetic fibers and soy-

beans," he said, explaining that these products were getting better and better and would continue to cut into the meat market.

"In the past five years," he said, "there has been increasing interest on the part of the livestock industry in doing a better promotional job."

The speaker outlined the extent of the job that needs to be done, and showed the importance of the Board's efforts to the livestock industry.

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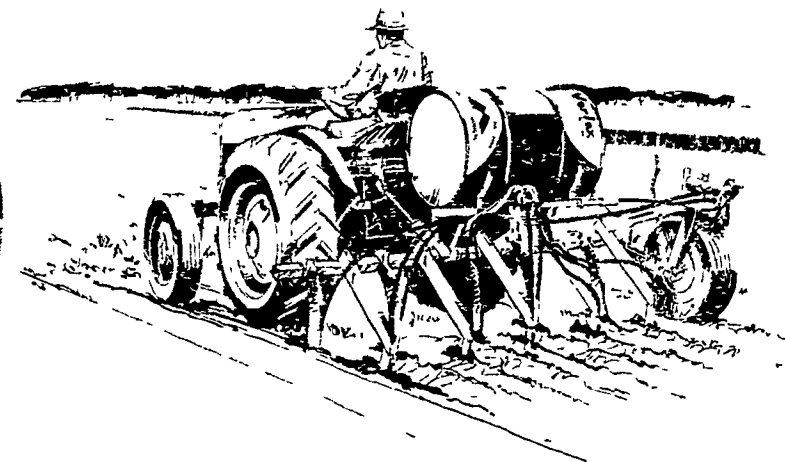
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