

# 1st Quarter Pa. Milk Output Was Up 3 pct.

Milk production in Pennsylvania during the first three months of 1975 was 1,698 million pounds, 3 percent more than in the equivalent period last year. Average production per cow during this period was 822 pounds, up 2 percent from the 806 pound average for the same period a year ago. The number of milk cows averaged 688,000 during the period, up 5,000 from the comparable period a year earlier.

Wholesale milk prices reported by dairymen for the first three months of 1975 averaged 7 percent less than in the equivalent period of 1974. The March blend price of \$8.45 per cwt. as reported by commercial dairymen marked the fourth consecutive month of falling milk prices.

The average of indicated production costs for the year ended March 31, 1975 was \$8.31 per 100 pounds of milk. This was 7 percent above costs during the comparable period of 1974 and continues

the uptrend in production costs. Grain values, hay prices, and wage rates all contributed toward the increase. Grain values on April 1 dropped 6 percent from their January 1 level, but were still 3 percent above the same period last year.

The quantity of grain fed as of April 1, 1975 was 7 percent below the year ago levels. Hay prices averaged 4 percent more for the first three months of 1975 compared to the same period during 1974 and April 1 wage

rates were up 4 percent from year ago levels.

United States milk production during the first three months of 1975 was 0.2 percent above the same period last year. The average number of milk cows on farms for the first quarter of 1975 was 1 percent less than for the same period last year.

Nationally, grain and concentrates fed milk cows on April averaged 13.2 pounds per cow compared with 13.8 on the same date the past two years.

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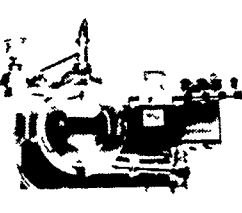
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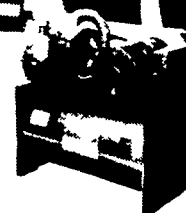
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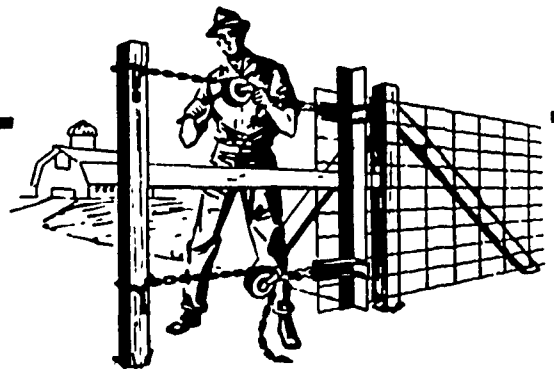
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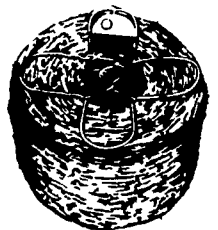
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