

Milk market hearing slated

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on May 20, 1976, at the Friendship International Hotel, Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Maryland, beginning at 10:00 a.m., with respect to proposed amendments to the tentative marketing agreement and to the order, regulating the handling of milk in the Middle Atlantic marketing area.

The hearing is called pursuant to the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), and the applicable rules of practice and procedure governing the

formulation of marketing agreements and marketing orders (7 CFR Part 900).

The purpose of the hearing is to receive evidence with respect to the economic and marketing conditions which relate to the proposed amendments.

The proposed amendments, set forth below, have not received the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Proposed by Capitol Milk Producers Cooperative, Inc.; Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative; Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers; and Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers:

Proposal No. 1
Increase the rate of deduction under the advertising and promotion program from \$.05 per hundredweight to \$.07 per hundredweight.

Proposed by the Dairy Division, Agricultural Marketing Service:

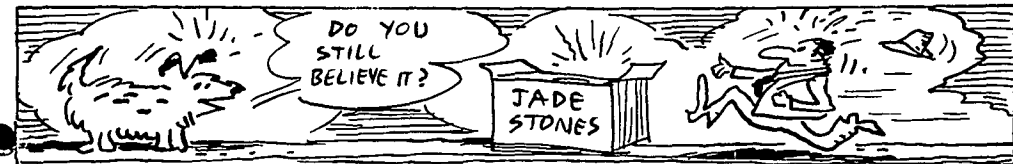
Proposal No. 2
Make such changes as may be necessary to make the entire marketing agreement and the order conform with any amendments thereto that may result from this hearing.

Copies of this notice of hearing and the order may be procured from the Market Administrator, P.O. Box 710,

Alexandria, Virginia 22313, or from the Hearing Clerk, Room 112-A, Administration Building, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250 or may be there inspected.



"THE BIRDMAN of St James's Park," this elderly unnamed man regularly feeds the birds in St James's Park, London, and has completely won their confidence. One cheeky sparrow appears to be waiting his turn on the man's nose.



In the Middle Ages, people believed that jade stones could cure kidney ailments.

Penn State's ag. enrollment up 170 percent since 1969

UNIVERSITY PARK - Enrollment in the College of Agriculture at The Pennsylvania State University is now the fifth largest in the nation, trailing only Texas A & M, Ohio State, Purdue, and California. The College now has 3,463 undergraduates and 401 graduate students, according to Dr. Robert E. Swope, assistant dean for resident education in the College.

He noted that agricultural enrollment at Penn State has leaped forward by 170 per cent between 1969 and 1975. At the same time, national enrollment in agriculture went up by 75 per cent.

Despite this rapid growth, Swope states that enrollment increases are leveling off. Looking at the total undergraduate enrollment in all colleges at Penn State, an increase of 67 per cent occurred between 1964 and 1969, but slowed to 25 per cent between 1969 and 1975. Moreover, the rate of increase was only six per cent in the two-year period from 1973 to 1975.

In the College of Agriculture, on the other hand, a 38 per cent increase between 1964 and 1969 was followed by a 170 per cent increase from 1969 to 1975. However, the rate of increase from 1972-73, 1973-74, and 1974-75 has slowed to 25 per cent, 19 per cent, and 14 per cent respectively, indicating that a trend observed earlier in total Penn State enrollment now appears to have a parallel in agriculture.

It is interesting to note, however, that between 1969 and 1975, 28 per cent or 2,187 students out of an increase of 7,777 students at Penn State were in the College of Agriculture.

A survey made at Penn State in 1973 revealed a changing trend in the geographical origins of undergraduate students in agriculture. Whereas a few years ago a majority of the students came from rural areas, by 1973 two-thirds were from urban and suburban backgrounds. The survey indicated that further changes in this direction could be expected. While 63 per cent of the upperclass students in 1973 were from urban areas, over 70 per cent of the incoming freshmen were from non-rural homes.

"It is evident that national and international concerns for agriculture, especially in food production, have played an important part in stimulating young men and women to enter agricultural professions," Dr. Swope stated.

He added that college students are looking for service oriented careers and with the diversification of agriculture over the past several years new opportunities are open to students with a variety of interests. Such programs as environmental resource management, horticulture, general agriculture, and animal science have been particularly attractive to students from both rural and urban origins.

Standards tightened

WASHINGTON, - The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced changes in its grain inspection regulations that will bring about tighter federal control over sampling of export grain for official inspection.

The changes, in general, involve requirements for the installation, location, and operation of diverter-type mechanical samplers at the nation's 77 export elevators. Last fall, officials of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) ordered all U.S. export elevators to install these samplers by May 1.

One change announced requires that for export inspections, unless otherwise approved by AMS, the mechanical sampler must be placed as near as practicable to the end of the loading belt or other conveyance that carries grain from the elevator to the ship. This change was one of 17 amendments to the grain inspection regulations

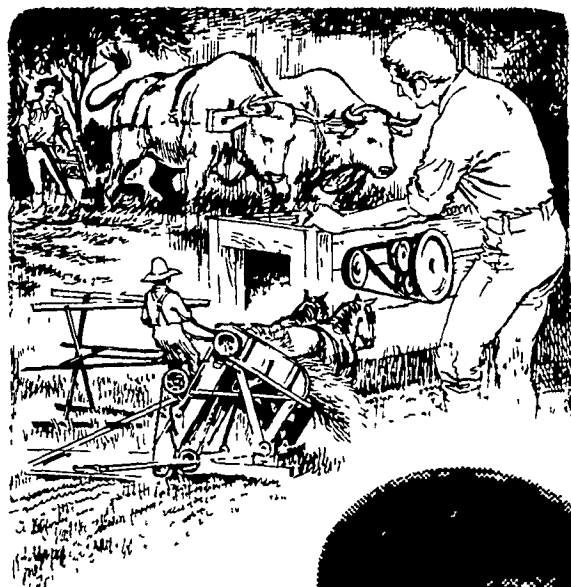
proposed by AMS in the Feb. 12 Federal Register. Officials said that a decision on the other 16 proposed changes should be announced shortly.

Under the U.S. Grain Standards Act, as presently written, USDA has no authority to perform original sampling or inspection of grain, either export or domestic. Original sampling and inspection is left to USDA-licensed state and private inspection personnel. However, the AMS Grain Division is made responsible for administering the overall system, designating the official grain inspection agencies, setting up the U.S. standards for grain and the inspection regulations, and supervising the work of the licensed inspection personnel.

The changes announced were scheduled to appear in the May 3 Federal Register. Copies can be obtained from the Grain Division, AMS, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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