

Federal milk orders market 60 percent of milk sold

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The annual compilation of U.S. Department of Agriculture has issued its "Federal Milk Order Market Statistics."

The new bulletin summarizes data published in monthly reports during 1975 on quantities of milk priced under the orders. It summarizes prices and uses made of milk, including sales of various fluid milk products. It also includes information on the number of handlers, marketing area population, and gross values of milk.

H.L. Forest, dairy official in USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), said federal milk marketing orders regulate prices to farmers for more than 60 per cent of the milk sold to plants and dealers in the United States, and for about 75 per cent of the amount consumed as fluid milk and cream. The orders help maintain orderly marketing conditions, reasonable prices to farmers, and a steady supply of milk for consumers, according to Forest.

Single copies of "Federal Milk Order Market Statistics

YORK - The York County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest was held at Warrington Green Farms, Wellsville, on July 9. The county teams were hosted by Dr. George and Lois Kushner, with approximately 70 4-H members from the nine-county areas participating in judging beef, sheep, and swine.

In beef cattle judging Tim Beck, Seven Valleys R2 was third with a score of 135 out of 150. In sheep judging Beck was second with 139 out of 150 and he was second in

swine judging with 135 out of 150.

In the total overall judging Beck was high individual with a score of 409 out of a possible 450 and he was also high in total oral reasons.

In team judging, Lancaster was first with 1199. York was second with 1136. Lehigh was third with 1098. Adams was fourth with 1069 and Cumberland was fifth with 1065. The York County team was composed of Beck, Brenda Werner, Hanover; and Terri Lehigh, East Berlin. The other counties participating were Chester, Berks, Bucks, and Montgomery.

In the Junior contest for

members under 14, Robert Livingston, Dover, was first place individual with a score of 283 out of a possible 300. Lisa Dobrosky, Glen Rock was second with 280. Elizabeth Dixon, York was fourth with 269, and Chris Sunday was fifth with 258. Lester Burdette, Penn State University was the official in sheep judging. Paul Burgess from South Branch Cattle Company officiated in beef cattle judging. William Keck, Montgomery County extension agent officiated in swine classes. George Dutrey, manager of Warrington Green Farms, was in charge of the contest.

Lancaster team on top

York 4-H'er is No. 1 judge

Strawberries graded

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposed revision of U.S. grade standards for frozen strawberries to include the addition of a new style, "halved," and to eliminate the uniform color requirement in U.S. Grade A and U.S. Grade B classifications. The program is voluntary.

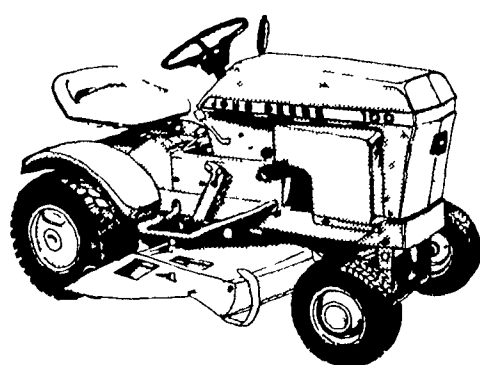
Officials of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) said that over the past several years less attention has been given to uniformity of color in the classification of Grade A and Grade B strawberries. Instead, more emphasis is placed on the amount of berries failing to meet the minimum color requirements for light red or pinkish red berries and maximum color limits for dark colored berries. Since uniform color is not a factor in classifying Grade C berries, elimination of the

color uniformity requirement would not affect that grade.

Under the proposed revision, the maximum allowance for mushy strawberries in the sliced style for Grades A and B would be slightly more restrictive.

Comments on the proposal will be accepted until Aug. 31. Written comments should be sent in duplicate to the Hearing Clerk, Room 112-A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, where they will be available for public inspection.

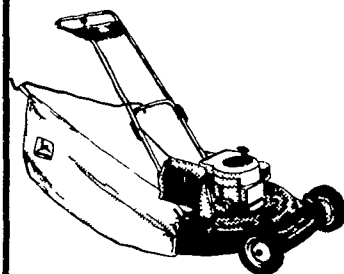
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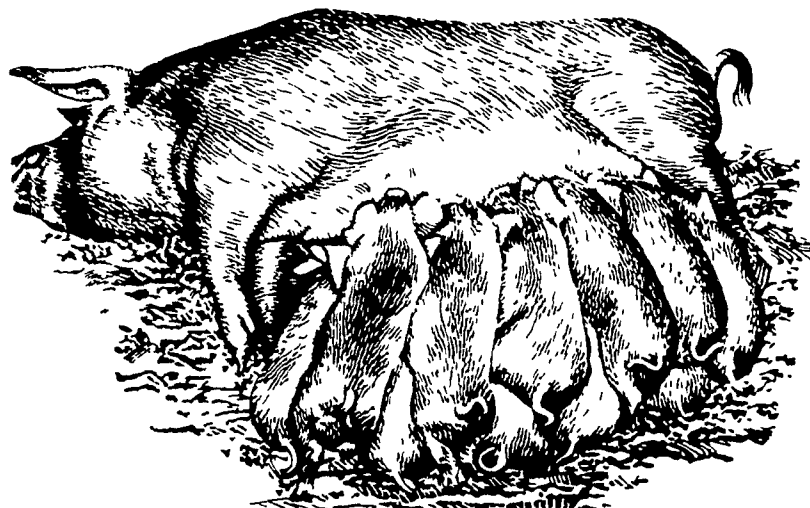
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