

May slaughter drops

DENVER, Colo. - The number of cows slaughtered in May was down from a year ago, but the total still was about the same as previously projected for the month. Also, slaughter totals for the first five months of 1976 remained ahead of a

year earlier and ahead of projections.

In its regular monthly report on U. S. cow numbers, the American National Cattlemen's Association pointed out that cow slaughter in May totaled 739,000 head - down seven percent from the same month in 1975 but up one percent from the previously projected May total.

The projections referred to by ANCA are monthly and annual cow slaughter rates previously estimated as being needed in 1976 to balance cow herd size with beef demand and today's production cost levels. The estimates were made by economists with Cattle-Fax, the market analysis service sponsored by ANCA.

Finney said cow slaughter rates during the remainder of 1976 will depend on weather and grass conditions as well as industry economic and seasonal trends.

THE GOOD WORD from the Bible

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.

When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies at peace.

Proverbs 16: 6, 7

Pitfalls of regulation for explained

LANCASTER — "While many may complain bitterly about the restrictions imposed upon our businesses by government agencies, there's one thing we tend to forget. We forget that in our society the government is representative of our people."

That's the opinion of Arthur Fogerty, who has spent 16 years as a public relations director for both government and private concerns. He's currently PR director for Agway, Inc. He made his comments at Penn State's annual feed conference, held here at the Sheraton-Conestoga Motor Lodge last week.

"Government regulations have come about in many areas because Americans distrust bigness and power. They don't want business to get too big, or labor unions to get too powerful, so the



Arthur Fogerty

people tell their government representatives to regulate these groups.

"But what do people fear today? They fear big government. Big government is under attack by both the liberals and conservatives. The usefulness of many government agencies is being questioned. Regulatory agencies too often exist outside the control of representative government, and there are moves afoot to change that."

Fogerty said one problem he sees with regulations is that too many of the regulators have never been exposed to the realities of production. Most of the people in this country have never worked at mining, manufacturing or agriculture," he said. "And

when they get into government, when they start regulating, they have no conception of how their regulations can stall an industry."

Regulations are never going to go away, Fogerty said, adding that many are necessary if the free market system is to work in an orderly manner. "But I think we should develop economic

incentives for compliance rather than penalties for non-compliance," he said.

"Pollution controls are an excellent example. Why not have tax benefits for the installation of controls? I think we should encourage business to help clean up the environment. And I don't think you encourage people by holding a club over their heads."

\$1.21 more for milk

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine recently announced a Class I milk price of \$11.10 per hundredweight for August 1976, and a June Class II price of \$8.23 for the Middle Atlantic Marketing Area. The Class I price is two cents higher than July 1976, and \$1.21 above last August, while the June Class II price increased three cents from the previous month and is also \$1.21 above last year. Order No. 4 prices are announced for milk testing 3.5 percent butterfat, f.o.b. plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia, and also within 75 miles from the nearer of Washington, D.C. or Baltimore. There is a six-cent direct-delivery differential applicable to producer milk received at plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia.

Shine stated that the August Class I price and the June Class II price are based on the June Minnesota -

Wisconsin manufacturing milk price of \$8.32 per hundredweight for milk testing 3.5 percent.

The USDA reported the June 1976 wholesale Grade A butter price at Chicago was 95.02 cents per pound while the nonfat dry milk price was 62.69 cents per pound, f.o.b. Chicago.

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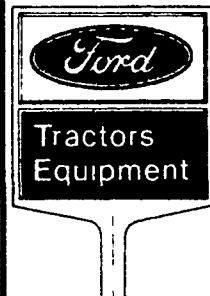
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