



Parke Buckwalter

Buckwalter Appointed Inter-State Director

Parke L. Buckwalter, 39 of Watsonstown, Pa., has been elected to the Board of Directors of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative representing District 14.

Buckwalter is filling the unexpired term of R. Norman Derrick, Unityville, Pa., who died April 13, 1975.

The Northumberland County dairyman operates a 150-acre farm, milking 60 registered Holstein cows with an additional 50 head of young Holstein stock. He presently farms mostly corn and alfalfa with about 20 acres of small grains.

Buckwalter joined Inter-State in 1968, when he operated a smaller dairy farm near Oxford, Chester County, Pa. He moved to the Watsonstown area in August 1973, to expand his operation.

The Chester County native has served as president of the Oxford Local for Inter-State. He was also president

Wheat Loan Rates Announced

County loan rates on 1975-crop wheat in major wheat-producing areas were announced recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The county rates are based on a national average loan rate to \$1.37 per bushel - unchanged from the 1974 average loan rate - that was announced on Nov. 27, 1974 (see USDA press release 3436-74).

Many county loan rates

have been adjusted to reflect recent shifts in production and marketing patterns. They vary by production area and reflect differences in demand, transportation costs and in area-to-area price relationships. As in the past, protein premiums will be added to the loan rates, with higher protein-content wheat eligible for higher loan rates.

In computing county loan rates, increased trans-

portation costs generally result in a lowering of the loan rate. Therefore, major wheat-producing areas that are far from their markets will generally see a lowering of their county loan rates while those areas close to markets may see an increase.

Specifically, county rates have been generally reduced in the Northern Great Plains, Pacific Southwest and South and are unchanged or increased in the Central, Southern Plains, Pacific Northwest, Corn Belt and East.

As in the past, premiums and discounts used to determine an individual producer's support loan rate will be available. Premiums are unchanged from the 1974 schedule while discounts for light Garlicky wheat have been increased to 10 cents per bushel and discounts for Garlicky wheat increased to 20 cents per bushel.

Red Durum and sample grade wheat, which have undesirable qualities, will not be eligible for loans, and discounts for these have been discontinued.

Copies of county and state loan rates, as applicable, on 1975-crop wheat are being sent to states and will also be available from the Grain Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Farm Bureau Meets With Makers Of Swiss Cheese

William J. Kuhfuss, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, last week said that a meeting in Washington, D.C. with agricultural representatives from Switzerland provided "an opportunity to obtain better understanding of each other's views on the question of subsidized cheese imported into the U.S."

The meeting was held at the request of Swiss agricultural leaders concerning Farm Bureau's September, 1974 letter to the Treasury Department asking for an investigation to determine whether cheese imports from Switzerland entering the U.S. are being subsidized.

Shortly after Farm Bureau's request, the Treasury Department began an investigation. A report on the findings is due on or before July 4.

Invoking of countervailing duties is the responsibility of the Treasury Department if an imported product is found to be subsidized.

"We look forward to expanding trade with Switzerland on a nonsubsidized basis as American agriculture has an important stake in a high level of mutually advantageous trade," Kuhfuss said.

Attending the meeting from Switzerland were Dr. Rene Juri, director, Swiss Farmers Association; Dr. Theodor Stocker, deputy director, Central Association Swiss Milk Producers; and Peter Best, director Swiss Cheese Unions.

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