

## Hearing set on fees, expansion of Order 2

ALBANY, NY — A public hearing has been scheduled for June 10 to consider proposed amendments to the New York-New Jersey federal milk marketing order, it was announced by officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Herbert L. Forest, dairy official with the Agricultural Marketing Service, said the hearing will convene at 9:30 a.m. at the Best Western Thruway Motel, 1375 Washington Avenue, Albany, N.Y. Principal cities in the market order area include

Albany, Syracuse and New York, N.Y.; and Newark, N.J.

Forest pointed out that the proposed amendments that will be heard would increase the transportation allowances for milk handlers to reflect more nearly the cost of assembling milk from dairy farms and transporting it to plants for processing.

The hearing was requested by the North Atlantic Milk Processor's Association, which includes a number of the handlers regulated under the New York-New Jersey

marketing order.

It was also announced by Forest that interested persons have until June 13 to submit additional proposals relating to a possible expansion of the New York-New Jersey and Middle Atlantic order areas to include several unregulated counties in Pennsylvania. Cooperative associations in the two markets have proposed an enlargement of the regulated marketing areas.

The market expansion proposals are being held for possible consideration at a

later joint hearing. Additional proposals on this matter should be sent to the Deputy Administrator, AMS, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

The notice on the public hearing June 10 was published in the May 16 Federal Register. Copies of the hearing notice may be obtained by writing to Market Administrator Thomas Wilson, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10017; or to the Dairy Division, AMS, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

## Carcinogen group to monitor cancer causers in food

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland today said the U.S. Department of Agriculture plans to play a major role in the national effort to reduce cancer incidence by preventing or minimizing

exposure to cancer-causing agents.

"Historically, USDA has conducted research, education and animal and plant health protection programs in service to the agricultural community," Bergland said. "We will continue to fulfill that responsibility.

"However, USDA also recognizes its equally important responsibility to the public health. Under federal meat, poultry and egg products inspection mandates, USDA cooperates with other federal agencies to establish common principles for identifying and regulating cancer-causing substances," Bergland said.

Through the Interagency Regulatory Liaison Group, Bergland said, the federal agencies responsible for

carcinogen regulation are developing the criteria for identifying carcinogens and assessing their human risks.

USDA's Food Safety and Quality Service is a member of this group. USDA supports the findings and the policies of this interagency group, Bergland said.

Bergland said he was establishing a Departmental

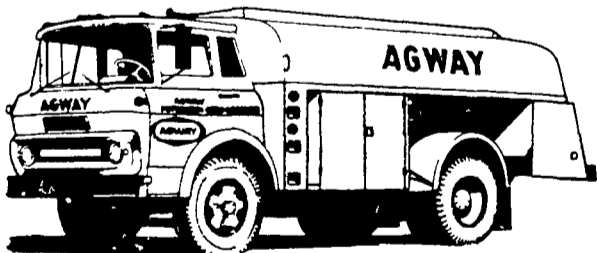
Carcinogen Policy Group to recommend USDA actions needed to reduce exposure to carcinogens and to facilitate USDA's interagency cooperative effort. The group will be chaired by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman, who also chairs the Interagency Regulatory Liaison Group.



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