

## Nov. milk price \$11.85

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine recently announced a November 1978 base milk price of \$11.85 per hundredweight for the Middle Atlantic Marketing Order and an excess milk price of \$10.45. The weighted average November price is \$11.75 and the butterfat differential for the month is 13.9 cents. The November base milk price is up 29 cents from October and is \$1.26 above the November 1977 base price. The gross value of all producer milk was

\$49.7 million. Deductions for the Advertising and Promotion Fund totaled \$295.0 thousand in November. Order No. 4 prices are announced for 3.5 per cent milk f.o.b. plant location within 55 miles of Philadelphia, Pa. and also within 75 miles from the nearer of Washington, D.C. or Baltimore, Md. There is a 6-cent direct-delivery differential applicable to producer milk received at plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia. Shine reported that

November producer milk receipts totaled 421.5 million pounds, an increase of 0.5 per cent from the previous month, on a daily average basis. The total number of producers reported was 7,349, a decrease of 110 from October. The average daily delivery per producer was 1,912 pounds, up from 1,903 pounds in October and down 19 pounds from a year ago. Class I producer milk accounted for 58.82 per cent of total November producer deliveries compared to 56.48 per cent in October and 60.40

per cent last November. Base milk accounted for 93.37 per cent of total November production compared to 93.24 per cent the previous month and 91.31 per cent a year earlier.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I in-area milk disposition of 7.0 million pounds per day during November, a decrease of 1.0 per cent from October, after adjustment for variation in calendar composition.



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## Slaughter steers up

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pounds, which brought 57.10-58.35. Choice, mainly yield grade 2, weighing 1075 to 1425 pounds brought 58.00 to 58.75, with six head reaching 59.25 to 59.50; Choice, yield grade 2 to 4, at 1000 to 1425 pounds, went for 55.75 to 58.00; with high good and low choice, yield grade 2 to 3, 54.25 to 56.00. Good, yield grade 2 to 3, sold for 52.00 to 54.50, and there were a few standard, yield grade 1 and 2, at 50.75 to 52.75.

On Wednesday, December 13, at the Lancaster Stockyards, slaughter steers were quoted as firm to 50 cents higher, compared to Monday's market. High choice and Prime, yield grade 3 to 4, weighing 1150 to 1300 pounds, brought 57.25-58.25; choice, mainly grade 2, weighing 1075 to 1325 pounds, brought 57.25 to 58.25, and choice, yield grade 2 to 4, at 1000 to 1400 pounds, brought 55.50 to 57.50.

At New Holland Sales Stable, at the Thursday auction, compared to the week before, slaughter steers were quoted as firm to 50 cents higher. High choice and prime, yield grade 3 to 4, weighing 1075 to 1325 pounds sold for 57.75 to 59.25; Choice, mainly grade 2, weighing 1050 pounds to 1375 pounds brought 57.75 to 59.75, with ten head bringing 60.00 to 61.00. This is the third


week in a row that slaughter steer prices at the New Holland Sales Stables topped the sixty dollar mark.

Summing up the Lancaster County area, the Lancaster Weekly Livestock market reports that for Friday December 15, for the week slaughter steers were firm to 50 cents higher, reporting prices of 57.25 to 59.25 for high choice and prime, yield grade 3 to 4 steers weighing 1075 to 1400 pounds.

Finally according to the Pennsylvania Auction Summary of 14 livestock auctions throughout the state, slaughter steers were quoted as being steady to \$1.00 higher, compared to last week's market.

For a more complete market picture, see the market pages in Lancaster Farming, beginning on page 2.

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