Producers Base Programs

At the request of the Market a farmer can market at the ceptable by the dairy farmers Administrator for Federal Mar-higher "base blend price". The in the Order 2 Federal milk kiting Order 2, a committee rep-farmer would not be restricted marketing area? Is the proposed o agriculture and the Market the higher "base blend price". amendment past 1969? And, do Administrator, held a series of A Class I base, or base excess dairy farmers understand all Administrator, held a series of for the New York-New Jersey maintain maximum production riarketing order.

Class I Base Plan Study Com- creasing his income. selling milk to handlers regulat- to be asked. Will this plan be aced by Order 2.

What Farmers Will Receive

The Committee Chairman, John W Carncross, retired professor o' agricultural economics. Rutgers University, explained that a producer would receive a highet price for milk deliveries equal to his base and the lower manufacturing price for any excess No limit would be placed on the amount of milk that he c in produce or sell

Under the proposed Class I Base Plan, a producer's base would consider his most favorable 12-month production (best January, best February, etc.) for the previous three years. Class I requirements for the market in twelve consecutive months preceding the start of the plan and total base pounds o all dairy farmers in the milks'red.

Mr. Carncross indicated that the plan would provide for recalculating and transferring bases and allocating bases to new producers There are also provisions for dealing with hardship

All dairy farmers should rea-I'ze that, although this Class I Base Plan has been issued, it has not received the endorsement of any organization which participated in the study nor by any cooperative or hardlers who niay make it available to his producers Under the provisions o the federal law relating to incorporating a base plan into a federal marketing order it will ! be necessary for producers to request a public hearing before tie Secretary of Agriculture can act on the matter. If such a plan i. recommended by the Secretary after a hearing, producers vill vote on this amendment individually Approval or disapproval by producers will not affect continuance of the Order

Purpose of Plan The purpose of the Class I Ease Plan is to make it possible for any individual dairy farmer to adjust his production to the 1 equirements of the fluid market without having his blend price reduced by the increased milk rioduction of his neighbors supplying the same marketing area In simple terms, a Class I Base Plan gives each producer a "base" reflecting his proportionate share of the total fluid sales 1 the market for a recent past period, plus a 10% reserve to cover short-run fluctuations

Producers would receive a higher "base blend" price for that part of their milk included in the "base" Milk not included in the "base" and sold from the farm would be priced at the lower "excess" or manufacturing price Such a pricing plan is sometimes called a two-price plan to describe its provisions for separate prices for "base" and "excess" milk

In effect, a Class I Base Plan would limit the amount of milk

1 senting cooperatives. land as to the total amount of milk he Base Plan better or worse than grant colleges, major farm or- can produce or sell, but only the the Louisville Plan in use in Org inizations, state departments amount of milk he can sell for der 2? Will Congress extend the

recetings to study every aspect plan, removes the necessity for parts of a Class I Base Plan? o' a possible Class I Base Plan each individual dairyman to in order to preserve his share of Class I Base Plans were au- the more favorable priced fluid t orized by Congress in the 1965 milk market. Under such a plan, a nendment to the Agricultural one farmer's surplus production Marketing Agreement Act of would have less effect on the 1937. This authorization will be price and income of other farme fective through December 31, ers It may offer an individual 1.69. The responsibility of the producer an opportunity for in-

nittee was to develop the facts. With all the time and energy and procedure for such a plan spent to propose a Class I Base and make them available for dis- Plan for New York-New Jersey tubution to all dairy farmers marketing area, questions have

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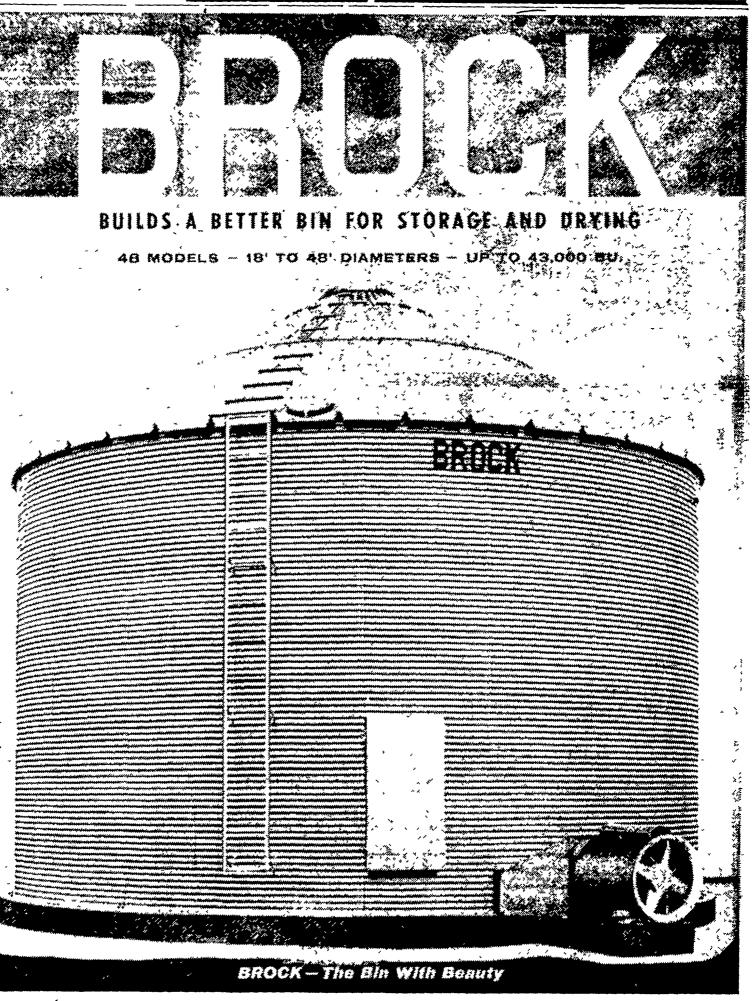
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