

State Only One Of Big Six To Show Milk Increase

The United States Department of Agriculture in its latest dairy release, reported 9,983 million pounds of milk were produced in the nation in March according to Leland Bull, Pa. Secretary of Agriculture. That is a total of 4 billion 643 million quarts of milk.

It sounds like a lot of milk, but

The USDA noted that the March total is down 2 percent from last year, then added an alarming note.

The 4 billion, 643 million quarts is the smallest amount of milk produced in the U.S. in any month of March since 1952.

On the basis of population changes, it means seven fewer quarts of milk for each man, woman and child in the nation.

Of the "big six" that account for more than half the nation's total milk production, only Pennsylvania shows a first quarter increase. Decreases in the other states—Wisconsin, Minnesota, New York, California and Iowa—range from 0.2 percent in California to 6 percent in Iowa.

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This is the second bit of evidence this year that Pennsylvania may be reversing some dairy trends. Earlier, it was reported that Pennsylvania had a larger increase than any other state in the number of young heifers being kept as potential dairy herd replacements or additions.

Actually, Pennsylvania has been more successful than many other states in maintaining stability in its dairy industry.

This is especially true of the efforts to maintain an adequate supply of milk to meet consumer needs.

Pennsylvania's production records provide a striking contrast to those of two neighboring states most frequently compared to Pennsylvania in this connection—New Jersey and Ohio.

In 1952, the year USDA pinpointed as the previous low March production, New Jersey dairymen produced 528 million quarts of milk. Last year 376 million quarts were produced.

Of course, there has been a marked decrease in the per capita consumption of milk in that time, and an increasing use of skim milk in recent years. Despite these changes in the use of milk, continued downward trends in production could lead to serious problems.

It could, for example, impair this nation's ability to produce enough milk to satisfy domestic demands.

Or it could encourage the use of substitutes for this basic food.

In either event, there could be economic repercussions.

There are signs, however, that a change is taking place. The beginning may be under way here in Pennsylvania where milk production has swung upward after several years of steady decline.

In the first quarter of this year, the state's total milk production is up by about 11 million quarts over the comparable period of 1968. As a matter of fact, Pennsylvania is one of only nine states in the nation reporting increased milk production in the first three months of 1969. The others are Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Louisiana, Maryland, Nevada, Utah and Vermont.

Ohio's production in 1952 was 2,485 million quarts compared to 2,098 million quarts last year.

Sixteen years and a population explosion later, the 1968 milk production in the two states was

539 million quarts less than it had been in 1952.

By contrast, Pennsylvania's milk production in the same period increased by approximately 556 million quarts, offsetting the loss in the neighboring states.

Should present trends continue, it is obvious that Pennsylvania will become even more important in the future as a source of milk for many people.

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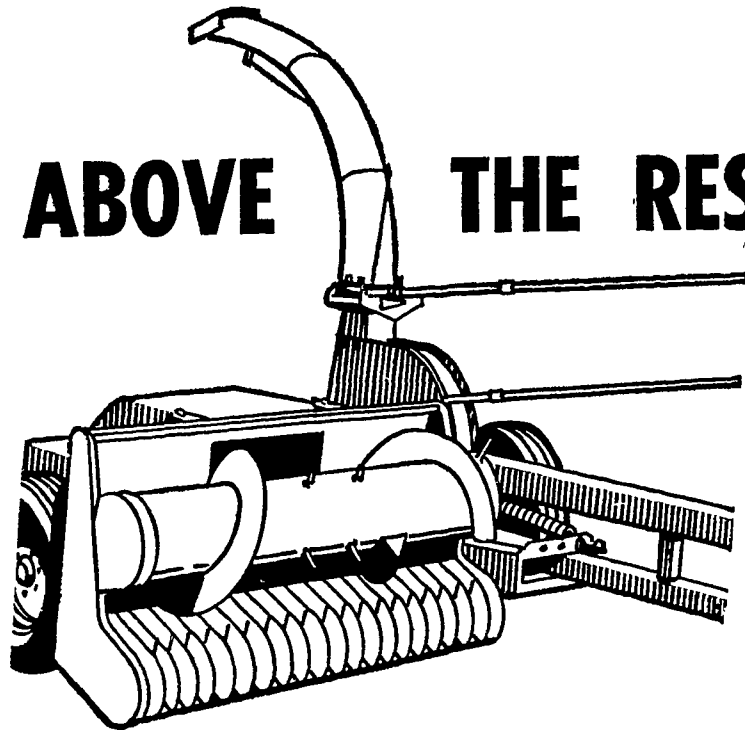
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