

Order 4 December price pegged at \$14.07

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine Monday announced a December 1980 base milk price of \$14.07 per hundred-weight and an excess milk price of \$12.57

The weighted average December price is \$14.00 and the butterfat differential for the month is 17.0 cents.

The base milk price increased 28 cents from the previous month and is \$1.16 higher than last December's base price.

The advertising

withholding rate, which is deducted from the base and excess milk prices only and not the weighted average price, was 12 cents hundredweight this year compared to seven cents a year ago

The gross value of producer milk during December was \$68.5 million, compared to \$57.6 million a year ago. A total of \$588.1 thousand was deducted for advertising and promotion in December 1980 contrasted to \$315.0 thousand in December 1979.

Shine said producer receipts totaled 490.1 million pounds during December, an increase of 3.1 percent from the previous month, on a daily basis, and almost nine percent above last December.

Class I producer milk totaled 251.8 million pounds and accounted for 51.37 percent of total producer milk receipts during the month, up from 50.86 percent in November but below the 53.46 Class I utilization percentage last December.

Ease milk accounted for 87.90 percent of total producer milk receipts in December, down from 90.48 percent a year earlier

There were 7406 producers supplying Order 4 handlers during the month, an increase of 288 from a year ago.

The average daily delivery per producer of 2,135 pounds was up 51 pounds from November and was 96 pounds of 4.7 percent above last December. The average butterfat test of producer milk was 3.85 percent for the month compared to 3.84 percent in November and 3.75 percent one year ago.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I in-area milk sales of 212.3 million pounds during December, a decline of 1.6 percent from a year earlier.

after adjustment to eliminate variation due to calendar composition

During the 12 months of 1980 a total of 5.6 billion pounds of producer milk was pooled under Order No. 4, a 4.2 percent increase from the previous year. The gross value of this milk was \$744 million in 1980 compared to \$665 million in 1979.

A total of \$5.4 million was deducted for advertising and promotion during the year compared to \$3.8 million in 1979.

Class I producer milk totaled 2.9 billion pounds and accounted for 51.46 percent of total pooled milk during 1980. The average daily

delivery per producer was 2112 pounds in 1980, 66 pounds or 3.2 percent above the average daily rate the prior year.

The Order No. 4 base milk price averaged \$13.30 per hundredweight during 1980, an increase of 85 cents over the previous year, while the average excess milk price of \$11.81 was 95 cents higher than in 1979.

The weighted average 1980 price was \$13.20 compared to \$12.29 a year earlier.

The Class I milk price averaged \$14.45 in 1980, up 90 cents from the 1979 average, while Class II milk prices averaged \$11.90 during 1980 and \$10.93 in 1979.

Governor inseedinated with ag ideas



During the Farm Show Preview held Sunday afternoon, Governor Dick Thornburgh and Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell included a stop at the Atlantic Breeders exhibit in the dairy barn.

Shown here from left are Secretary Hallowell; Ginny Thornburgh; Ed Sauder, Atlantic's Service Manager; N. Alan Bair, Director of Member-Public Relations for the Co-op; and Governor Thornburgh. Hallowell, a long-time Atlantic member, briefly explained the vital role play by artificial insemination in the cattle breeding industry as he served as host for the Governor's tour.



- Saturday, January 17**
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- Cumberland 10 meets with Edith Suders
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Berks Society 12 meets at the Boscov North Beauty Center for a talk by a beautician
- Tuesday, January 20**
Lancaster Society 22 meets with Naomi Wenger for a popcorn party
- Wednesday, January 21**
Lancaster Society 33 meets with Romaine Engle, Pennsylvania State Police Department, for a talk entitled "Lady Beware."
- Thursday, January 22**
Lancaster 26 meets with Polly Kreider for a Farm Show discussion.



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