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PFA officer requests milk price hike

HARRISBURG - A spokesman for a general farm organization on Tuesday requested a milk price increase of 90-cents per hundredweight for farmers in Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Area 2, Zone 2. This marketing area covers 13 counties in northcentral Pennsylvania.

Richard E. Denison, manager, Farm Management and Business Analysis Service (FM-BAService), urged the board to hike the Class I price paid to farmers to meet increasing cost. Presently, the Class I milk price is \$10 30 per hundredweight.

Denison made the request in testimony delivered at a hearing held there by the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board.

FMBAService is member service company of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association.

The actual price increase would bring the farmers \$11.20 per hundredweight of

hundredweight

"Many times," Denison told the PMMB, "When various groups speak of farmers, they act as if some magical shroud surrounds these families. They have the feeling that economic factors affecting business, government and consumers do not affect farmers."

He explained that when taxes, labor costs and other costs go up, the dairyman suffers the same economic squeeze

"Farmers' utility bills show the same fuel adjustment clause as do ours," he remarked. "But. dairymen use five to seven times as much electricity as you and I do in our homes. "To compensate milk

producers for their costs and to provide them with a fair margin of profit, diary farmers need a Class I price return of \$11.20," Denison testified.

A Schuylkill County farmer supported Denison's

PMMB to take into consideration young people getting established in the dairy business.

Grove said that "If the young sider are not able to enter or must management decisions on leave the dairy industry for his future farming praceconomic reasons, the tices," Jarret testified consumer . can look forward . to exorbitant past has looked at his prices in the future."

Brown also pointed out the a businessman. adverse weather conditions suffered by dairymen for-

Jarret of Lycoming County, Schuylkill, Carbon and a cited production cost in- portion of Luzerne.

farmer cost of \$1015 per of \$1120, but urged the creases of 12 to 47 per cent ofr 1976

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"I believe they (increased cost figures) are good indications of the inflationary Carl W. Brown of Pine prices a farmer must conwhen making

"The milk producer of the profession as a way of life, I plan to make my decisions as

The hearing covers milk prices in 13 counties, incing them to purchase much cluding Potter, Tioga, of their feed requirements Bradford, Sullivan, rather than growing it as is the tradition Montour, Columbia, Nor-Another dairyman, Mike thumberland, Snyder,

Potato grade standards proposed

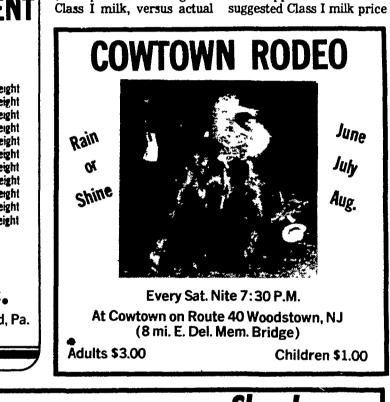
WASHINGTON, D.C. -The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has would be provided. proposed establishment of adopted, the standards representatives of potato would provide a uniform growers method of determining manufacturers. Although a and a basis for establishing national potato crop is used prices between potato by the potato chip industry, growers and manufacturers.

provide an fry color of the finished for satisfactory chipping product, one of the most quality, chip manufacturers important factors in for years have used the establishing prices for the requirements of the U.S. raw potatoes. Officials of USDA's Agricultural growers and chip manufacturers are now this term has no standard

The proposed standard

potatoes and objective methods of scoring defects

AMS officials said the the first U.S. grade stan- proposal is the result of two dards for potatoes used to years of extensive studies make potato chips. If and collaboration with and chip chipping quality of potatoes substantial portion of the chip U.S. grade standards for raw products for processing The proposal would currently do not include optional potatoes for chipping. In requirement for determining addition to the requirements No. 1 grade for potatoes for fresh market in establishing purchase contracts with for size and specific gravity (a measure of solids content which indicates the total amount of chips that can be obtained from the raw potatoes).





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