

## The Milk Check

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### Uppers and Downers

When production goes up the price goes down.

It's not always quite that simple, but it just about describes the situation in Order 2 for December.

You increased production 50 million pounds, or nearly 6.5 percent over November, and cut your blend price by three percent to \$12.25 for December. That was 37 cents less than November and only 83 cents better than a year ago.

Last month I pointed out that your monthly differences between 1978 and 1979 had dropped from a high of \$1.40 last Spring to \$1.08 in November. Now it's 83 cents in December and largely because of increasing production that isn't matched by increasing Class I sales. So you get a lower blend.

Your Class I sales were

about the same in November and December, but with the increased production, your Class I utilization dropped from 51.2 percent in November to 47.8 last month.

Your class prices were about the same each month, with the Class I price down seven cents and the Class II price up seven cents. The biggest difference was that 29 cents Louisville Plan payment in November that you didn't get in December.

Taking that into account your blend price dropped less than one percent from November.

Maybe that's the best thing we can say about the December blend after a 6.5 percent increase in production.

### New Hope

The dairy committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange, meeting during Farm Show week in

Harrisburg, brought the support of that organization to the proposal of the Pennsylvania Dairy Cooperatives for Milk Security.

This was a change in their policy set at their annual meeting in Williamsport last summer; and along with the Pennsylvania Farmers Association brings the two largest farm organizations in the state behind the milk marketing cooperatives plan for the establishment of a security fund.

Originally, the Grange had favored a fund financed equally by producers and dealers, each contributing one cent a hundredweight, and included cooperatives that process their members' milk.

According to Feryl Treichler of Kutztown, chairman, the Grange committee listened to a lot of different points of view from farmers, dealers, legislators, the administration and cooperatives before reaching a decision. And, more work still remains to be done among rank and file farmers before any plan can succeed in the legislature.

Generally, however, this narrows the field down to two proposals, one backed by the farm organizations

and the cooperatives and one by the administration, but both of them funded by dealer contributions. The former is at two cents a hundred with co-ops exempt. The administration plan is at one cent a hundred with co-ops contributing voluntarily if the members choose to participate.

Thus the greatest consensus ever demonstrated by farm organizations and cooperatives in Pennsylvania has brought new hope for success in establishing a security fund for dairymen.

As everyone agrees, there is still a lot of work to be done in the administration and the legislature as well as among farmers, dealers and consumers. But never before have the ranks been tighter in all the past efforts made toward this goal.

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## Farm Show Update

HARRISBURG — Frank Darcey's Spring Bottom Farm of Fairfield, Adams County, accumulated points to earn the Premier Exhibitor's plaque in the Open Polled Hereford show at the 64th Farm Show.

Last week's show results incorrectly recorded Stockdale Hereford Farm as the premier exhibitor.

Also, the champion Landrace bred gilt, owned by Donald Lake of Big Cove Tannery, farrowed a litter of

eleven pigs. Under the circumstances, the gilt was left with just six piglets instead of seven as recorded in last week's paper.

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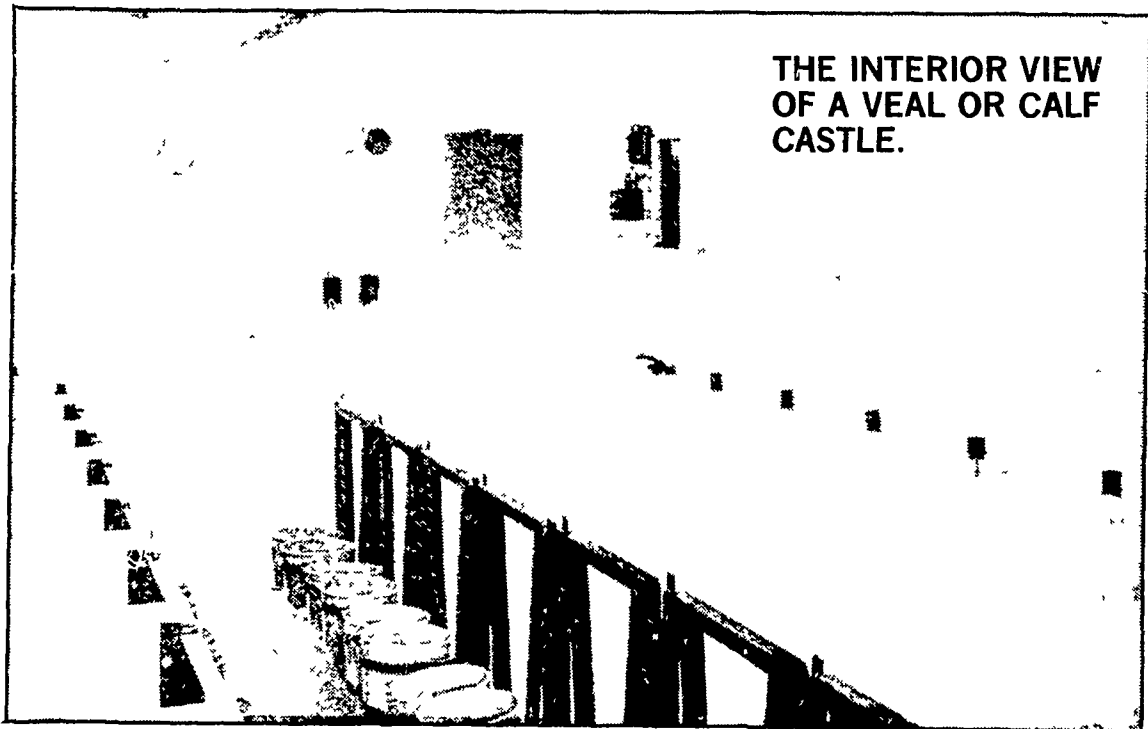
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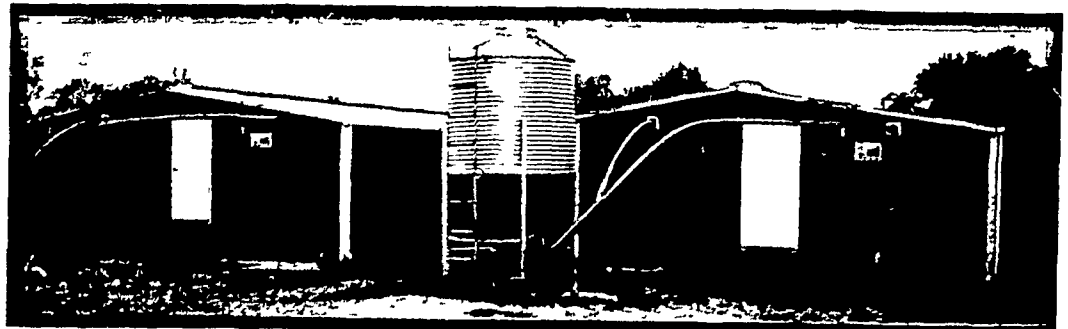


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