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## Judge orders halt to milk price boost

BY CURT HARLER

**PITTSBURGH** — A Pittsburgh judge Thursday rolled back a five cent per gallon milk price increase ordered by the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board.

If upheld, the action taken by Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Rolf Larson eventually may be reflected in an economic squeeze on dairies serving Western Pennsylvania.

It is the second time Justice Larson has issued a stay on a PMMB-ordered milk price increase.

The previous time was two years ago. The full Supreme Court refused to take jurisdiction in that case.

Shortly thereafter the largest dairy in Pittsburgh, Keystone-Harmony, declared bankruptcy citing inability to pay farmers for milk. That bankruptcy left farmers holding the bag to the tune of \$1.6 million.

Justice Larson's order will affect dairymen in Pennsylvania's 14 westernmost counties and consumers in such major cities as Pittsburgh and Erie.

PMMB's Order 836 to increase the price consumers pay by five cents per gallon was to go into effect December 1, Monday.

Attorneys representing the Mayor of Pittsburgh appealed the price increase on

Monday. Commonwealth Court upheld the Milk Marketing Board's price increase, allowing the nickel boost.

The appeal of the Commonwealth Court decision by Pittsburgh officials was brought to Justice Larson at 3 p.m. Wednesday. On Thursday Morning he handed down his decision staying the order.

As a result, milk prices in the 14 Western counties return to those mandated by Order 833, or five cents under what they would have been under PMMB regulations.

Justice Larson stated no grounds when issuing his decision.

When Justice Larson had issued a similar order two years ago the full court refused to take jurisdiction in the matter so the order was vacated and the PMMB decision would have stood.

In the meantime, however, PMMB had issued a new order and the case was moot. PMMB Executive Secretary Earl Fink said Thursday evening that the Board is weighing its options on how to combat the Justice Larson's order.

It is likely PMMB will move to bring the matter before the full Supreme Court early this coming

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Harvested fields, wind-blown corn shocks and dark fast-moving clouds announce the change in seasons as winter begins to descend across the rural countryside. This scene was found along Rt. 322 between Ephrata and Blue Ball in Lancaster County.

High in both milk and fat

## Richlawn Farm herd tops York DHIA list

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**YORK** — Over a dozen recognition awards went to several of York County's top milk producers at the

County's annual DHIA banquet.

Some 200 dairymen and guests turned out for the dinner meeting held at Avalong Farms Restaurant.

High herd for both milk and fat production was the Smyser's Richlawn Farms, East Berlin Road, York. With over 70 registered Holsteins on test, the Smyser's herd finished with an average 20,470 pounds of milk and 769 pounds of butterfat.

Richlawn Farms is a family operation and includes Richard and his two sons Robert and Rodney. The Smyser family accepted their top award from trophy sponsor William Sprenkle of Spangler and Sprenkle, Inc.

Second high in the county was the Avalong Farms Holstein herd, York, with 18,928 milk and 726 fat. Lynn Wolf's Gerrilyn Farm, Abbottstown R1, captured the third place spot with a herd average of 20,017 milk and 703 fat.

Youth awards went to four Junior Holstein members who captured honors in the junior milk and fat competition.

Sisters Debbie and Christine Wolf topped the two and three-year-old classes with their entries.

Debbie's heifer, Gerrilyn Heidi Tiho Kit Star finished her first lactation with 18,693 milk and 653 fat. Sunnybend

Gwen Sunshine Triune, owned by Christine, won three-year-old honors with records of 18,986 milk and 793 fat. The girls are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Wolf, Abbottstown R1.

Peter King won the junior four-year-old category with "Kingway Elevation Joker", finishing her lactation with 21,348 milk and 757 fat. Peter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul King, Delta R2.

Coredale Bootmaker Twinkletoes won production honors in the aged cow class for Roy Thompson, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Lodman Thompson, East Berlin R1. Her completed record was made as a six-year-old finishing with 22,625 milk and 856 fat.

Sinking Springs Farm of York won the Pennfield Feed's sponsored high 305-day milk production with "Marta", a registered Holstein with a 30,782 milk and 1084 fat record.

A 305-day record of 20,024 milk and 1306 fat earned the high fat production award for "Orchid", owned by S.

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## Chilly weather means Farm Show's near

**LITITZ** — The annual LANCASTER FARMING Farm Show issue will be in farmers' mailboxes January 10, the weekend the 1981 Show opens.

Farm Show 1981 will run from Sunday, January 11, to Friday, January 16. The usual array of quality livestock, association meetings, machinery displays and farm-related booths will await visitors.

Our editors already are preparing material to give readers the largest, most up-to-date, and most comprehensive coverage of Farm Show available anywhere.

This notice is to remind readers and advertisers alike to gather up material of interest for submission.

Advertising closing date is December 31. News material should be in our office by January 3.

Our Farm Show issue will have advance publicity on all the action including a schedule of events, handy pull-out map of the Show, articles on the FFA keystone degree winners, a list of exhibitors and more.

Please contact LANCASTER FARMING, Box 366 Lititz, PA 17543, 717/626-1164, if you have something to contribute.

## 3 state 4-H'ers share \$3000 in scholarships

**CHICAGO** — Three Pennsylvania 4-H'ers claimed \$3,000 in scholarships at the 59th National 4-H Congress here this week. Each was named a winner in programs arranged by National 4-H Council and supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Selected for outstanding accomplishments in 4-H

projects and activities, leadership development, personal growth and community and civic responsibility, 287 winners nationwide shared \$265,250 educational grants.

Pennsylvania's national winners, the amounts of their grants, the program in which they won honors, and the donors of the awards were:

Jonathan Miller, 17, Seven Valleys, \$1,000, automotive, The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, and Diane Hall, 19, Franklin, \$1,000, entomology, Mobay Chemical Corporation, Agricultural Chemicals Division.

In addition, Margaret Kean, 18, Drexel Hill, received a \$1,000 regional scholarship from The Edwin T. Meredith Foundation for overall excellence in 4-H work.

The five day program provides a forum for interaction and exchange of ideas among youth and adults, educational field trips and a variety of recognition events.

Built on the theme, "4-H Expanding Horizons" the program included workshop sessions on topics such as: Are You Your Own Leader, Survival With Class—Getting Along in Today's World, and Beyond Me — Economic Issues.

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