Tobacco market active

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seem to be willing to pay more for superb crops.

Early Friday morning, Lancaster Leaf still was offering 70 cents. However. they were willing to pay the grower two dollars per hundredweight for trucking expenses.

This adds another two cents per pound onto their Thursday 70 cent price

Buyers from the House of Windsor and the Lorillards Corporation of Lancaster are stressing the importance of watching the moisture content in this year's crop.

Since the Fall did not provide the best curing weather, buyers are encouraging growers not to bale the tobacco when it is damp. "It should almost crack as it goes into the

bale," commented a House of Windsor buyer.

Witmer Rohrer, a buyer for the Lorillards, added, "it is important to keep the bales light; 70 lbs. or lighter.'

Tobacco that is baled with a high moisture content in the leaf will rot in the bale

Buyers opened the market two weeks ahead of last year In many cases, the growers are not ready to sell, reported one buyer

It has been a mild Fall, and many farmers have continued to work in the field. Now, it has turned colder, but there has been no decent weather for removing the tobacco from the sheds.

As a result, they are not really sure of their crop. They are not certain of the quality, or how much their tobacco is weighing.

Without a doubt, the crop is weighing considerably lighter than last year's crop.

At a twelve cent increase over last year's price, the manufacturer is trying to make up for the limited amount of tobacco available. Although no one can expect the manufacturer to make up all the difference for a poorer crop, commented

Martin Kunkle, a buyer from Lancaster Leaf said, "the increase over last year's market is needed. Everything else is up. And generally, the farmer is pleased to see the increase."

On Thursday afternoon, an A.K. Mann Corporation spokesman had said "quite a few acres have been sold.

Warm story of vet to air in January

p.m. for 28 all-new episodes.

veterinarian/author James

Herriot, "All Creatures

Great and Small," revolves

reminiscences of himself as

a young newly qualified

surgeon; his partnership

with Siegfried Farnon and

Farnon's ever-scheming

younger brother Tristan, his

courtship and marriage, and

his eventual acceptance by

the local farmers and

country folk in an area

where a stranger was

always regarded with

Set in the Yorkshire

countryside of northern

England during the 1930's,

the warmth and good humor

of Herriot's recollections

Herriot's

Based on the best-selling

Last July, when the first 13

episodes were aired, "All

Creatures" attracted a

larger viewing audience

than any other program in

schedule. And, when the

series ended, viewers

continued to call the station

requesting more programs.

In response to this

demand, WITF has pur-

right to all of the remaining

episodes in the series Now,

loval followers of the series

will be able to relive

Herriot's unforgettable

stories of caring and kind-

ness in 28 additional hours of

"All Creatures Great and

Small" stars Christopher

Timothy as James Herriot

and Robert Hardy as

Siegfried Farnon. The series

is a BBC production,

family entertainment.

WITF's

chased

broadcasting

the

summer, the heartwarming and humorous adventures of a young Yorkshire Dales veterinarian captured the imaginations of public television viewers throughout south central

first to sell Others will wait and eventually seil for 70 cents."

price closes," he said.

As to when all the tobacco ment.

welcomed.

Dairy Income Outlook

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will outweigh declines in use

Larger USDA donations

next year (due to larger CCC

purchases) could outweigh

any declines in per capita

commercial use that may

result from slowed economic

Commercial dairy product

stocks substantially sur-

passed the tight holdings of a

year ago on November 1.

Contributing to the increase

were the larger supplies of

eased commercial use of

For 1979, price support

purchases by CCC will total

about two billion pounds on a

certain dairy products.

of other products.

conditions.

large stocks and uncertain sales prospects, larger diversions to butter-powder operations can be expected very small increase over to continue. 1978. Increased use of cheese Although retail dairy and low fat fluid milk items

prices rose more than prices for all food, commercial use during September-October declined by only about onehalf percent from a year

A substantial reduction in butter use was mostly offset by continuing strong utilization of cheese. For the entire year, commercial use may top the 1978 record by about one percent.

Sales of dairy products next year are expected to be at or near 1979 levels, but could be greater if the impacts of the economic slowdown are less severe than now anticipated, or if meat prices are about expectations.

For 1979, preliminary data

suggest that per capita decrease of about a fourth from 1978 calendar year consumption of all dairy products will probably post a removals.

On December 1, uncommitted inventories of butter, while still relatively large, were down 18 percent from a year earlier. Uncommitted stocks of nonfat dry milk, down about a fourth, were at their lowest level since late 1976.

Imports, commercial exports, food-aid shipments to other nations, and shipments to U.S. Territories were all below year-earlier levels.

Both world production and consumption of milk and dairy products have inmilk available for creased in 1979, but conmanufacturing and the sumption rose faster due to rising incomes and subsidized sales.

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Some farmers like to be the

His statement came several hours before the other buyers announced the increase. terested in purchasing the better quality tobacco. He has offered 65 cents for some of the poorer quality. "Although some crops won't bring even that much when the good, major, market

will be purchased, few buyers are willing to com-

With today's sudden jump in the price, it is likely that the tobacco market may close before the New Year is

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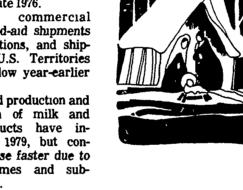


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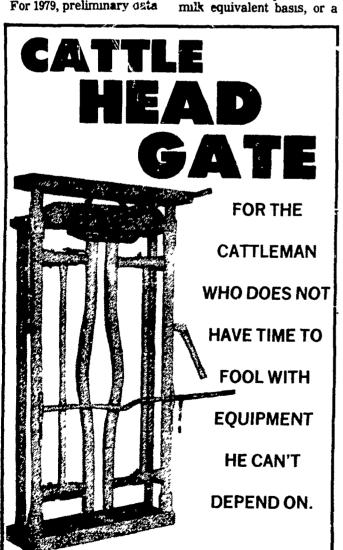
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