

## April Order 4 base milk price set at \$14.02

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine today announced an April, 1981 base milk price of \$14.02 per hundredweight and an excess milk price of \$12.44. The weighted average April price was \$13.93 and the butterfat dif-

ferential for the month was 16.9 cents.

The base milk price declined four cents from March, while the April weighted average prices was down nine cents. The advertising withholding rate, which is deducted from the base and excess

milk price and not the weighted average price, was 13 cents a hundredweight and the amount withheld totaled over \$677,000.

The gross value of producer milk during April was \$72.4 million, compared to \$61.0 million a year ago.

Mr. Shine said that producer

totalled 520.8 million pounds during April and were at a record high level, exceeding the previous high in March, 1981 by over 682 thousand pounds a day. Milk production was up over 46.3 million pounds or 9.8 percent from last April. Production increased

seasonally by 4.1 percent from March, on a daily basis.

Class I producer milk totaled 242.8 million pounds and accounted for 46.62 percent of total producer milk receipts during the month, the lowest Class I percentage ever recorded. The Class I utilization last April was 49.96 percent. Base milk accounted for 86.79 percent of total producer milk receipts in April, compared to 88.98 in March and 88.11 percent a year ago. There were 7,470 producers supplying 64 Order 4 pool handlers during the month. The number of Order 4 producers was up by 221 from last April.

The average daily delivery per producer of 2,324 pounds was 142 pounds or 6.5 percent above a year ago. The average butterfat test of producer milk was 3.70 percent for the month, compared to 3.75 percent in March and 3.69 percent one year earlier.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I in-area milk sales of 204.7 million pounds during April, a drop of 1.2 percent from last April, after adjustment to eliminate variation due to calendar composition.

## Charolais cow wins Diamond award

HOUSTON, TEX. — The American-International Charolais Association's seventh and newest Diamond Dam of Distinction is the

registered purebred Charolais cow Queen Punkin, F 67161, owned by James and Carol Doughty, owners of Big Creek Charolais of Holden,

Missouri.

Queen Punkin was born on March 15, 1969 and is by the Charolais bull Prince Charmer, M 34701, out of the Charolais cow Genice, F 34572.

Queen Punkin had her first calf May 8, 1971 and her tenth and qualifying calf March 25, 1980 resulting in a 361-day calving interval. She has since had her eleventh calf, on March 14, 1981, just one day before her twelfth birthday.

Queen Punkin's 10 calves had an average adjusted 205-day weaning weight of 748 pounds and a ratio 15 percent above the average of their 111 contemporaries.

The Charolais bull Alphonse, M

7273, is both Queen Punkin's maternal and paternal grandsire. This combination of breeding make her one-eighth or 12.5 percent inbred.

To qualify for the AICA's Diamond Dam of Distinction Award, a registered purebred Charolais dam must produce 10 calves by 12 years of age, with each calf having an adjusted 205-day weaning weight ratio of 101 or greater. In addition, the cow must have a regular calving interval of 365 days. Twin calves are counted as one calving and no ovum transplants are eligible.

Owners of the cows that qualify for these awards receive an official certificate suitable for framing.

## Breeder group elects

COLUMBUS, Oh. — The Eastern Limousin Breeders Association held their annual membership meeting May 2 at the Ohio State Fairground in Columbus. Three new directors elected for three years, were Bob Bell, Cooksville, Md.; Ron Slagle, Bruston Mills, W.Va.; and Keith Kissie, Charlottesville, Va.

The membership approved the following Limousin shows for the coming year - Eastern National Livestock Show, The Ohio State Fair, and Highland County Fair, Hillsboro, OH. Several sizeable donations were given to help support these shows.

Rendell Shira, Mt. Vernon, Oh. director of the North American Limousin Junior Association, met with juniors interested in forming a junior association. The group decided to have an organizational meeting at the summer field day. Any youth interested in becoming a member should contact Rendell or this association.

In the board meeting following

the membership meeting, Larry Sterling, of Reedsville, W.Va., was re-elected president. The new vice-president is Bob Bell. Jim Fawley, of Lynchburg, Oh., was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Gordon Briggs, Gambier, Oh., was appointed again to direct the spring show and sale to be held May 1, 1982 at Columbus. Richard McDonald Jr., of Shippensburg, Pa., was appointed promotion chairman. Other members of the board are Harry Kesterson, Parkersburg, W.Va., and Charles McDonald, Inwood, W.Va.

The association territory includes Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and New England. All cattle breeders or persons interested in Limousin are encouraged to contact any member of the board or Jim Fawley, secretary-treasurer, 3540 Anderson Road, Lynchburg, Oh. 45142.



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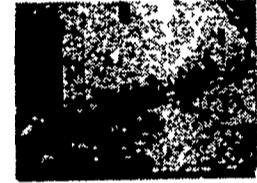
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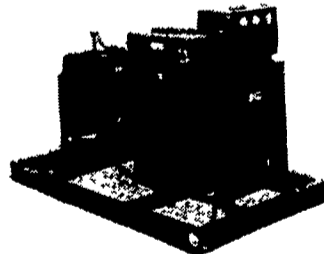
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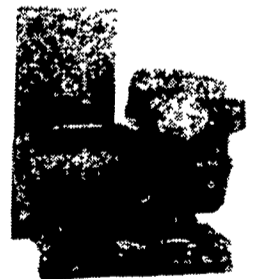
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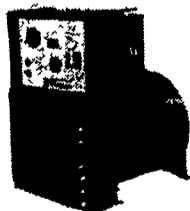
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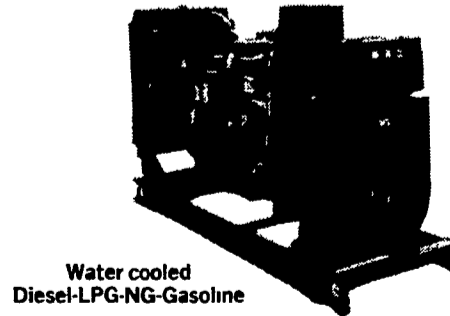
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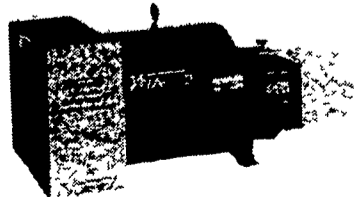
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