



## The Milk Check

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County Agent

After 16 months of increases in national milk production, in spite of declining consumption and a

dependency on the price support program to give you the increases needed to cover increasing costs, the whole dairy industry is displaying a growing concern about where all this will lead as Congress starts writing a new farm bill in February 1981.

That concern started before the elections. It indicated a change in the national attitude toward a more conservative policy in federal spending tied to a tax cut.

The concern spread beyond the dairy organizations to include

general farm organizations like Farm Bureau, Grange and NFO and resulted in the organization of the National Task Force on Milk Supply Management.

Their objective is to get producers to voluntarily reduce the milk supply to bring it into clear alignment with demand. That way you can get more of your price increases from the market place rather than the price support programs.

During the next few months, you're going to see all the farm periodicals featuring articles furnished by the National Task Force

on why and how you can increase your income by reducing the amount of milk you produce. Over 20 papers by authors of national reputation will be written on a variety of topics from culling your herd to postponing expansion plans. They will be provided to all the media to convince the farmers that they should reduce production for their own good.

With inventories of over a billion pounds of dairy products in government storage on October 1 and CCC purchases currently running over three times as much as last year, something will be needed to convince the new Congress that the dairy price support program should be continued much like it has been

during the past 10 years. Up to now your record has been good with only four times that the government had to buy more than three percent of your production to stabilize prices during those 10 years. Right now, however, your record is not so good with purchases of over six percent of your production to get you the prices that you have today. You're vulnerable to attack from people who have been after your hide in the past or just want to make an impression on the national scene.

There isn't much time left but if you can convince Congress that you're doing something to improve the situation, it will certainly help you get you a new price support law.

## Grains eligible for reserve;

WASHINGTON, DC - For the second year in a row, U.S. feed grain producers will not need to set aside acreage to be eligible for the farmer-owned reserve, commodity loans and target price protection, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Jim Williams said last week.

"Feed grain producers need only to be sure they plant within their normal crop acreage on all farms in which they have an interest to be eligible for program benefits in 1981," Williams said.

The normal crop acreage's are currently under review and may be adjusted in cases where appropriate to more adequately reflect farmers current cropping programs and the application of best farming practices, Williams said.

"With world coarse grain production likely to be down slightly from last year, domestic 1980 crop production estimated to be 18 percent lower than last year's crop and the demand for grains continuing to rise, the U.S. Department of Agriculture expects a drawdown in stocks and higher prices.

The provisions of the 1981 feed grain program will allow U.S. farmers to respond to domestic and world market requirements but still provide them with price and income protection," Williams said.

He said producers should remember the importance of good farming practices as they plan for 1981; and he recommends against bringing fragile lands into production. "Farmers who plant these lands in 1981 will not have this acreage added to their farms' normal crop acreage in subsequent years," Williams said.

Williams said the loan price will be at least \$2.25 for corn and other feed grain loan prices would be based upon a feed value relationship to corn.

Feed grain target prices for 1981 crops will be announced next spring but will be at least equal to the 1980 levels of \$2.35 per bushel for corn; \$2.50 per bushel for sorghum and \$2.55 per bushel for barley.

To qualify for full target price protection, farmers cannot plant more corn, sorghum or barley in 1981 than was considered planted in these crops this year. Farmers who exceed this acreage will be subject to an allocation factor that can reduce their target price payment, if any, by up to 20 percent.

National program acreages of 90.1 million acres for corn, 15.4 million acres for sorghum and 9.7 million acres for barley were also announced today. The national program acreage is the number of acres for each crop needed to be planted to

meet projected domestic and export requirements, as well as provide for an adequate carryover.



### AUCTION OF COINS WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 3, 1980 6:00 P.M.

Located at Lykens Valley "Shop and Play" Hall, Route 209, Lykens, Pennsylvania.

Coins to be sold: Nickels, Quarters, Silver Dollars, Dimes, Half Dimes, Half Dollars, Lg. Pennies, Three cent nickels, 14 Pieces of Gold.

THERE WILL BE OVER 300 LOTS. For complete list of coins, send name, address and stamp to Auctioneer. Coins can be seen from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. day of sale.

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## Two Lancaster County Farms

**Farm No. 1: 67.198 Acre**  
**Dairy and Tobacco Farm**

**Farm No. 2: 53.625 Acre**  
**Steer and Tobacco Farm**

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1980

2:00 P.M.

**Location: Just North of Denver in West Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.**

ATTENTION Make plans now to inspect these very fine farms. These adjoining farms would provide a golden opportunity for the large operator or for any individual wanting to purchase just one farm. Auction to be held on Farm No. 1.

**FARM NUMBER 1:**  
**67.198 ACRE DAIRY AND TOBACCO FARM**  
Limestone Soil

**FARM NUMBER 2:**  
**53.625 ACRE STEER AND TOBACCO FARM**  
Gravel Soil

**2½ Story Frame Dwelling**  
Containing: Kitchen with built-in cabinets, large living room, family room, laundry room, 5 bedrooms and full bath, attic storage. Oil hot air heat.

**66 x 30 2-Story Bank Barn**  
**53 x 37 2-Story Cow Barn**  
With bulk feed bin and attached 14 x 15 block milkhouse. 14 x 55 concrete stone silo with unloader.

**66 x 25 Frame Tobacco Shed**  
With stripping room and dampening cellar.

**33 x 44 Frame Equipment Shed**

- Well with pressure system
- Cocalico Creek runs through pasture area
- Established shade
- Cistern

Directions To Farm: Take Route 272 North from Ephrata to traffic light at Reamstown — turn left towards Denver to traffic light in Denver — turn left onto South Fourth Street to Franklin Street — turn right — go out of town to second farm on right.

**2½ Story Brick Dwelling**  
Containing: Kitchen with built-in cabinets, formal dining room, large living room, den with open stairway, 4 bedrooms, full bath, attic storage, oil hot air heat.

**69 x 42 2-Story Bank Barn**  
**40 x 36 Frame Tobacco Shed**  
**30 x 29 Equipment and Corn Shed**  
**20 x 17 Corn Shed**  
**Frame 2-Car Garage**

- Wire Corncrib
- Several other small buildings
- Well with pressure system
- Cocalico Creek runs through edge of farm
- Established shade

Directions To Farm: Take Route 272 North from Ephrata to traffic light at Reamstown — turn left toward Denver — go through Denver — after crossing bridge outside of town first farm on left across from Denver Park.

**AUCTION BY ORDER OF:**

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NOTE: Inspection of dwellings at Open House Saturday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 10, 1980 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Inspection of balance of farm anytime. For transportation or a personal showing call Paul E. Martin, Auctioneer at 717 - 733-3305. All information in this ad is believed to be accurate, but is being used for advertising purposes only.

TERMS: 10% down day of Auction. Balance at final settlement on or before April 1, 1981.