

FARM TRENDS

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anxious, to accept the assessment.

Milk Production Down Slightly

Milk production in Pennsylvania during April was 586 million pounds, 1 percent less than a year ago, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

The number of milk cows in the Commonwealth during April was 670,000, 1 percent more than a year ago, but 1,000 less than last month.

Milk produced per cow averaged 875 pounds in April, compared with 850 pounds in March and 890 pounds in April last year.

United States milk production during April is

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Capital Region is Marion Deppen.

The job of an aide is to reach out to families that need help in nutrition planning, Miss Garber said. They go into the homes and work with the individual homemakers to teach them more about meal preparation, food preservation, shopping and getting them more out of a restricted food budget. Aides counsel needy eligible families on attaining and using food stamps. One current goal of the aides is to reach families eligible for supplemental social security payments, to tell them about the program and to help them get the money they're entitled to. "The average aide," Miss Garber said, "works with maybe 35 to 40 individuals if she's in a rural area, and as many as 75 or 80 if she's in an urban region."

During the five years of the program's existence, Pennsylvania nutrition aides have worked with over 840,000 low-income families. Most of these families had incomes under \$3000 per year, 65 percent were from minority groups, and 51 percent lived in urban areas. Some of the aides specialize in working with youth groups.

Miss Garber, who is responsible for directing all extension programs - including county agents - in her program, said, "Extension is charged with

looking out for everybody's welfare in the areas of agriculture and family living. The ENEP program gives us a chance to reach the people we wouldn't get to, otherwise. I think extension is a logical way to get this job of nutrition education done. We're an educational arm of Penn State, we know how to talk to people and we know how to get them to use the information we give them."

Some of the cases the aides deal with are almost unbelievable in an affluent society. A report from Tillie Gibson, who supervises the nutrition aides in Lancaster County, is an example. "People living in a tent with four small children," she said. "People living in a car with one small child and a pregnant wife. Yes, even after almost three years, we are still finding these situations in Lancaster County. Children stealing food because there was nothing to eat. Child abuse to the point that I had to report it. A prenatal mother living on cereal and dry milk, because she had four dollars a month left out of her check after she paid \$129.00 rent. Through referrals to other agencies, these situations have been improved and the aides are working with the homemakers."

Miss Garber said the ENEP program isn't meant to compete with other social agencies but to work with them. "We're all working together to help the disadvantaged families," she pointed out. "We get referrals from other agencies, and we pass referrals right back to them when we find there's a need."

The aides themselves often leave the ENEP program to go into better paying jobs in industry, Miss Garber said. "I've gained a great deal of respect for the aides, what they stand for and what they're trying to do. They're really trying to help the families they work with."

About 60 aides were at Tuesday's meeting for in-service training and a formal meeting of the Pennsylvania Paraprofessional Employees Association.

estimated at 10,084 million pounds, 2 percent less than a year ago. U.S. average milk production per cow was 901 pounds, compared with 887 pounds in March and 899 pounds in April 1973. During April there were 11.2 million milk cows on farms, down 3 percent from the same month last year.

American Eggmen Balk at Canadian Import Restrictions

The Canadian Government has adopted regulations restricting the importation of eggs from the United States. A quota system limiting imports to a monthly five-year average will be imposed any time Canadian egg prices to producers for Grade A large drop below 60 cents per dozen (estimated production cost in Canada.) Import restrictions will continue until the Canadian egg producers price goes above the cost figures.

United Egg Producers President John Wallace and General Manager Gene Masters visited Canadian egg officials in Ottawa to urge continuation of free trade in eggs between the U.S. and Canada. The U.E.P. officials pointed out that during the historical period under consideration, Canadian egg imports to the U.S. were more than three times greater than U.S. shipments to Canada.

U.E.P. sent telegrams to U.S. government officials requesting immediate action urging Canadian officials not to adopt the proposed restrictions. Telegrams went to Maynard W. Giltman, Director of International Trade, State Department; Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz; Russ Strobel, Director of the Poultry Division, Foreign Agricultural Service; Sen. Herman Talmadge, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry; and Rep. W. R. Poage, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. Telegrams stated:

"Canadian government is expected today to amend legislation limiting U.S. egg shipments to Canada to a

five year historical level based on monthly averages. Limitation to be enforced any time Canadian egg prices to producers drop below production costs. Historically, Canadian egg shipments to U.S. have been over three times greater than U.S. egg shipments to Canada. U.S. egg producers urge you to strongly oppose this selective discrimination in trade practices by urging the Canadian government to reconsider this Act of restraint of free trade between our countries."



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The board of Directors of the First National Bank of Strasburg has declared a semi-annual dividend of 40 cents per share payable June 28, 1974 to shareholders of record June 3, 1974.

Earlier this year the Bank completed a four for one stock split and the sale of 50,000 additional shares of stock. This action increased the number of shares outstanding from 50,000 to 250,000 shares.

The 40 cents dividend then represents an increase over last year's semi-annual dividend of \$1.50 per share since the four for one stock split provided past shareholders with four times as many shares of stock. Last year's semi-annual dividend restated to reflect the increased number of shares would amount to 37½ cents per share.

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