

Western Pa. milk order may change promo funding rate

PITTSBURGH — A recommended decision that would change the funding rate for advertising and promotion under the Eastern Ohio-Western Pennsylvania milk marketing order has been issued, it was announced by officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Herbert L. Forest, dairy official with the Agricultural Marketing Service, said that the recommended decision was reached following a public hearing August 14 to 16, 1979, in Corapolis.

The hearing had been requested by the Greater Pittsburgh Dairy Industry Association, Meadow Brook Dairy Co., and Milk Marketing, Inc. Additional proposals by Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc., National Farmers Organization and Producers Dairy Co. were also considered at the hearing.

Also adopted in the recommended decision is a proposal that cooperative association can offset their pool payment obligations by the amount of pool credits due them.

Another recommended amendment would eliminate the channeling of handler payments to individual producers through the market administrator. Such procedure, in use since October 1978, imposed an added cash flow burden on handlers buying milk directly from producers.

Not recommended, however, was a proposal that would have eliminated the channeling of handler payments to cooperatives through the market administrator. Forest said that the current procedure, also in effect since October 1978, had corrected a serious delinquency problem with handler payments to cooperatives and should be continued.

The recommended decision was published in the March 20 Federal Register. The public will be provided 15 days from that date to submit exceptions to the recommended decision in writing to the Hearing Clerk, r.m. 1077-S, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Conodogunet 4-H Sheep Club meets in Carlisle

The third meeting of the Conodogunet 4-H Sheep Club was held recently at Waggoners U.C. Church, Carlisle.

A pamphlet on obstetrics for sheep and one on sheep production were handed out to the members.

Samuel P. Hopford, Summerdale, demonstrated the use of the drop spindle for spinning wheel. He also talked about silk and raising silk worms.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, at Clark Capozzi's home where the shearing of sheep will be demonstrated.





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