

Order 2 and 4 prices released

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Joseph D. Shine, Order No. 4 market administrator, recently announced a \$10.70 per hundredweight base milk price for October 1976. The excess milk price is \$8.29 and the weighted average price for October is \$10.43.

Shine said the October base milk price is up eight cents from September and is 65 cents higher than the October price last year. The butterfat differential is 10.4 cents for each tenth of a pound of fat.

Producer receipts during October totaled 452.9 million pounds, a drop of two per cent from September, on a daily basis, but up almost nine per cent from total receipts last October. Base milk accounted for 88.94 per cent of October production. A total of 278.5 million pounds or 61.50 per cent of October deliveries was used for Class I milk. The Class I utilization percentage was 62.26 in September 1976 and 72.06 last October. Minimum prices paid by handlers in October were \$11.77 per hundredweight for Class I milk and \$9.34 for Class II.

A total of 7,967 producers supplied the market in October, a drop of 27 from the previous month. The average daily delivery per producer was 1,834 pounds, down slightly from September but almost 14 per cent above the October 1975 daily average. Middle Atlantic order pool handlers reported Class I milk sales of 7.34 million pounds per day during the month, about the same rate as during September but down four per cent from the comparable average rate last October, when adjustment is made for calendar composition.

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Dairy farmers supplying milk plants regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during October will be paid on the basis of a uniform price of \$10.40 per hundred pounds or 22 cents per quart. Market Administrator Thomas A. Wilson, who announced October's price, also stated that the uniform farm price was \$10.30 per hundredweight in September 1976 and \$9.94 per hun-

dredweight in October 1975. The uniform price is a marketwide weighted average of the value of farm milk used for fluid and manufactured dairy products.

The total amount of milk received from the 19,360 dairy farmers supplying the New York-New Jersey Marketing Area was 741,475,896 pounds during October 1976. This was 2.2 per cent or more than 15 million pounds from last year. The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$78,809,140.06. Wilson explained that this included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not voluntary premiums or deductions authorized by the farmer.

Regulated milk dealers (handlers) utilized 398,574,617 pounds or 53.8 per cent of the total amount of milk for Class I. The Class I milk is used for fluid products such as homogenized, flavored, low-test and skim milks. For October 1976, handlers paid \$11.39 per hundredweight for

the milk used in Class I products compared with \$10.10 a year ago.

The balance of the milk, 46.2 per cent, was used to manufacture Class II products including butter, cheese, ice cream and yogurt. For this milk the handlers paid \$8.32 per hundredweight.

The seasonal incentive fund (Louisville Plan) returned a total of \$3,428,724.39 or \$.462 per hundredweight to the dairy farmer's uniform price for October. This fund was generated by reducing the uniform price paid producers during the high production spring months.

The uniform price is based on milk containing 3.5 per cent butterfat. For October 1976, a differential of 10.4 cents was applied to the price for each one-tenth of one per cent that the milk tested above or below the 3.5 per cent butterfat standard.

National 4-H Congress has \$215,400 waiting for scholarship recipients

CHICAGO - Approximately 1600 of the nation's top 4-H members will arrive here the weekend after Thanksgiving for the 55th National 4-H Congress Nov. 28-Dec.2.

The 4-H delegates are selected representatives of the nearly 5.5 million young people enrolled in 4-H, and for some of them the trip to Congress is the fulfillment of their dreams.

Most of the young people are state, sectional and national winners in 4-H projects and activities supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service.

A total of \$215,400 in scholarships will be awarded during the five-day meeting at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Delegates will take home national and regional scholarships ranging in value from \$500 to \$1,000 each.

The 1976 Congress theme, "4-H—Room to Grow," will emphasize how 4-H provides opportunities for young people to grow as they set goals and respond to new challenges.

During Congress, prominent leaders in government, education and business will meet with delegates to share their knowledge and experience. Special emphasis will be given in discussion groups and assemblies to developing a better understanding of the American economic system.

Taking advantage of the cultural offerings of Chicago, delegates will spend an evening at the Art Institute and tour the Museum of Science and Industry, Field Museum of Natural History and other points of interest.

Throughout the week,

delegates will be honored at special recognition events hosted by 4-H donors and other friends of 4-H.

National 4-H Congress is conducted annually by the Extension Service and the National 4-H Service Committee. It is made possible by the generous support of some 60 businesses and foundations.

Delegates to Congress will come from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The 55th National 4-H Congress will officially open at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, with an assembly in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Russell G. Mawby, president of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, who is a former 4-H member, volunteer leader and state 4-H leader.

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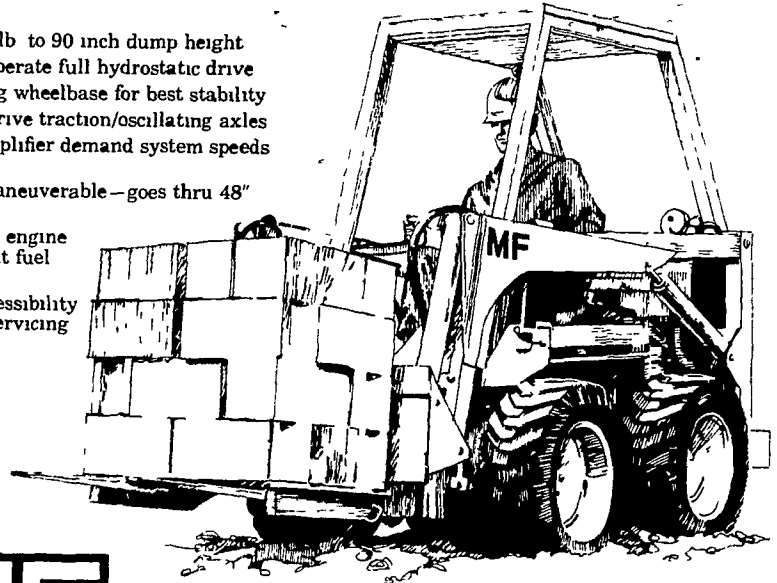
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