

U.S. to Study Milk Pricing

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced recently it is undertaking a study of governmental milk pricing policies and procedures.

The study will focus on past experience with various methods of pricing in federal milk marketing orders. In addition, it will evaluate the need for new

pricing procedures in light of changing milk market conditions.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said the study is aimed at an increased understanding of milk pricing problems and development of alternate methods of dealing with these problems.

The study will be conducted in three phases, C&MS said.

The first phase will analyze the current and long term industry conditions relating to government dairy programs.

The second phase will analyze alternate methods of establishing prices under current and prospective industry conditions.

Phase three will include the development of recommendations for short and long term changes in milk pricing policies and procedures.

The study committee includes representatives from four USDA agencies: C&MS, the Economic Research Service, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and the Office of Planning and Evaluation. Reports on each phase of the study will be released during 1972.

Boots and Saddles 4-H Club Holds Gymkhana

The Boots and Saddles 4-H Club had a Gymkhana at 1 p.m. October 17. The winners were:

Fey's Tom owned by Vicki Zipperlein, western pleasure over 14.0 hands; Sparky owned by Patty Groff, western pleasure over 12.2 and not over 14.0 hands; Mr. Ed owned by Jeff Fellenbaum, western pleasure under 12.2 hands, Teddy owned by Lisa Wendel, western riding; Mr. Ed owned by Diane Reese, barrel race.

Stardust owned by Lashon Bussell, pony driving, Mr. Ed owned by Diane Reese, scurry race; Teddy owned by Lisa Wendel, western equitation senior division; Buck owned by Dave Root, western equitation junior division.

Parr King Miss owned by Rosemary Brubaker, egg and spoon; Mr. Ed owned by Diane Reese, pole bending; Wheels owned by Dave Dagen, boot race junior pony; Mr. Ed, Diane Reese, boot race senior horse.

Tonka, owned by Amy Glatfelter, english pleasure; Teddy, Lisa Wendel, English equitation and trail class.

Club Reporter,
Amy Glatfelter

Smith Named To Ag Board

Max Smith, Lancaster County ag agent, has been elected to the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Association of County Agricultural Agents.

Smith has been on the staff of the Cooperative Extension Service since 1936 and has been the county agent since 1949.

He will represent the southeast district of the state on the board. There are five districts in the state with one director from each area serving a two year term.

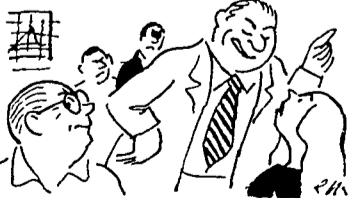
Dieter Cited by P-A-G

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Dieter, Litz, attended P-A-G Seeds Distinguished Dealer Convention recently in Lancaster and were presented a plaque for outstanding sales achievement by P-A-G District Manager, A. C. Biesiot.

Dieter was one of 90 members of the P-A-G sales organization being honored at the convention.

P-A-G Distinguished Dealers and their wives spent two days at the Conestoga Motor Inn. During the meeting everyone had an opportunity to participate in a tour of the countryside, Landis Valley Museum and various business and social activities.

The Old Timer



"Anybody who's throwing his weight around isn't pulling it."

ASC Corn Loan Rate Is \$1.24

More Pennsylvania corn and sorghum are eligible for loan than in prior years because of a record signup in the 1971 feed grain program, according to Fred Seldomridge, chairman of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

Seldomridge stated the Pennsylvania corn loan rate is \$1.24 per bushel stored on the farm. Sorghum price support is \$1.79 per hundredweight.

Chairman Seldomridge added,

"Farmers should consider price support loans as a means of receiving operating capital at harvest time and take advantage of seasonal price improvement during the winter and spring months. Price supports are a market for grain only in the event local markets remain lower than the loan rate for the full marketing year."

Commodity loans bear interest at thirty cents per \$100 loaned per month. This is approximately a 3½ per cent per annum rate. Producers may repay their loan,

plus interest, whenever they wish and sell the grain or feed it. Partial repayments are also permitted. 1971 corn loans mature on July 31, 1972. Commodity Credit Corporation, through county ASCS offices will accept delivery of the grain after July 31, 1972, if the producer has not been able to market it at a more favorable price.

Chairman Seldomridge cautions producers that the grade of corn stored will be determined when and if delivered to CCC. Final settlement of loans delivered will be based on the grade and quantity delivered. Discounts per bushel will apply to corn grading below U.S. grade No. 2.

Many corn producers have experienced corn blight with various degrees of damage to ears. It is the farmer's responsibility to maintain corn under loan in the best condition possible. Quality will effect final per bushel settlement rate.

Price support loans are available at local ASCS offices for nearly all grain commodities and also for grain storage facilities. Chairman Seldomridge invites all interested grain producers to visit the Lancaster County ASCS office and discuss these programs in detail.

Bred Ewe Sale Planned

Bred ewe sales offer an exceptional opportunity for prospective new shepherds, according to Warn G. Menhennett, president of the Penn-Mar Shropshire Breeders Club.

Three breed associations will sell bred ewes at auction starting at 7 p.m. November 9 in the Sheep Arena at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg.

4-H'ers interested in sheep projects, farmers interested in starting in the sheep business and commercial sheep producers who seek new bloodlines will find the sales of special interest.

The prospective buyer will find

quality ewes, many of which have been bred to some of the nation's best rams, offered in the sale. From the offspring of these ewes, shepherds will be able to select new flock sires that will add greatly to the productivity of their flocks, Menhennett suggests.

The three breeds that will be offered are Shropshires, Suffolks, and Hampshires.

All of the ewes being sold will be judged in the bred ewe classes of the breed shows held earlier in the day. Shropshires and Suffolks will be judged, starting at 1:30 p.m. and Hampshires starting at 9 a.m.

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