

Class 1 Milk Prices Are Higher in 1970

March deliveries and Class 1 1969. The weighted average price for milk was higher this year than last.

A total of 135,552 producers delivered 5.2 billion pounds of milk to handlers in 64 comparable Federal milk order markets during March 1970, four per cent above March 1969.

The weighted average Class I price paid by handlers in the 64 markets for 3.5 per cent milk in March 1970 was \$6.75 per hundredweight, 31 cents higher than a year earlier.

Producers in the 64 markets received a weighted average blend price of \$5.82 per hundredweight for 3.5 per cent milk in March 1970, 18 cents higher than March 1969.

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1969. The weighted average blend price for the three month period in 1970 was \$5.93, 21 cents higher than the blend price reported for the three month period in 1970 was \$5.93, 21 cents higher than the blend price reported for the same period in 1969.

The volume of producer deliveries used in other than class 1 products in all marketing areas totaled 2.2 billion pounds in March 1970, 39 per cent of producer deliveries.

Registered Holstein Numbers High in State

The Holstein-Friesian Association reports that Pennsylvania ranks second nationally in the ratio of Registered Holstein to the dairy cows in the state.

Edged only by New Hampshire the Keystone state stands well above the other two members of the "big three" — New York is 7th and Wisconsin is 17th.

In 1950, there were approximately 22 million cows in milk in the U.S. That year, Holstein registrations totaled 184,246, for a ratio of 1 to 119. In 1969 the ratio stands at 1 to 49 with 260,645 registrations against a total of 12,648,000 cows in milk.

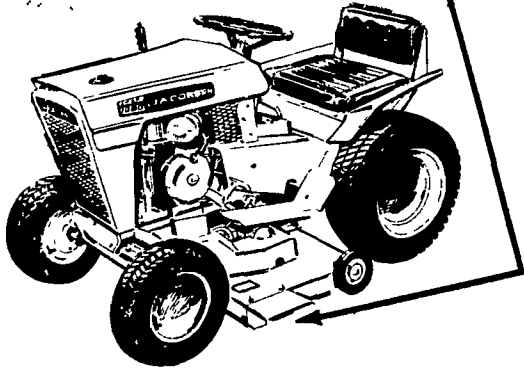
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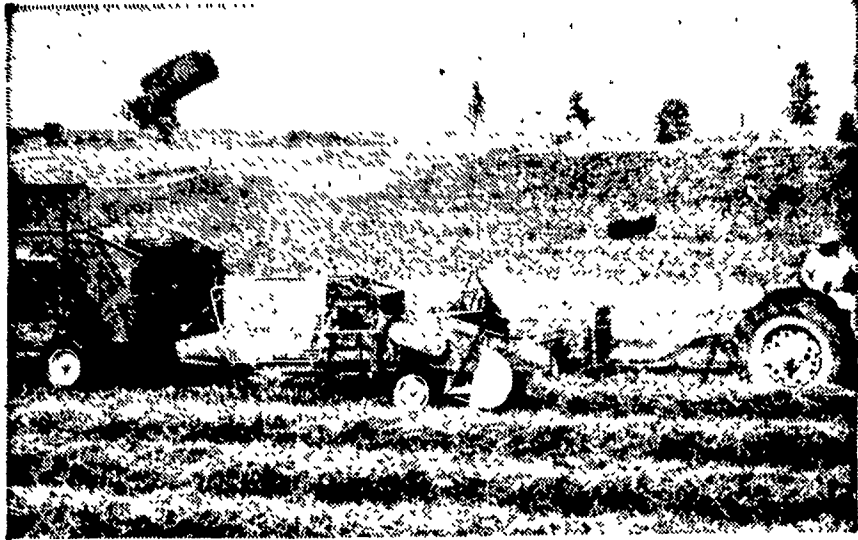
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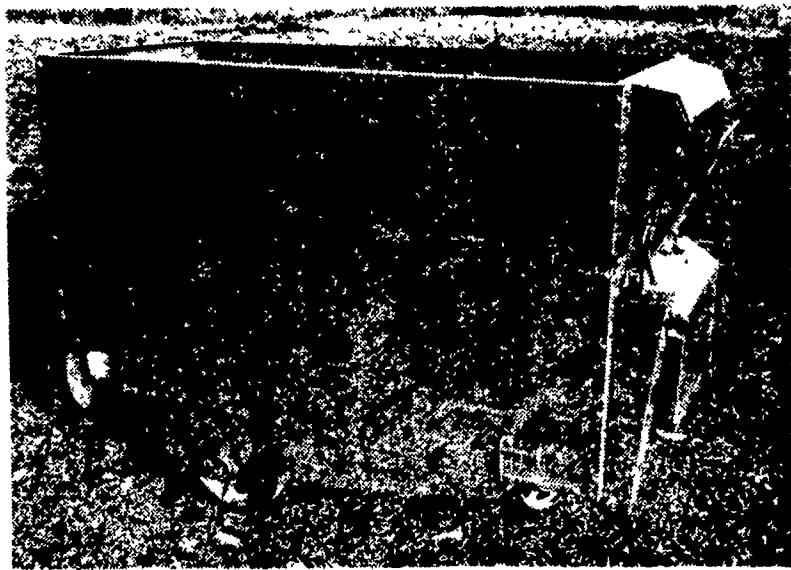
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