

Meeting Minutes For The Pa. Egg Marketing Assn. Reported

President Ben Burkholder waived the reading of the minutes, but called for the Treasurer's report, which was accepted as presented by Ray Sauder.

Duncan MacRae explained that, the Food & Drug Administration carton requirements had changed some, and would go into total effect October, 1969. Instead of the "one dozen" term appearing on the lower one third of the panel, it will be acceptable in any area on the top panel! On divided cartons the "one dozen" must be in the center so when the carton is divided the "one dozen" will break at the right of the "D". Previously Eggs had to be prominent, but this is no longer a requirement. When a name, and address appear on a carton, a zip code must be included. Duncan advised that, he was discussing F.D.A. regulations, and no one should overlook USDA, or state requirements when designing a carton.

A motion was properly passed, following a coverage discussion, that the Pennsylvania Egg Council request the Secretary of Agriculture, L H Bull, to take action to provide that, all state institutions be supplied with eggs from Pennsylvania producers or dealers.

Ray Sauder reporting on Exchange activities, showed by weekly figures that, the shorts reported during August went down sharply, indicating that, adequate supplies were available. The longs were 13,000 cases, and for the 16 members 7,000 cases, were sold providing an exceptional service to the industry. More recently he stated that, there were few offers and generally dealer members were short of supplies.

The president was requested to call upon the Executive Committee to appoint a representative from the Egg Marketing Association to work with the committee considering unification.

Bob VanHouten explained very well the areas on the daily and weekly reports to watch closely for market trends. He stated that the industry has been most cooperative in furnishing required information to make the reports effective. He offered their services anytime they might be helpful, and also advised that everyone is eligible to receive the reports.

He pointed out— 1 Watch cold storage holding, 2 Callot sales to the Military, 3 Read the portion "Egg Market at a glance", 4 Observe the commercial movement report which shows movement from farms to assemblers, 5 Check closely on announcement of the percent layer changes, etc.

Sam Beenson stated that a

FRUIT PRODUCTION

Estimates of fruit production in the Commonwealth on September 1 indicate decreases from previous month's forecasts for the pear and grape crops.

Dry weather limited sizing of pears and current prospects are for a 3,250-ton crop, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Production a year ago totaled 2,600 tons with the five-year (1962-66) average at 3,050 tons.

The outlook for grapes at 38,500 tons indicates a 25 percent decrease from last year's record crop, but only one percent below the average. Fewer and smaller berries and bunches than expected are given as causes for the decline.

New York and New England group have pooled money to purchase eggs to support the market. Pennsylvania appears to be left out of the N.E.M.O. and National group, therefore we must act for our own protection, because, we are without a doubt one of the most important egg marketing areas in the U.S. He said that a committee would no doubt be developed, and we should be ready with a representative to protect our interests.

Because of the many problems

of importance to be carefully considered, it was decided that a dinner meeting be held at Schraffts Restaurant, Denver, Pa., Friday, September 20, at 6 p.m. Producers, dealers, and others interested in the welfare of the industry are invited to attend. Members should contact and bring others with them. Should anyone decide to attend, the Secretary E J Lawless, Jr., 4210-A Sussex Drive, Colonial Park, Harrisburg, Pa., 17109, should be notified in order to make proper arrangements. A reservation might be made by telephone at 717-787-4211, and advise Mr. Lawless or the secretary to Mr. Lawless the number planning to attend.

House Republican Farm Task Force Wants Action To Curb Dairy Imports

The House Republican Task Force on Agriculture has called for immediate action to curb dairy imports to prevent further income and market losses by U.S. farmers.

Citing a report just released by the Department of Agriculture, Chairman Odin Langer (R., Minn.) said it is evident that added restrictions are needed now. He said the report shows evaporated milk imports during the first six months of 1968 are up 527 percent over the same period of 1967; milk chocolate is up 140 percent, cheese and cheese substitutes up 53 percent. Langer said foreign suppliers are circumventing recent import limitations by changing the form in which dairy products enter the country.

The impact of imports on hard-pressed U.S. dairymen was pointed out by Langer, who noted that dairy producers have lost more than \$600 million since 1963 due to imports, the equivalent of 80,000 farms of 25 cows each, which could produce 17 billion pounds of milk.

Said Langer: "These statistics serve notice on all government officials who administer our dairy programs. What is clearly evident is that inaction at this critical time will only be a disservice to our struggling rural economy which has been continuously driven backwards during recent years."

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