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Jeffrey D Rymoff	B3	20.9	93.4	46.3	3.6	1.66
Simeon K Zook	B3	35.0	81.8	41.5	4.0	1.66
Robin N Ginder	B3	31.1	100.0	47.2	3.5	1.66
Hoover Farms	B3	70.8	90.2	43.0	3.9	1.66
Warren Heffelfinger	B3	30.5	93.4	42.5	3.9	1.65
Geo & Vincent Arnold	B8	104.8	90.9	41.7	3.9	1.64
H W & Eugene Martin	G3	85.6	90.2	44.5	3.6	1.61
Ferndale Farms	B3	65.1	83.6	41.0	3.9	1.60
Fort Zeller Farm	B8	48.0	90.8	40.8	3.9	1.60
Clyde E Deck	G3	67.8	84.1	39.2	4.1	1.59
Walter M Martin	B3	38.0	90.2	43.8	3.6	1.59
Moses O Martin	B3	40.5	79.8	43.0	3.7	1.58
Irvin H Kreider	B3	74.0	91.0	41.3	3.8	1.57
Isaac S Brubacker	B3	40.2	88.3	40.8	3.8	1.55
Moses O Martin	B3	41.0	85.5	42.3	3.7	1.55
Kenneth E Ober	G8	37.5	88.9	40.4	3.8	1.54
Raymond H Zimmerman	B3	54.0	92.3	41.6	3.7	1.54
Christian High Jr	B3	56.8	93.7	44.1	3.5	1.54
Fort Zeller Farm	B8	48.5	89.0	40.0	3.8	1.52
Lester Martin	B3	52.0	94.3	39.8	3.8	1.52
Ralph D Shirk & Sons	B3	72.8	85.0	40.4	3.7	1.51
Isaac S Brubacker	B3	38.5	85.1	39.3	3.8	1.51
Jacob N Smith & Son	B2	81.3	88.5	31.9	4.7	1.50

Erie County fruit growers hurting

HARRISBURG - the United States Secretary of Agriculture to declare Erie County a "federal disaster area, in order to

quickly implement the provisions for FmHA Emergency Relief Loans" for the farmers of the county whose crops were struck by a severe freeze on April 29.

The Lebanon County Dairy Herd Improvement Association records of tests on county cows with over 600 pounds of fat in April are as follows:

BARN NAME	AGE	MILK LBS.	% FAT	FAT LBS.
Jacob N Smith & Sons				
93	6-9	10,981	5.5	600
149	3-7	12,207	5.0	614
Kenneth I Sellers				
Jan	6-11	18,979	4.1	783
Russel Z Bomberger				
62	3	12,150	5.3	638
67	3-1	14,278	4.4	635
Willow Maple Farm				
Lil Sam	3-11	24,320	3.0	738
Hubert S Miller				
P Dixie	6-4	20,979	3.3	697
Ferndale Farms				
Ginny	11-1	16,620	4.2	701
Wilma	5-8	15,274	4.5	683
David Brandt				
72	5-11	20,220	3.6	725
41	3-10	19,815	3.7	743
Albert F Moyer				
Glenda	6-7	22,660	3.6	805
Marlin Hitz				
33	3-5	21,175	3.5	738
51	2-6	19,457	3.4	657
Harvey T Bomgardner				
Julie	4-4	20,153	3.7	755
Marvin K Meyer				
Mae	4	23,202	3.5	802
Iva	3-1	16,692	3.8	638
Wanda	6	18,103	4.4	804
Peggie	2-11	15,369	4.2	644

Shelhamer sent a telegram to USDA Secretary Bob Bergland explaining that damage from the freeze was estimated at well over \$4 million for peaches, apples, cherries and grapes. "The frost virtually eliminated any chance of commercial success for the growers in Erie County this year," he said.

Shelhamer said that he had also written Governor Milton J. Shapp, requesting him to intercede with President Carter to secure help in meeting the crisis in Erie County. "This blow has been a severe one for the farmers and growers of Erie County and we should do all that is within our power to assist them at this time," he said.

The actions have been taken, Shelhamer noted, in his belief that the Department of Agriculture should do all that is possible to voice the problems of the farmer, and he pledged that the Department would continue to assist Pennsylvania farmers and consumers whenever possible.

Shelhamer said that consumers in the northwestern region of the state would find higher prices for these crops this year due to the shortages caused by the freeze, but then added, "Statewide, prices should not be affected to any large extent. The growers of Erie County took the brunt of the freeze, and thankfully the rest of the state was not hit that hard."

Losses in Erie County are estimated at 90 per cent for the apple and cherry crops, over 50 per cent for the peach crop, and a minimum of 40 per cent for the grape crop. "Only the possibility of a second growth on the grape vines gives us an hope of holding losses to that 40 per cent figure," Shelhamer said.

Maryland's productive agriculture suffered an estimated \$26 million in losses due to the ravages of the Winter of 1977 according to figures released by State Secretary of Agriculture Young D. Hance.

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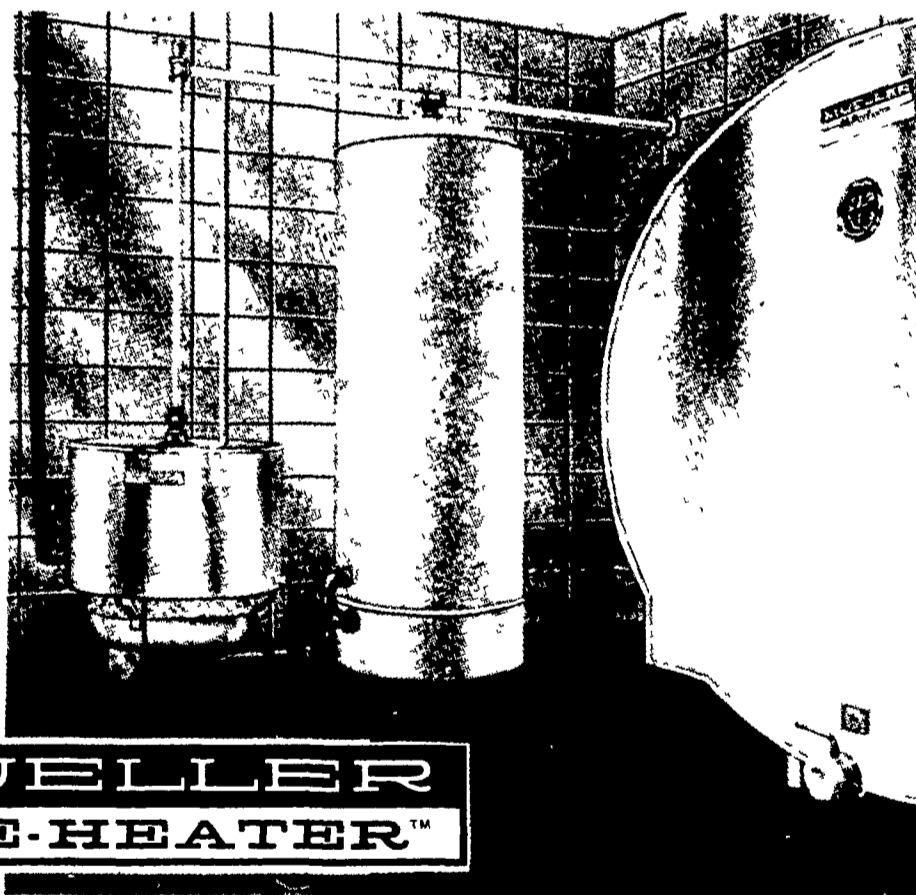
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