Order 4 milk price \$12.91 for December

ALEXANDRIA, VA. - December price was \$12.76 Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine Monday announced a December 1979 base milk price of \$12.91 per hundredweight and an excess milk price of \$11.35.

The weighted average December.

for the month was 15.0 cents. The December base milk price was down 14 cents from November 1979 but was 88 cents higher than last

The Federal Government,

before the embargo, ac-

complished very little to

encourage private en-

terprise to enter the gasahol

field, now they have

allocated money, and energy

saving tax credits to in-

dividuals or corporations hoping to use some of our

These gasahol plants, if

credit it obtained, will not be

Myers also stated many

grain farmers start now to

obtain a line of credit for

1980. Some maybe forced to

diversify their farmering

practices while others with

creditors looking at a less

stable market may be forced

to have sale.

excess corn supply.

in operation until 1981.

Maryland Grangers not 100% for embargo

THURMONT, Md. - C. Rodman Myers, Master of the Maryland State Grange, Maryland's oldest Farm Family Organization, stated the organization reluctantly supports President Carter's grain embargo. While the state Grange

does not agree 100 percent with the presidents decision, we must try to find ways to alleviate this problem and find new sources of trade incomes or subsidize to protect the grain farmers and all other segments of the economy affected by the embargo.

Just recently the Carter administration bailed out the Chrysler Corporation with a sizeable loan, Myers said.

Now the American farmer is confronted with machinery costs 15 percent higher, and fertilizer for this year's crops 20 to 35 percent higher, fuel costs substantially higher and all other overhead higher than 1979. Farmers will wait and see if the government will help them with no red tape involved.

announced for 3.5 percent and the butterfat differential milk f.o.b. plant location within 55 miles of Phildelphia, PA and also within 75 miles from the nearer of Washington, DC or Baltimore, MD.

There is a 6-cent direct-delivery differential applicable to producer milk received at plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia.

Order No. 4 prices are

Shine said producer receipts totaled 449.9 million pounds during December, up percent from the previous month, on a daily basis, but slightly below last December.

Class I producer milk totaled 240.6 million pounds and accounted for 53.46 percent of total producer milk receipts during the month, down from 58.53 percent in November and also below the 55.19 Class I utilization percentage last December.

Base milk accounted for 90.48 percent of total producer milk receipts in December, down from 92.26 percent in November.

There were 7118 producers supplying Order 4 handlers during the month and the average daily delivery per producer of 2039 pounds was 2.7 percent higher than a year ago.

The average butterfat test of producer milk of 3.75 percent was down from 3.83 percent last December.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I inarea milk sales of 6.8 million pounds per day during December, down 2.6 percent from November and 2.2 percent below December 1978, after adjustment to eliminate variation due to calendar composition.

During the 12 months of 1979 a total of 5.39 billion pounds of producer milk was pooled under Order No. 4, a 0.5 percent decline from the previous year.

The gross value of this milk was \$665 million in 1979 compared to \$593 million in

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The average daily delivery

per producer was 2046 pounds in 1979, 80 pounds or 4.1 percent above the average daily rate the prior

vear. The Order No. 4 base milk price averaged \$12.45 per hundredweight during 1979, an increase of \$1.39 over the previous year, while the average excess milk price of \$10.86 was \$1.33 higher than ın 1978.

The weighted average 1979 price was \$12.29 compared to \$10.92 a year earlier. The Class I milk price averaged \$13.55 in 1979, up \$1.48 from the 1978 average, while Class II milk prices averaged \$10.93 during 1979 and \$9.60

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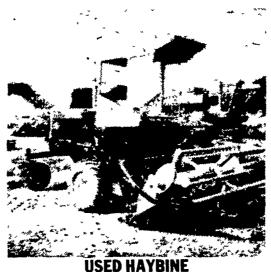
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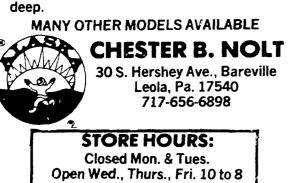
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