## D26—Lancaster Farming, Saturday, September 20, 1980

## Grange asks price boost for Area 1, Zone 2 milk

DOWNINGTON - Citing the drought conditions most farmers within Chester, Montgomery, and Bucks Counties have been facing this summer, Charles E. Wismer, Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, called on the Milk Marketing Board to increase producer prices for milk at the Area 1, Zone 2 milk hearings, in Downingtown last Wednesday.

"Over the next 12 months," Wismer said, "dairy farmers in this area will be faced with coping with the added expense of carrying

on normal operations after were increased temporarily coming through one of the in the early Sixties during worst droughts we've faced in 20 years.'

The Montgomery County dairy farmer noted the drought was not yet over, and there is no guarantee it will soon end.

Wismer asked that if it did continue, the Milk Marketing Board might consider temporarily increasing milk producer prices to compensate for lost profits from corn and other roughage production.

He noted producer prices

another bad drought. The term of the price increase was three months.

Wismer's other remarks at the milk hearing included a commendation to the Milk Marketing Board, and a suggestion to change the pricing formula.

His commendation was directed at the Board for "using the Federal Order No.  $\overline{4}$  prices to establish minimum producer prices" in the Area.

"We believe this pricing method to be the best available at this time," Wismer said. "However, the

Draft horses

Terms: Cash

National Milk Producers Federation recently questioned the accuracy of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Pricing Formula, in light of today's economy.

"The problem with the formula is that the number of condensaries since the formula's drafting has been greatly reduced. This brings to light some questions concerning the accuracy of the prices derived from it," he said.

He did not offer any alternatives to the present pricing formula, saying the matter would be under consideration by the State Grange Dairy Committee.

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