

NY-NJ shippers receive \$13 for April milk

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Dairy farmers who supplied milk plants regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during April will be paid on the basis of a uniform price of \$13 per hundredweight.

Market Administrator Thomas A. Wilson stated the uniform farm price per hundredweight was \$13.20 in March, 1981 and \$11.96 in April 1980. The uniform price is a marketwide weighted average of the value of farm milk used for fluid and manufactured dairy products.

The seasonal incentive fund removed \$.30 per hundredweight from the dairy farmers' uniform price for April, a total of \$2,922,184.81. Deductions will continue through June and will be returned in the August through November uniform price calculations.

A total of 17,622 dairy farmers supplied the New York-New Jersey Milk marketing Area with 974,061,604 pounds of milk during April, 1981. This was an increase of 4.7 percent (about 44 million pounds) from last year.

The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$129,063,697.26. Wilson explained this included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers, but not voluntary premiums or deductions

U.S. continues to lose valuable farmland

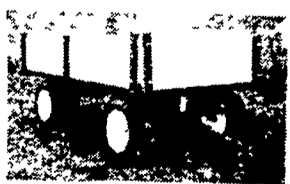
CHAMBERSBURG — Farmland becomes more expensive and scarce each year, reports John R. Akers, District Conservationist, with the Chambersburg office of the USDA Soil Conservation Service.

The average acre of United States farm real estate was valued at \$790 per acre. State averages per acre ran from a high of \$2977 in New Jersey to a low of \$160 in Wyoming. Pennsylvania's per acre average was \$1440. Both inflation and urban pressures caused farmland values to raise 9.3 percent last year.

In the United States about 3 million acres of rural land is lost each year. Of this, about 1 million acres is prime farmland. There is about 30 million acres of land in Pennsylvania, so in 10 years with farmland losses of 3 million acres per year in the United States, the nation loses an area the size of Pennsylvania for crop production.

"Everyone needs to become involved in the preservation of agricultural land," states Akers.

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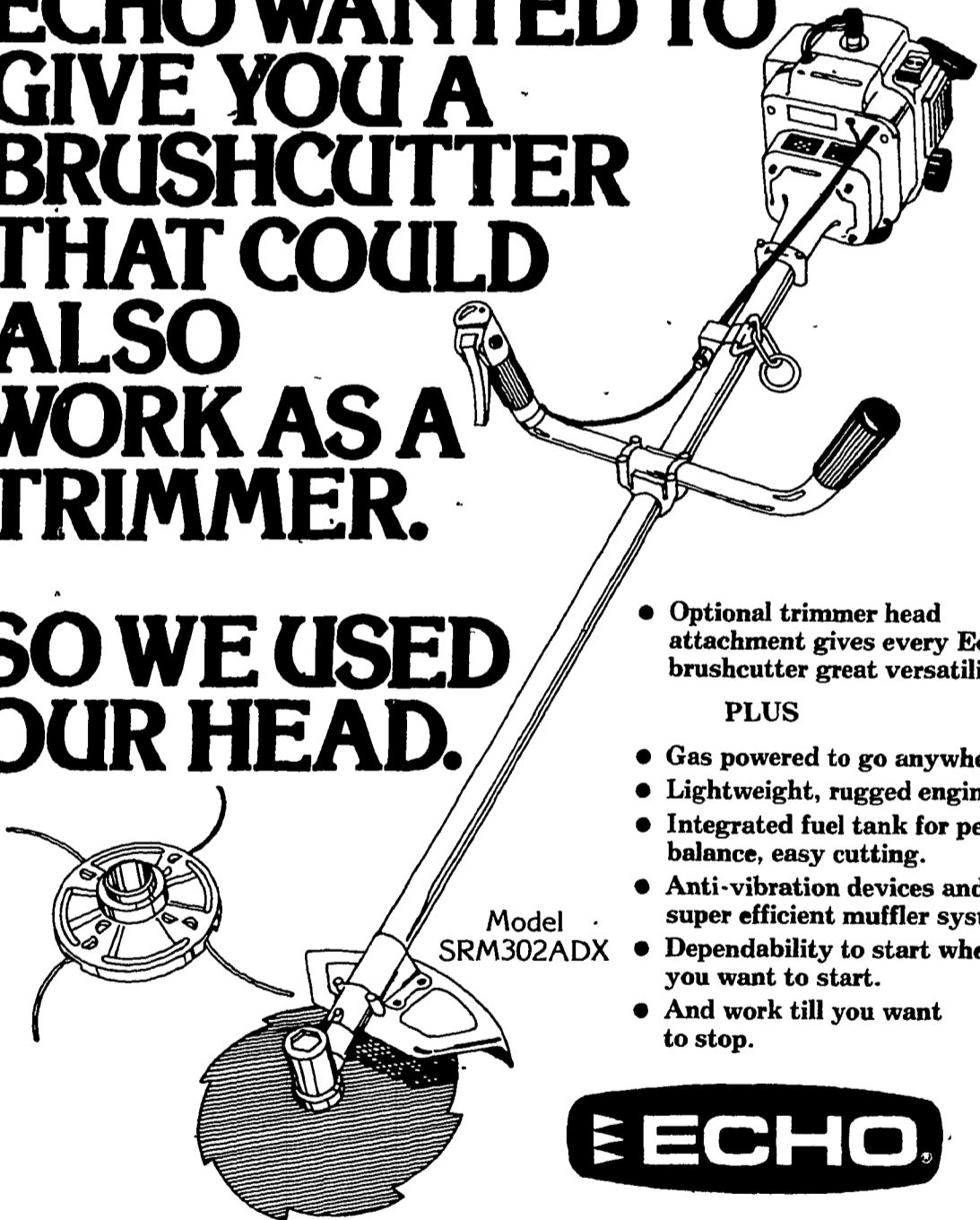


Dr. Robert L. Gluckstern (right foreground), chancellor at the University of Maryland in College Park, welcomed two agricultural scholars from the People's Republic of China last week in his office. This week, the chancellor left for a tour of colleges on the Chinese mainland. Shown at last week's welcoming session are (left to right): Chuanbing Fang, a Chinese tobacco breeder; Dr. John R. Moore,

professor of agricultural and resource economics at the College Park campus; Dr. M. Kenneth Aycok, Jr., professor of agronomy; Dr. Hongnian Chin, a Chinese veterinarian; Dr. Warren W. Marquardt, professor of veterinary science, Chancellor Gluckstern, and Dr. Earl H. Brown, dean of the university's College of Agriculture.

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