# January Order 4 price pegged at \$13.03

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — was up 12 cents from Middle Atlantic Order December 1979 and was 84 Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine today announced a January 1980 base milk price of \$13.03 per hundredweight and an excess milk price of \$11.35.

The weighted average January price was \$12.84 and the butterfat differential for the month was 15.0 cents. The January base milk price

cents higher than last January.

Order No. 4 prices are announced for 3.5 percent milk f.o.b. plant location within 55 miles of Philadelphia, and also within 75 miles from the nearer of Washington, D.C. or Baltimore, MD.

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

Shine said producer receipts totaled 459.8 million pounds during January, an increase of over two percent from December, and 1.3 percent above last January.

Class I producer milk totaled 256.6 million pounds and accounted for 55.80 percent of total producer milk receipts during the month, up from 53.46 percent in December but slightly below the 56.03 Class I utilization percentage last January.

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Base milk accounted for 88.84 percent of total producer milk receipts in January, compared to over 90 percent in December and last January.

There were 7157 producers supplying Order 4 handlers during the month and the average daily delivery per producer of 2073 pounds was up 1.17 percent from December and 3.4 percent above last year.

The average butterfat test of producer milk of 3.79 percent was down from 3.84 percent last January.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I inarea milk sales of 7.2 million pounds per day during January, an increase of 2.9 percent from December but down slightly from January

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1979, after adjustment to eliminate variation due to calendar composition.



# RCA meetings to be held

LANCASTER - In- habitat, including the terested persons are urged preservation of wetlands; to attend two regional meetings for public participation and comment on energy; and solving related the future of conservation resource problems. programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The public is being asked to help USDA decide how to accelerate the application of conservation work now administered under its 34 programs.

The meetings are being held under the provisions of the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977. Under RCA, Congress directed USDA to appraise the condition of the nation's soil, water and related resources, and to propose programs to guide future conservation activities.

The USDA has set national objectives for reducing soil erosion and preserving prime farmlands; improving water quality; conserving water; improving fish and wildlife



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Two of the eighteen RCA regional meetings will be held at the Lancaster Treadway Inn. Both meetings will take place on February 25, one beginning at 2 p.m. and the other at 7:30 p.m.



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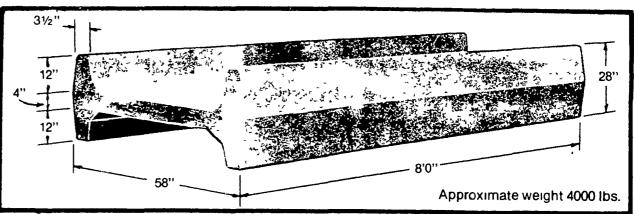
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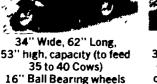
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