

NY-NJ dairymen to get \$12.62 for November milk

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Dairy farmers supplying milk plants regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during November will be paid on the basis of a uniform price of \$12.62 per hundred pounds or 27.1 cents per quart.

Market Administrator Thomas A. Wilson, who announced November's price, also stated that the uniform farm price was \$12.64 per hundredweight in October 1979 and \$11.54 per hundredweight in November 1978. The uniform price is a marketwide weighted average of the value of farm milk used for fluid and manufactured dairy products.

The seasonal incentive fund returned \$2,239,004.02 or \$.289 per hundredweight to the dairy farmer's uniform price for November. This included \$445,208.59 interest earned on the fund. The fund was generated by reducing the uniform price during the high production spring months.

The total amount of milk received from the 17,541 dairy farmers supplying the New York-New Jersey Marketing Area was 773,586,332 pounds during November 1979. This was more than 23.1 million pounds above last year.

The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$99,851,236.51. Wilson

explained that this included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not voluntary premiums or deductions authorized by the farmer.

Regulated milk dealers (handlers) utilized 396,045,224 pounds or 51.2 percent of the total amount of milk for Class I. The Class I milk is used for fluid milk products such as homogenized, flavored, low-test and skim milks.

For November 1979, handlers paid \$13.57 per hundredweight, or 29.2 cents per quart, for the milk used in Class I products compared with \$12.15 a year ago.

The balance of the milk, 48.8 percent, was used to manufacture Class II products including butter, cheese, ice cream and yogurt. For this milk the handlers paid \$11.33 per hundredweight.

The uniform price is based on milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat. For November 1979, a differential of 14.9 cents was applied to the price for each one-tenth of one percent that the milk tested above or below the 3.5 percent standard.

All prices quoted are for bulk tank milk received within the 201-210 mile zone from New York City.

Broiler placements jump 11 percent

HARRISBURG — Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending December 8 were 2,235,000, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The placements were 11 percent above the corresponding week a year earlier and three percent above the previous week. Average placements during the past nine weeks were two percent below a year earlier.

Placements in the 21 key

poultry producing states were 74,998,000, one percent above the previous week and four percent above the same week a year ago. Average placements during the past nine weeks were one percent above a year ago.

Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under Federal Inspection during the week ending November 28 totaled 1,351,000, with an average liveweight of 4.22 pounds.

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