

New England Order dairy farmers approve transport adjustments

NEW YORK — Dairy farmers operating under the New England Federal Milk Marketing Order have approved amendments to the Class I — or fluid-use — milk price structure of the order. The amended order goes into effect Dec. 1.

In a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) poll of dairy cooperatives, the amended order was approved by more than 76 per cent of the farmers supplying the market, according to Herbert L. Forest, dairy official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

One major change, Forest said, increases the rate of plant location adjustments to reflect increased costs of transporting milk from the production area to city bottling plants. These adjustments are added to the "Class I" price which handlers pay and the "uniform" price which producers receive.

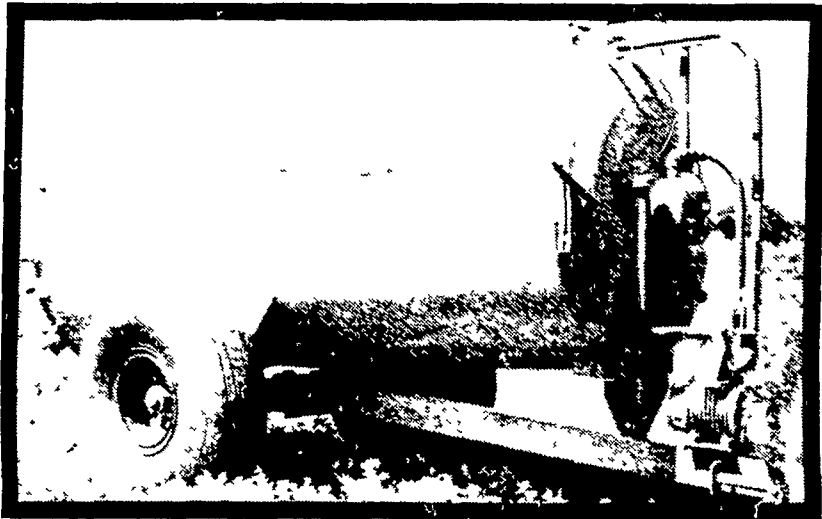
Another change divides a simple pricing zone into several zones. The division of the present zone, made up of the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, reduces prices in a westerly direction.

Forest said a third change reduces the order's Class I price by a limited amount. This change, he said, will provide a better coordination of Class I prices that are applied at southern New England plants and plants in nearby eastern New York, which are under the New York - New Jersey milk order. Handlers under the two orders have overlapping sales areas in New York.

Copies of the amended order may be obtained from Market Administrator Oscar Zucchi, 230 Congress St., Rm. 403, Boxton, Mass.

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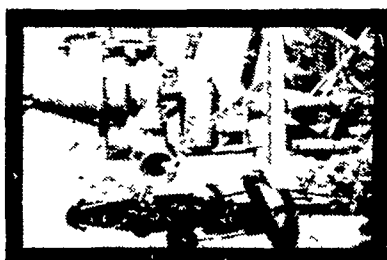


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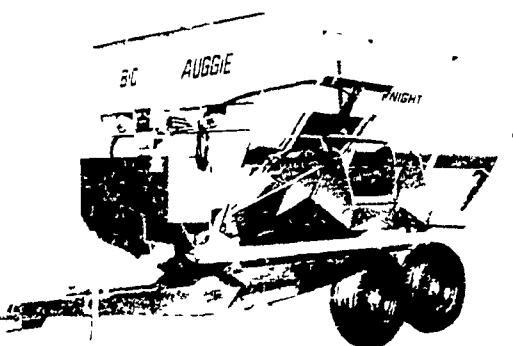
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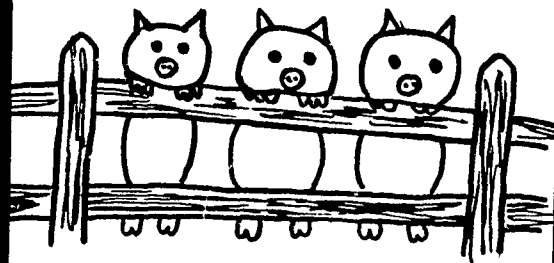
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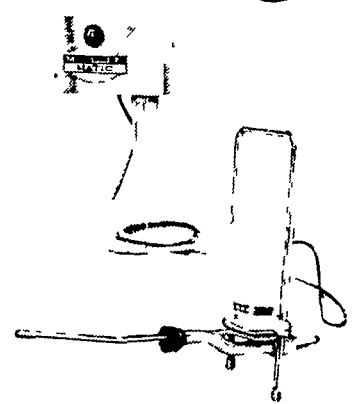
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