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## Milk prices announced

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine has announced a February 1977 Class I milk price of \$11.03 per hundredweight. Shine said this price is down one cent from January and is 83 cents below the February 1976 Class I price. Order No. 4 prices are announced for milk testing 3.5 percent butterfat, f.o.b. plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia, Pa. and also within 75 miles from the nearer of Washington, D.C. or Baltimore, Md. There is also a six-cent direct-delivery differential applicable to producer milk received at plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia.

The Market Administrator also announced a Class II milk price for December 1976 of \$8.33 per hundredweight and a butterfat differential of 10.04 cents for each tenth of a pound of fat.

These class prices are based on the December 1976 Minnesota-Wisconsin manufacturing milk price of \$8.25 per hundredweight for 3.5 percent milk.

The USDA reported the wholesale Grade A butter price at Chicago during December was 90.82 cents per pound and the nonfat dry milk price was 62.58 cents per pound, f.o.b. plants in the Chicago area.

## Meat production up

HARRISBURG - Red meat red meat production during production in Pennsylvania during November totaled 94 million pounds, 17 per cent more than November 1975, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

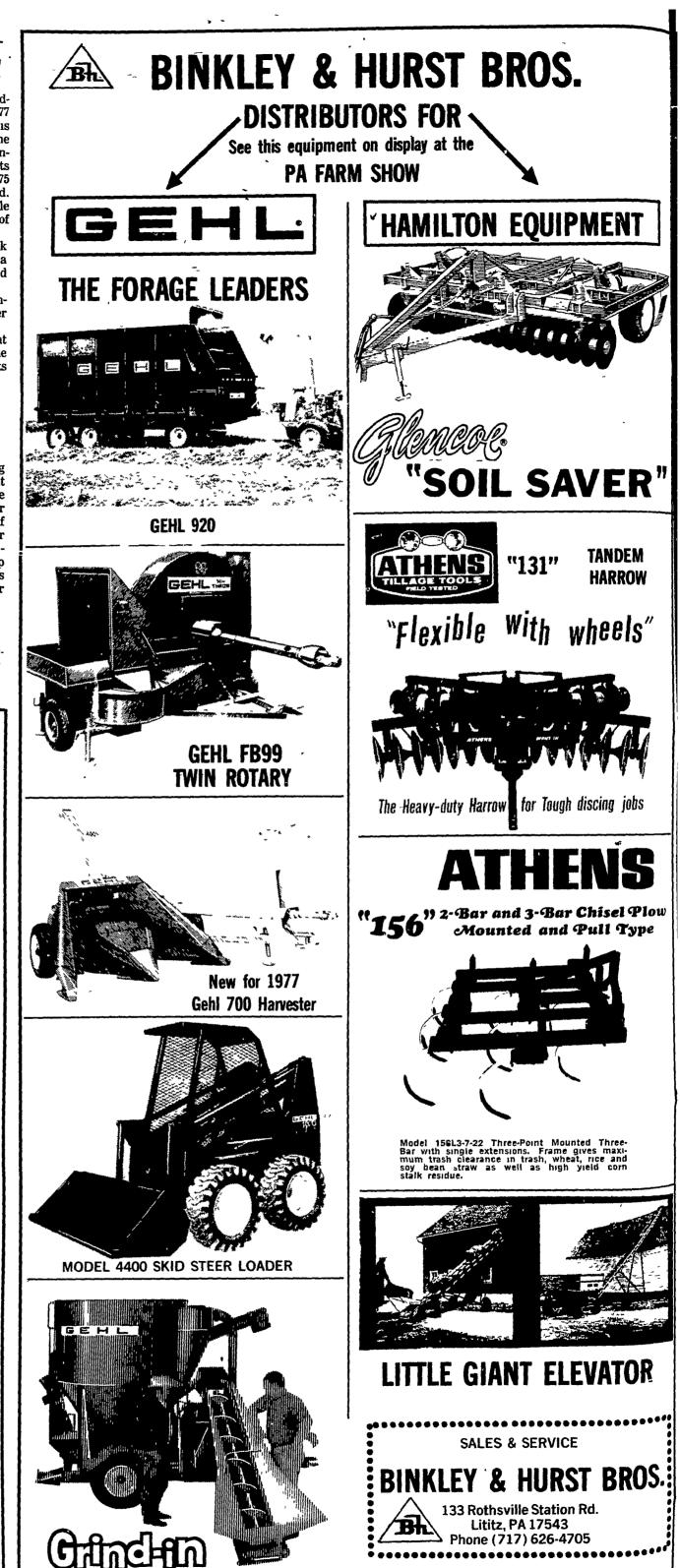
Cattle slaughter at 92,000 head was up 15 per cent; calves slaughtered was 39,500 head, 36 per cent above last year; hog slaughter at 259,000 head was up 49 per cent; and sheen and lambs at 14,400 head were 48 per cent above a year earlier. Nationally, commercial

November was up 16 per cent from a year ago. Cattle slaughter increased one per cent from a year ago; calf slaughter was down two per cent; hog slaughter increased 40 per cent; sheep and lamb slaughter was less than one per cent greater than a year ago.

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