

# Philly dairy requests reduction in Class 1 receipts

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently received a request from Michael Dairies, Inc., Philadelphia, for a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the order regulating the handling of milk in the Middle Atlantic Marketing Area, Federal Order No. 4.

The proposed amendments would:

- include all types of pool plants under the pooling provision which provides that a supply plant meeting pooling performance requirements during the period September through February may be automatically qualified in the following months of March through August;

- reduce from 40 percent to 30 percent the percentage of receipts required to be disposed of as Class I milk by a pool distributing plant;

- increase from 18 to 21 the number of a dairy farmer's days of production which may be diverted to nonpool plants during any month of September through February.

According to the Federal Milk Market Administrator, the proposals have not yet been approved for inclusion in a notice of hearing. Before deciding whether a hearing should be held, USDA is providing interested parties an opportunity to submit additional proposals.

When submitting proposals, USDA stresses they should be stated in specific terms so that hearing issues are clearly set forth. Four copies of proposals should be mailed to: Deputy Administrator, Marketing Program Operations, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Deadline for submissions is June 26, 1981.

Each proposal should be accompanied by a brief but comprehensive statement on the need for the proposal, USDA notes. The statement will be used in deciding whether the proposal should be considered at a hearing.

A hearing would be limited to the proposals included in a hearing notice. However, appropriate modifications of proposals included in the notice also may be

considered at the hearing if the modifications would not enlarge the marketing area or regulate persons not now subject to the order.

Any proposals that would extend regulations should be accompanied by the names and addresses of persons who advocates believe would be affected by the proposed extension and an estimate of the number of additional dairy farmers involved.

In addition, proposals that would enlarge the marketing area should be accompanied by the following data and views with respect to each territory proposed to be added:

- the approximate quantity of fluid milk products sold by advocate in each territory (county, town, city, or other locality) proposed to be added to the marketing area;

- the approximate percentage that above sales are of the advocate's total fluid milk product sales;

- the names and addresses of all handlers (including own) selling fluid milk products in each territory proposed to be added to the marketing area, with an estimate of the proportion that each handler's sales are of the total sales in each proposed area;

- the approximate number of dairy farmers associated with

each area proposed to be added who would become producers if the marketing area were enlarged'

- the name and address of each cooperative association having members associated with the territory proposed to be added to the marketing area; and

- a brief but comprehensive statement in support of the proposal(s) to enlarge the marketing area.

Beginning January 1, 1981, actions under the Federal milk order

program became subject to the "Regulatory Flexibility Act" (P.L. 96-354). This act seeks to ensure that, within the statutory authority of a program, the regulatory and informational requirements are tailored to the size and nature of small businesses.

For the purpose of the Federal order program, a small business will be considered as one which is independently owned and operated and which is not dominant in its field of operation. Most parties

subject to a milk order are considered as a small business. Accordingly, interested parties are invited to submit hearing proposals that would carry out the intent of this act.

If the USDA concludes a hearing should be held, all known interested parties will be mailed a copy of the hearing notice. Anyone who desires to present evidence on proposals set forth in the hearing notice will have an opportunity to do so at the hearing.



## Idste Memorial Fund donates to Br. Swiss Shrine

BELOIT, Wisc. — The Dairy Shrine Permanent Home Fund has received a \$1000 donation from the Fred S. Idste Memorial Fund.

The Board of Directors of the National Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association approved the action at a recent board meeting. Mrs. Fred Idste also approved the donation.

Fred Idste served as secretary-treasurer of the National Brown Swiss Association from 1942-1963. He was a charter member of the Dairy Shrine Club and chaired its organizational meeting. Idste initiated the idea of a permanent home for the Dairy Shrine.

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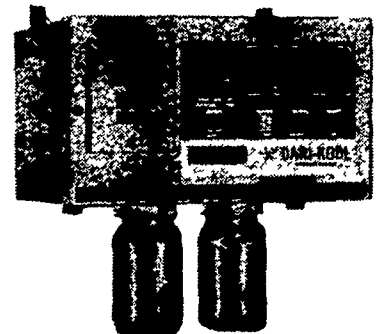
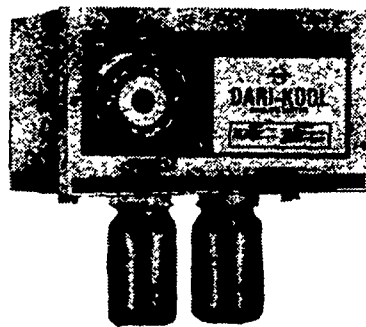


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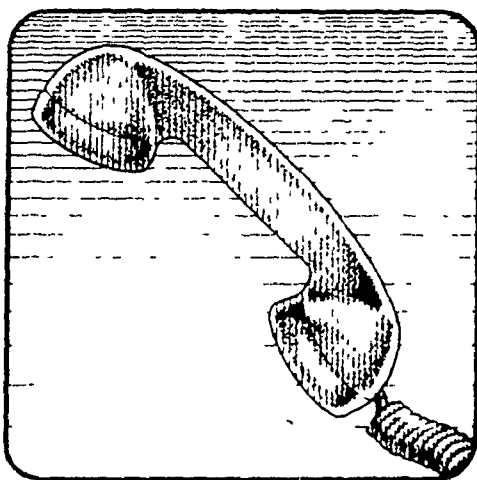
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