

Milk support price unchanged

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland has announced that the support price for manufacturing milk will remain at \$9.00 per hundredweight (82.3 per cent of parity) for the new marketing year beginning

Oct. 1. The announced price is for milk with a milkfat content of 3.67 per cent—the national average. The equivalent support price for 3.5 per cent milkfat content is \$8.79. This action was taken as a result of a midyear of the dairy price

support program which included a public comment period.

The Secretary also announced that the milk marketing year will be changed to Oct. 1-Sept.30, the first change since 1950

when the April 1-March 31 marketing was established. According to Department spokesmen, the change will enable the Secretary to make decisions regarding milk price support when more complete information on prospective feed supplies and prices is available for a full year ahead and should allow dairy producers to make better production decisions as they move into the more expensive barn-feeding season.

The Department will also increase manufacturing margins used by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) in calculating purchase prices of dairy products. This will provide better assurance that the average price received by dairy producers for manufacturing milk will at least equal the support price. The monthly average price received by producers has ranged from 28 cents per hundredweight below the support price in April to 20 cents below in August. The margins are being increased by the equivalent of 10 cents per hundredweight. As a result, CCC's purchase prices are being increased 1-1/4 cents per pound for butter, 1/2 cent for nonfat dry milk and 1 cent for cheese.

Cited as possible reasons for the shortfall in prices received by producers are increased manufacturing costs since the last margin

Bloomsburg poultry show a good one

BLOOMSBURG - "Best in Pennsylvania," was the opinion of poultry show judge, Woodrow McCann, Douglasville, in describing the Bloomsburg Fair's poultry show. The quality of entries was very good this year, he stated, noting that the local exhibition headed by John R. Klingerman was one of the cleanest he has seen.

Lee Hoch, Zionsville, took top prizes in both male and female bantams. The winning male was a Light Brahma and the best female, a Bearded Golden Polish.

One thousand sixty-five birds were entered in the show and it took Judge McCann just about 14 hours to complete his work. McCann has been judging the local show for a number of years. His activities have taken him to every state of the union as a judge over the past 30 years. He is a past president of the American Bantam Association.

Winners in the standard breeds were Boyd Smith, Kunkletown, who showed the best male, a Buff Plymouth Rock, and Cecil Rose, New Milford, who exhibited the best female, a Black Langshang.

Rabbit show

In the rabbit show, Larry Smith, East Muncy, showed the best buck, a Champagne D'Argent, while William Goff, Jr., New Milford, has the best doe, a Black Checkered Giant. There were 93 entries from six exhibitors. Harry Hurlbert, Binghamton, N.Y., was judge.



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