

## Suggested Readings

### Federal milk marketing orders

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has just updated "The Federal Milk Marketing Order Program," a booklet that explains milk marketing orders.

"This booklet describes how federal milk marketing orders were developed, their evolution under changing marketing conditions, their current scope and operation, and a look at where the future may take the marketing orders," said Herbert L. Forest, dairy official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Services.

"The 43-page booklet is an in-depth review of this important and complex program for orderly milk marketing," he said.

Currently, there are 48 milk marketing orders that regulate the prices farmers receive for 75 percent of the milk used for fluid purposes. One of the 48 orders was implemented since the booklet went to press. Presently, USDA is studying proposals for one more order and for the merger of six orders into two.

"In recent decades, the number of orders has decreased from more than 80 to the current number, while the percentage of dairy farmers marketing milk under marketing orders has increased," said Forest.

"Federal milk marketing orders set minimum prices that regulated handlers must pay dairy farmers for their milk," he said. "The orders do not set the prices consumers pay for dairy products at retail outlets."

Free copies of "The Federal Milk Marketing Order Program," MB-27, may be obtained from: Dairy Division, rm. 2758-S, AMS, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

### Order 4 August milk price at \$15.37

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine today announced a Class I milk price of \$15.37 per hundredweight for August, 1981. This price is down two cents from the July price but is 91 cents above the August, 1980 price.

Order No. 4 prices are announced for milk testing 3.5 percent butterfat, f.o.b. plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia, PA and also within 75 miles from the nearer of Washington, DC or Baltimore, MD. There is also a 6-cent direct-delivery differential applicable to producer milk received at plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia.

Mr. Shine announced a Class II milk price of \$12.50 per hundredweight for June, 1981 and a butterfat differential of 17.0 cents for the month. The Class II milk

price is down one cent from the previous month while the butterfat differential increased by one-tenth of a cent.

These class prices are based on the June 1981 Minnesota-Wisconsin manufacturing milk price of \$12.59 per hundredweight adjusted to a 3.5 percent butterfat content.

The USDA reported that the wholesale price of Grade A butter at Chicago for June was \$1.4750 per pound and the nonfat dry milk price was \$.9355 per pound, f.o.b. plants in the Chicago area.

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Skills and training are emphasized, as well as the preparation of the animal for

showing. And the booklet is well-illustrated.

This booklet is offered free in quantities of one to five. It is also free, in quantities of 30 to 35, for use in the classroom or by 4-H clubs and the Future Farmers of America. Other orders in excess of five are 40 cents each.

To order copies of "The Young Cattleman", or to learn more about it, contact the American-International Charolais Association, 1610 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, Tx., 77054.

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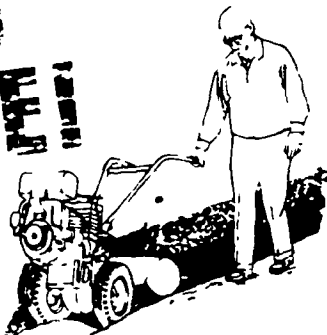
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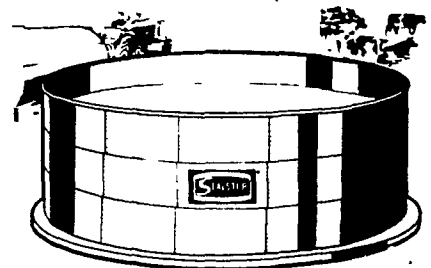
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