

I-S Proposes Base Plan At Milk Hearing

PHILADELPHIA — Dr. Paul E. Hand, economist for Inter State Milk Producers' Cooperative, presented testimony for a base plan for Federal Milk Marketing Order 4. The hearing held by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, started at 9:30 a. m. Monday, June 12, in the Sylvania Hotel. G. Osmond Hyde, chief examiner for the USDA, presided.

Hand testified, "It is necessary that a base plan be adopted to continue to encourage more even seasonal production of milk since all seasonal price fluctuations have been eliminated in the Delaware Valley Federal Milk Order."

"A base plan is intended to serve the same function as seasonality of pricing, that is to encourage a pattern of production compatible with the fluid requirements of the market."

Hand said "Allowing each producer to make a new base each fall keeps production current with market needs and will result in a more even supply of milk annually to meet the Class I needs of the market."

Attorney Roland Morris, representing milk dealers in the Philadelphia area presented a statement "That the dealers in the Philadelphia area listed in the hearing record were in complete support of the milk base plan proposed by Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative."

Hand testified in behalf of Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers who supported the same proposal for the milk base

plan presented by Inter-State.

"Prior to the referendum on Order 4 in May," Hand continued, "Inter-State conducted seven regional producer meetings, to which all members of Inter-State were invited by letter to attend, and to which any other dairy farmer was also

welcome. At these meetings, a base plan was discussed, and there was overwhelming support for such a base plan on the part of the producers who attended these meetings. Approximately one-third of Inter-State's members shipping under Order 4 attended."

William P. Moore, dairy farmer, Chatham, Chester County, a member of Inter-State,

presented a statement supporting the proposed milk base plan. After Moore's statement, A. Evans Kephart, counsel for Inter-State, read a list of 35 milk farmers, all member of Inter-State, who were present and ready to present testimony in favor of the proposed milk base plan. Included from Lancaster County were

John M. Harnish, Lancaster; Carl L. Martin, Ephrata; F. R. Esbenschade, New Holland; Robert B. McSparran, Peach Bottom; J. Everett Kreider, Quarryville and Elam W. Mull, Quarryville.

The hearing concluded Tuesday, with testimony to be studied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



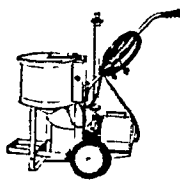
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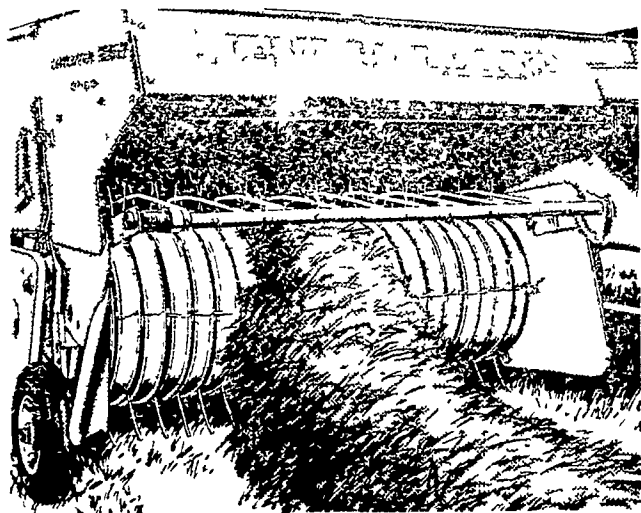
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