

Licenses Issued For Temporary Cheese Imports

The Department of Agriculture has announced that import licenses have been issued to implement President Nixon's proclamation of April 25 authorizing a temporary increase of 50 percent in cheese import quotas.

Licenses have been mailed to importers who have established eligibility for license shares under the regular import program. They are for an additional 50 percent of each importer's annual share.

The increase authorized by the proclamation amounts to about 64 million pounds. The increase is

intended to stabilize prices over the next several months until expanded domestic cheese production reaches the market.

Effective March 15, the Department's support program for manufacturing milk was restructured to encourage increasing flows of milk into cheese production. The Commodity Credit Corporation's purchase price for Grade A Cheddar cheese was increased from 54.75 cents per pound to 62 cents per pound, while the price for butter (New York area) was reduced from 68.75 cents to 62 cents per pound. As a result of these changes, the rising trend in cheese production is expected to be accelerated further and should be particularly heavy during the flush milk production season which is now beginning. Cheese produced from this milk should begin reaching the market in the summer.

The President's action, taking these supply conditions into consideration, requires the specially-authorized imports to be brought in not later than July 31, 1973. The country shares under the various cheese quotas have been allocated to facilitate importation. While the basic overall pattern is a 50 percent increase in the quotas and country allocations, a few modifications have been made to encourage maximum utilization of the overall authorization. For example, Finland holds allocations under the regular annual quotas for Emmenthaler, Gruyere-process, and the miscellaneous tariff category of "Other" cheese, but currently lacks supplies to make additional deliveries by July 31. Consequently, the shares Finland would have received under an across-the-board quota increase have been redistributed to other major supplying countries of the types of cheese concerned.

Imports of most cheese are controlled by import quotas established by various Presidential Proclamations since 1953 under the authority of Section 22 of the Agricultural

Adjustment Act, as amended. Section 22 provides that quotas shall be established whenever imports materially interfere with, or threaten to interfere with, the price support programs of the Department of Agriculture. Section 22 also provides that quotas may be modified by the President because of changed circumstances.

All Section 22 actions require an investigation and report to the President by the U. S. Tariff Commission. In the current action, the Commission found

Elm-Penryn Club Elects Officers

The Elm-Penryn 4-H Sewing Club held its reorganizational meeting at the Penryn Fire Hall.

The following were elected as officers: Denise Anderson, Manheim RD4, president; Kathy Eberly, Manheim RD3, vice-president; Carol Ebersole, Lititz

RD2, secretary; Dawn Webb, Manheim RD3, treasurer; Pam Nissley, Manheim RD4, news reporter.

Mrs. Doris Thomas, Lancaster County home economist, spoke to the Club on club activities and how to be a good 4-H'er.

Some of the girls modeled dresses they made last year in 4-H.

Pam Nissley
News Reporter

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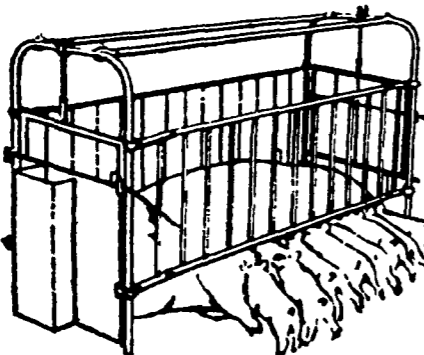
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