

Strasburg farm boys stricken

On the Chester Wilson farm at Strasburg R2, cerebral palsy is a most familiar word. Two of three Wilson sons were born with cerebral palsy, that is, brain damage resulting in physical disabilities. Nine year old Vincent is receiving his education and therapy at the home of the Merciful Savior in Philadelphia. The oldest, Rodney, pictured here, is 25 years old and works at the Child Development Center in the furniture refinishing department.

Although Rodeny is limited by his physical handicaps from helping on the family farm to any extent, he is a great helper in the U.C.P. program by assisting in running the projector for showing the full-length movies which are presented during the afternoon of games,

socialization, refreshments, and entertainment. Each of the forty or so CP youth attending the program, no matter how severe his handicap, contributes to the success of the afternoon for his fellow handicapped friend.

The Saturday recreational program is one of many services offered by U.C.P. of Lancaster County to disabled individuals and their families. An adult day center with therapy classes social and recreational activities, an adult club, transportation in a van equipped with a lift, counseling, home service nursing, and whatever supportive services are appropriate throughout the individuals life-time are available. Cerebral palsy does not go away, and the needs are continual.



Rodney Wilson, Strasburg, is one of two children in the same family to be stricken with cerebral palsy.

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Pork program okayed

DES MOINES, IOWA - A ten cent voluntary checkoff program for market hogs to be used for promotion and research was approved at the recent quarterly board meeting of the National Pork Producers Council held here.

The board accepted a plan that would send an additional one cent to the National Live Stock and Meat Board and the remaining eight cents would be proportioned between the NPPC and its member

states. At the present time, one cent goes to the NLS&MB and four cents is used for state and national programs.

The ten cent program will be presented to the delegates, NPPC's ruling body, at the organization's annual meeting in March at the American Pork Congress in Indianapolis. Only after approval by the delegate body will the program go into effect.

"The decision to go to the dime was made after detailed study by the NPPC Policy and Planning Committee," President Gerald Beattie of Sumner, Nebraska, explained. "The committee also met personally with representatives of the NSL&MB to discuss additional funding to that group."

J. Marvin Garner, executive vice president of the NPPC, explained that if

the delegate body approved the program, the NPPC and its member states would most likely set July 1, 1976 as a target date for cooperating markets to change from a nickel to a dime checkoff.

At the request of a number of member states, the board also approved a recommendation of the committee

to establish a feeder pig committee and to begin a five cent voluntary checkoff program for feeder pigs. The program would also have to be approved by the delegate body. The national share of this will be used in the area of production research and activities of the planned NPPC feeder pig committee.

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Dairy leader defends milk market orders

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - A recent attack on the Federal Milk Marketing Order program, during a December meeting in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the Community Nutrition Institute, is unjustified and of grave concern to our nation's dairy farmers, stated John C. York of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative.

Eastern's General Manager said Tuesday, that during the meeting, billed as a "Conference on Milk Prices and the Marketing System," it was charged that Federal Milk Marketing Orders increased the cost of milk to consumers "in the range of \$400 million to \$1 billion per year."

The co-op leader explained that the Federal Order legislation, enacted by Congress in the 1930's, was the basis for stabilizing prices to farmers and assuring consumers an adequate supply of milk at economic prices.

Contrary to the charges, York noted, the lack of sufficient returns to producers, occasioned by inadequate prices, has saved consumers many millions of dollars a year

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\$10.82 milk price announced

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine this week announced a uniform base milk price of \$10.82 per hundredweight (46.5 quarts) for December 1975 milk deliveries to Middle Atlantic order pool handlers. This price is up 37 cents from November and is \$2.05 above last year. The December price for excess milk is \$9.11 and the weighted average market price is \$10.65. Base milk accounted for 90.45 percent of total pooled milk during December. The butterfat differential is 11.9 cents for each tenth of a pound of fat above or below 3.5 percent.

December producer milk receipts totaled 418.6 million pounds, 2.2 percent above November, on a daily basis. Pool handlers utilized 285.3 million pounds or 68.15 percent of total receipts for

fluid milk products. The November Class I utilization percentage was 66.37 in November and 63.60 last December. Handlers paid \$11.38 per hundredweight for Class I milk in December and \$9.16 for Class II.

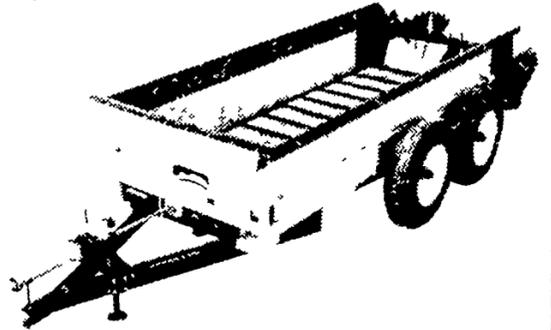
Shine stated that the gross value of pooled milk in December was 45 million dollars. This figure includes adjustments for location differentials.

A total of 8,019 producers supplied pool handlers in December, a decrease of 10 from the previous month. The average daily delivery per producer was 1,684 pounds, compared to 1,647 pounds in November.

Middle Atlantic order pool handlers reported fluid milk sales of 7.8 million pounds per day within the marketing area during December, an increase of 2.4 percent over November.

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