

## Retail Milk Price May Increase To Match Fluid Raise, I-S Says

An increase in the farm price for fluid milk of 1.5 cents per quart, announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, may result in a consumer price increase of from 1½ cents to 2 cents per quart. This farm price will increase from 12.9 cents to 14.3 cents per quart starting May 1, 1967. This prediction was made by Dr. Paul E. Hand, economist for Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, representing farmers in the Philadelphia area.

The increase in farm price came as the result of a hearing held in Washington, D.C., April 14-15, at which time area farmers requested from 1 cent per quart to 2½ cents per quart increase. Milk farmers will not receive this increase for all milk produced because a portion of milk sold is used for manufacturing purposes. Farmers receive only 9 cents per quart for the milk used for manufacturing.

F. Bennett Carter, president of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, and Hand attended the federal hearing and testified in behalf of the milk farmers, who are members of Inter-State, shipping milk into Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York markets.

Hand presented testimony requesting an increase in the price of milk because milk farmers have been in a price squeeze of high production costs and an acute labor shortage. Increases in farm costs have forced many dairymen to "sell out" of the dairy business.

Prior to the announcement of this decision, the USDA released an order recommending a change from the individual handler pooling to a marketwide pooling for the Delaware Valley (Philadelphia, Wilmington and South Jersey) metropolitan area.

As a result of this change recommended by the Department, dairy farmers supplying this area were forced to go to a hearing to request additional income by way of a higher price for their milk.

Inter-State represents 3300 dairy farmers in Pennsylvania,

New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

## Lanchester Pony Club

An unmounted meeting of the Lanchester Pony Club was held April 23 at the Solanco High School with 32 members and many parents attending. Final plans for the May 6th open horse show were made.

It was reported more than 200 entries had been received for the show to date. Rings have been put up at the Quarryville Community Grounds in preparation for the show, and members will paint the jumps on Sunday, April 30th. The children also received a lesson on preparing for a horse show and a demonstration on pulling mane and braiding.

The club announced that four members had made the "D" rating on their riding. They are: Jon Gibson, John Weir, Jr., Mary Ann Waters and Judy Ann Higginbotham.

The Club had nine "D's" participating in a one-day rally hosted by the Berks Pony Club in Reading. Of the 35 "D" riders, representing four area clubs, one of the local members, Debbie Weir of Oxford, placed second.

The national headquarters recently reported that pony clubs are the largest organization of riders in the world with nearly 75,000 members in 22 countries. In the U.S., there are nearly 7,000 riders in 156 clubs. These are grouped into 18 regions, 33 states, and one territory.

The purpose of the clubs is to encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses; to provide instruction in horsemanship and the proper care of animals; and to promote high ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship, and loyalty.

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