

Max Smith honored by PAFC

LANCASTER - M.M. Smith, Lancaster County Extension agent, has been named recipient of the 1977 Master Educator Award presented by the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

The award is presented annually to a member of The Pennsylvania State University's Cooperative Extension Service staff "for outstanding teaching and leadership in the areas of general agriculture and cooperative business programs."

Smith was honored at PAFC's annual meeting October 12. He received a plaque and \$100.

The Lancaster agent was cited for his educational programs with regional cooperatives and county agricultural organizations.

He assisted the directors and management of Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, Atlantic Breeders Service, Agway, and numerous local cooperatives in keeping members informed of educational policies and management practices. He also served as a speaker at numerous cooperative meetings and urged membership support for cooperative strength.

Smith provided leadership for officers of farm associations and furnished commodity information for members. He stressed the value of outlook information, efficient production, quality products, and proper marketing.

The award winner organized the county swine association and conducted meetings and field days to improve production and



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marketing practices. He also works closely with cattle producers and dairymen in carrying out numerous educational programs.

Smith has assisted with the 4-H program for 38 years, providing leadership for livestock members, county council, and senior Extension groups. He stresses demonstrations, judging, and skill development.

His leadership and guidance in the planning and construction of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Center has been one of the greatest contributions to the county's agriculture, according to ag leaders. He organized the first board of directors and administered a vast fund raising campaign.

The Center has provided outstanding facilities for the educational benefit of the Lancaster community. All agricultural agencies maintain offices in the Center which recently was cited as a model USDA agricultural service center.

A 1936 Penn State graduate in animal science, Smith is a native of Washington County.

He previously was honored with the USDA Superior Service Award, National Association of County Agricultural Agents Distinguished Service Award, Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award, Penn State Department of Animal Science Alumni Award, Epsilon Sigma Phi Ruby Award, and Northeast Animal Science Award.



Beth Chapman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman, Dutch Valley Farm, Manheim R5, poses with her champion pair of market hogs at the Manheim Farm show.

Base milk price is \$10.56

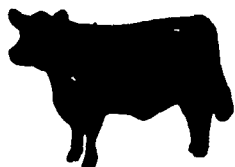
ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine has announced a September 1977 base milk price of \$10.56 per hundredweight for the Middle Atlantic Marketing Order and an excess milk price of \$8.75.

The weighted averaged September price is \$10.39 and the butterfat differential for the month is 11.6 cents. The September base milk price is up 26 cents from August but is down six cents from the September 1976 base price. Order No. 4 prices are announced for 3.5 per cent milk f.o.b. plant location within 55 miles of Philadelphia, and also within 75 miles from the nearer of Washington, or Baltimore. There is a 6-cent direct-delivery differential applicable to producer milk received at plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia.

Shine reported that September producer milk receipts totaled 462.4 million pounds, a drop of 1.7 per cent from August, on a daily basis, but 3.3 per cent above

a year ago. Class I producer milk accounted for 61.10 per cent of total September producer deliveries, compared to 54.12 per cent in August and 62.26 per cent last year. Base milk represented 90.83 per cent of total September production. A total 8,006 dairymen supplied Middle Atlantic Order handlers during the month and the average daily delivery per producer was 1,925 pounds, or 3.2 per cent above the September 1976 daily average.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I in-area milk sales of 7.91 million pounds per day during September. When adjustment for variation in calendar composition is made, September fluid milk sales were 10.6 per cent above August but were down 5 per cent from last September.



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