

Gain Registered Performance tested cattle sale averages top \$1000

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Thirteenth Annual Edition of the Indiana sponsored Red Poll sale of Gain Registered Performance tested cattle, had 62 lots gross \$64,525 to average \$1,040.73.

This was the second time in the breed's history any of its sales have reached \$1,000.00 averages. Last year at the sale in Indianapolis

the average was \$1,011.31.

Top bull was a performance tested yearling, consigned by Pinney Purdue Agricultural Center, Wanatah, Indiana, and bought by James Sivertson and Family, Terre Haute, Indiana for \$1,700.

Second top selling bull was consigned by Allen Mohler, Thorntown, Indiana, sold to

Phillip L. & Carolyn L. Rice, Cotter, Arkansas, for \$1,500.

Top female was a cow and calf lot consigned by Pinney Purdue Agricultural Center, and bought for \$2,300 by the Dahlke Ranch, Bagley, Minnesota

Second top selling female was an open heifer, consigned by Cent-Arkansas Red Poll Farm, Beebe, Arkansas and sold to new breeder Bette A. Tomlinson, Washburn, Illinois for \$2,100.

The Milk Check

TOM JURCHAK
County Agent



when we were setting national records in milk production.

In fact, there were only three months in the last six years that you had higher production in Order 2. Thank goodness your Class I sales are hanging in there around 13 million pounds a day.

But with your leaping and bounding production, Class I utilization dropped to 43.3 per cent. That's 2.5 per cent lower than February and the worst March in 25 years, except last year during the Teamsters' Union strike in New York City.

We haven't seen a billion-pounds of milk a month since May 1970. But with two months more to go, I'll bet you will do it this year.

Bottom Line

So, where did all this leave you?

Take a Class II price in March of \$11.54 that was 17 cents better than February and a Class I price of \$13.62 that was only three cents better. Add a Class I utilization 2.5 per cent less and a 20 cent take out for the Louisville Plan. Put them all together and they make \$12.08 the uniform price in Order 2 for March milk.

Telling it quickly doesn't help to ease the pain of a price that's 16 cents less than last month and only 95 cents better than last year. But that's about what you can expect for the next few months.

Even increasing Class prices propped up by price supports may not be able to make up for 30 and 40 cent Louisville Plan take outs over the next three months along with declining Class I utilization due to increasing production.

Much depends on how fast the Basic Formula Price can be brought up beyond \$12.00 from its present \$11.59 by government purchases.

It's going to be a hard job with no help from supply or demand so don't look for much farm price improvement before July.

Signs of Life

Taking the biggest jump in 16 months the Minnesota-Wisconsin price, adjusted to 3.5 percent butterfat, leaped 24 cents to \$11.59 in March.

After gaining only ten cents in five months from October to February, the 24 cent increase in one month could only be credited to the anticipated 85 cent increase in the support price to come after April 1. So, what might have appeared to be signs of life in the market were only the dealers hurrying to buy milk for manufacturing at prices a little higher than the last five months - before they have to start buying it for a lot more when the new support price starts to take effect.

This was also born out by the fact that butter, powder and cheese prices, on the average, didn't change that much in March. But, if the products could be sold for the new support prices in April, than the March milk price was a bargain.

So, in the process, you got a 24 cent boost in your Basic Formula Price the likes of which you haven't seen in nearly a year and a half. However, it's still 61 cents away from the full increase

and that's going to be a lot harder to come by this Spring.

With butter manufacturing up 19 million pounds over the first three months of last year, cheese up 43 million and powder up 60 million pounds, the dairy product cupboard isn't exactly bare. In fact it's far from it.

In addition, cheese has lost some of its earlier demand with lower meat prices. And butter sales are off taking a back seat to the low priced spread by penny pinching consumers. Your increasing milk production will also compound the problem.

There's going to be a lot of dead weight to lift to get milk prices up to the support level by government purchases. And it's going to take several months to do it.

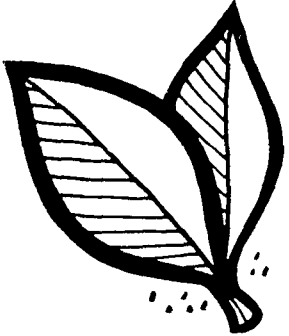
Leaps and Bounds

Even that 24 cent jump in the Basic Formula Price from Minnesota and Wisconsin wasn't enough to help your blend price in Order 2 for March as you continued, for the fourth consecutive month, increasing milk production by leaps and bounds.

This time it was a record leap of 4.6 per cent over February (corrected for 28 days) after bounds of 2.5 per cent last month and four per cent each month for January and December over the previous month.

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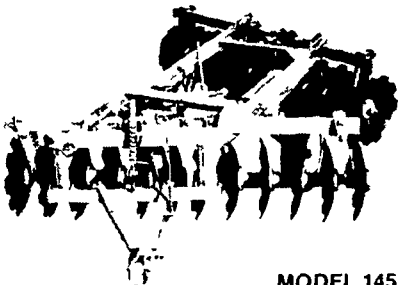
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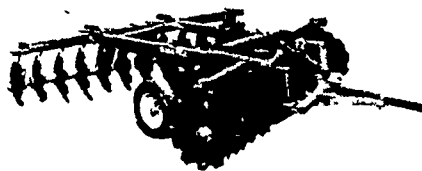
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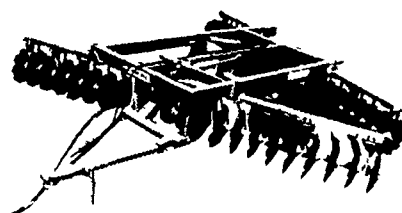
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