

Temporary change in milk order

NEW YORK, N.Y. — A milk pooling requirement under the Middle Atlantic federal milk marketing order has been suspended from April through August, a U.S. Department of Agriculture official said.

Herbert L. Forest, dairy official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said the action suspends the requirement that a milk distributing plant

must sell at least 50 per cent of its milk for fluid-use before it's eligible to have all its milk pooled and priced under the order.

Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, Inc., and Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers requested the suspension.

The cooperatives told USDA that because of increased milk production that's not matched by sales of fluid-use

milk, some plants may not be eligible to have their milk pooled during April through August.

The suspension, Forest said, will assure that producers who regularly supply the market will continue to have their milk included in the marketwide pool and share in the returns from the sale of fluid-use milk.

Notice that USDA was considering the suspension was published in the April 17 Federal Register inviting comments through April 24.

Copies of the suspension order are available from Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine, 300 N. Lee St., #320, Alexandria, Va. 22313; or from the Dairy Division, AMS, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

June Order 4 milk price \$12.02

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine recently announced a Class I milk price of \$12.02 per hundredweight for June 1978. Shine said that the price is up 15 cents from May and is 64 cents higher than the June 1977 prices. Order No. 4 prices are announced for milk testing 3.5 per cent 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 6-cent direct-delivery differential applicable to producer milk received at

plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia. Mr. Shine announced a Class II milk price of \$9.17 per hundredweight for April 1978 and a butterfat differential of 12.1 cents. The Class II price is up 11 cents from the previous month.

These class prices are based on the April 1978 Minnesota-Wisconsin manufacturing milk price of \$9.24 per hundredweight adjusted to a 3.5 per cent butterfat content.

The USDA reported that the wholesale price of Grade A butter at Chicago for April was \$1.0520 per pound and the nonfat dry milk price was \$.6971 per pound f.o.b. plants in the Chicago area.

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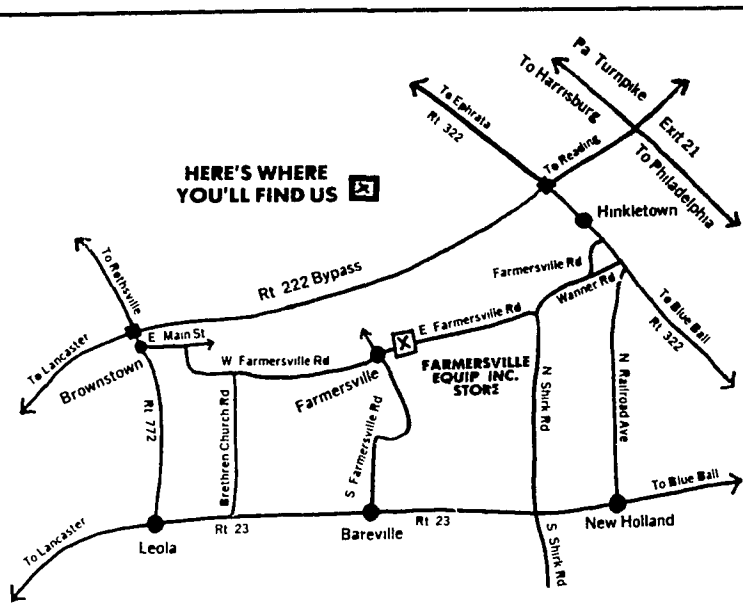
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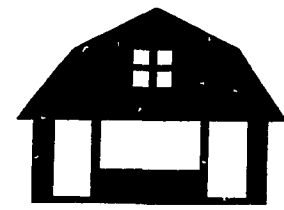


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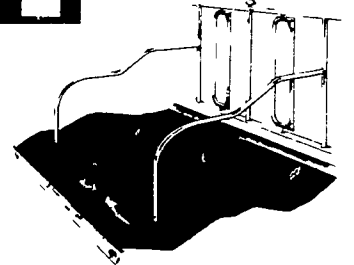
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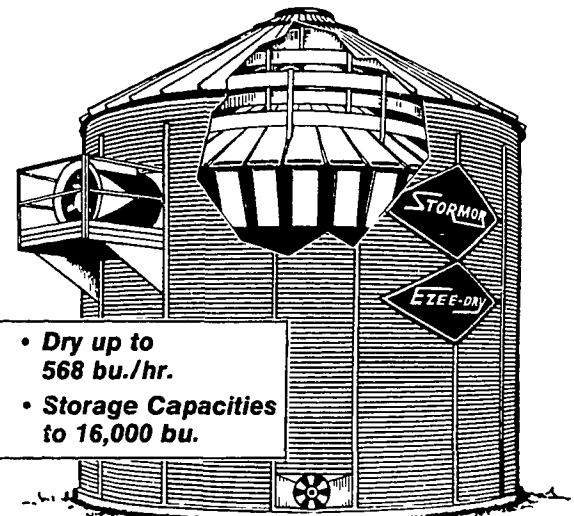


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