

NY - NJ dairymen to get \$12.24 for February milk

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Dairy farmers supplying milk plants regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during February will be paid on the basis of a uniform price of

\$12.24 per hundred pounds or 26.3 cents per quart.

Market Administrator Thomas A. Wilson, who announced February's price, also stated the

uniform farm price was \$12.25 per hundredweight in January 1980 and \$11.57 per hundredweight in February 1979. The uniform price is a marketwide weighted average of the value of farm milk used for fluid and manufactured dairy products.

The total amount of milk received from the 17,566 dairy farmers supplying the New York-New Jersey Marketing Area was 823,095,427 pounds during February 1980. This was more than 60.0 million pounds above last year. The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$103,031,017.76.

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

Regulated milk dealers (handlers) utilized

376,599,656 pounds or 45.8 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 February 1980, handlers paid \$13.59 per hundredweight, or 29.2 cents per quart, for the milk used in Class I products compared with \$12.85 a year ago.

The balance of the milk, 54.2 percent, was used to manufacture Class II products including butter, cheese, ice cream and yogurt. For this milk the handlers paid \$11.37 per hundredweight.

The uniform price is based on milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat. For February 1980, a differential of 15.0 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.

Elanco, extension to sponsor fruit and vegetable meeting

TERRE HILL — The Adult Farmer Program of the Eastern Lancaster County School District, in cooperation with the Lancaster County Extension Service and the Farmers-Consumer Service Assoc. will sponsor a meeting on the raising and marketing of fruits and vegetables. This meeting will be held Wednesday evening, March 26, 1980, at 7:30 p.m. at the Union Grove School.

The meeting will discuss the potential of additional marketing outlets for fruits and vegetables, production tips such as variety selection, weed, insect, and disease control, and pesticide applicator license re-certification.

Speakers for the evening will include Arnold Lueck, Lancaster County extension service; Wayne Martz, Stauffer Chemical Co.; and George Perry from the Farmers-Consumer Services Association.

Those fruit and vegetable growers who have not renewed their Private Applicator License to use restricted use pesticides will have the opportunity to be re-certified at this meeting.

Although Lancaster County is ideally situated with its productive soils and abundant farm labor force, the full potential to provide the large urban areas such as Philadelphia, and Baltimore, with fresh, high-quality produce, has been limited due to a lack of adequate farmer operated marketing channels. This meeting will explore the opportunities of using a non-profit marketing service, run by farmers, to market locally grown produce.

The Union Grove School is located near Terre Hill on

Nifty Needles

4-H elects reporter

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — The March meeting of the Nifty Needles 4-H Club was held at the home of Kathleen and Robyn Buccine of Whitehouse Station.

Katneen Buccine, was elected club reporter. The members had a window display set up in the Whitehouse Cake Box Presentations are being prepared for the upcoming 4-H County Presentation Contest.

The club is also planning to participate in the 4-H Day at the Mall Program to be held in May Reported by Kathleen Buccine

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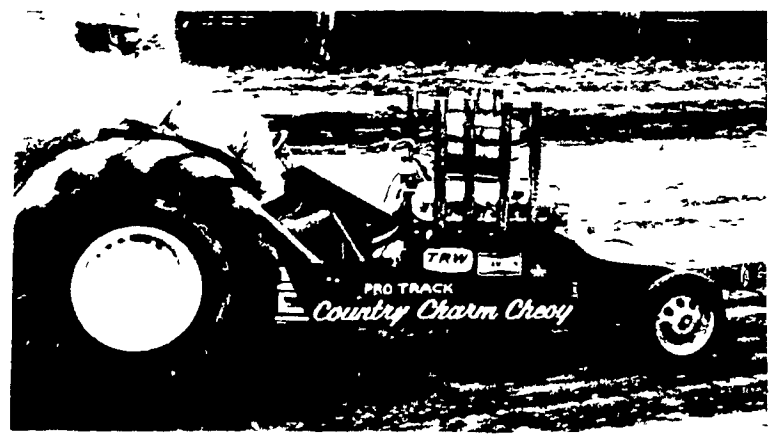

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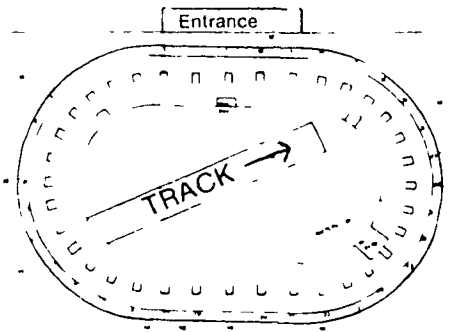
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