Farm Show market open through October

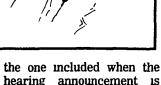
HARRISBURG - What is the easiest way to save money and spend more time out of doors? Shop at the outdoor Farmers Market at the Farm Show every Tuesday and Friday between 3 and 8 p.m.

The Farm Show Farmers

Market opened for its sixth year at the Farm Show parking lot in Harrisburg at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6. The Farmers Market will continue its operation through October.

The Milk Check

TOM JURCHAK County Agent



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The door was opened for hearings on changes in Order 2 when the North Atlantic Milk Processors Association petitioned the U.S. Department of Agriculture to consider their proposals.

They asked to raise the transportation credit to 20 cents and remove the 15 cent negotiated hauling charge There would be no limit on what a handler could deduct for hauling as long as he had the producers consent and it didn't exceed the actual cost.

This came pretty close to eliminating farm point pricing entirely. But once more the co-ops headed off the threat with counter proposals which would limit the negotiated charge to 25 cents. This will probably be

hearing announcement is issued.

This is just one of several proposals to be considered at the hearing, but producers should be boning up on the effects of the suggested changes if they want to vote responsibly when a referendum is held for a new order.

Other proposals to be included would raise the zone differential inside the 201-210 mile zone from 1.8 cents to 2.2 cents for every ten miles.

A very important proposal is to expand the marketing area of Order 2 into 20 Pennsylvania counties from Wayne, Pike and Monroe on the east to Potter, Clinton, Union and Snyder on the west. A counter proposal by Order 4 Co-ops would expand the Order 4 marketing area

Market Penrose Hallowell. "The the I thic provides an excellent opportunity for consumers to save money on farm fresh produce and spend their shopping hours out of doors in the fine spring, summer and autumn weather," said State Agriculture Secretary

north to include Lackawanna and Wyoming counties with everything south of that.

Stay alert to the suggested changes and determine how it will effect your milk marketing so you can react in your own best interests.



products at reasonable prices." T. Luke Toomey, manager of the Farm Show Farmers Market, said farmers who sell at the market have been pleased with the results in the past years, as the market provides them with an outlet for their products and a

Farm Show Farmers

Market, established in 1975.

has been a success in

providing consumers with

top quality agricultural

He also said that early in the season consumers can look forward to buying farm fresh eggs, potatoes and fresh country meats, as well as all types of vegetable plants, house plants and flower plants.

chance to meet their city

cousins.

Direct marketing has



become more beneficial to both farmers and consumers in recent years. Pennsylvania is a national leader in direct farm marketing, with annual sales from farmers markets, roadside markets, pick-your-own and milk jugging operations ranging between \$120 and \$150 million.

Farm staples from fresh

meats to homemade breads and pies to poultry products can all be found on sale at the market in season. Several farm products will be special features this summer, including strawberries, red raspberries, blueberries, sweet corn, potatoes, peaches and a variety of melons.

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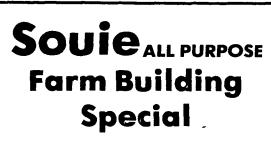
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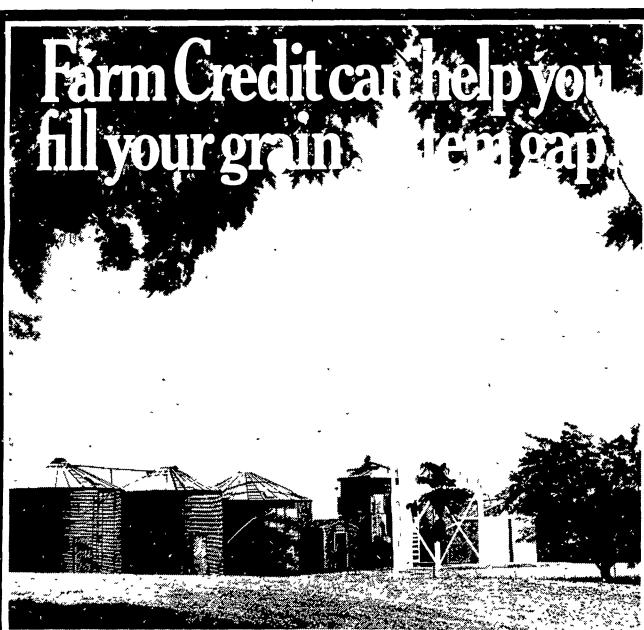
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