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## **ORDER NO. 4 CLASS I MILK PRICE FOR OCTOBER 1981**

Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine announced a Class I milk price of \$15.25 per hundredweight for October 1981. This price is down six cents from the September price but is 61 cents above the October 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 and also within 75 miles from the nearer of Washington, DC or Baltimore, MD. There is also a 6cent direct-delivery differential applicable to producer milk received at plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia.

Shine announced a Class II milk price of \$12.59 per hundredweight for August 1981 and a butterfat differential of 17.0 cents for the month. The Class II milk price is up one cent from the previous month while the butterfat differential is unchanged. These class prices are based on

the August 1981 Minnesota-Wisconsin manufacturing milk price of \$12.47 per hundredweight adjusted to a 3.5 percent butterfat content.

The USDA reported that the wholesale price of Grade A butter .at Chicago for August was \$1.4803 per pound and the nonfat dry milk price was \$.9351 per pound, f.o.b.

## **RECOMMENDED DECISION** ISSUED ON NEW ENGLAND **MILK ORDER:**

Dairy farmers, cooperatives, milk dealers and consumers have until Sept. 22 to give the U.S. Department of Agriculture their comments on a recommended decision that would amend the New England federal milk marketing order.

Herbert L. Forest, dairy official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said the recommended decision is based on the record of a public hearing held in Framingham, Mass., on Sept. 9-11. The hearing had been requested by the Association of New England Milk Dealers, Green Mountain Cooperative Federation, Inc., and the National Farmers Organization. Others - submitting hearing proposals were the Association of Rhode Island Milk Dealers, Moser Farms Dairy, Inc., and the Massachusetts Milk Control Commission.

Forest said the recommended decision would revise the pricing. structure under the order by reflecting increased hauling costs in the location adjustments for determining one prices at milk plants. Also, the recommended decision proposes changes in the classification and pricing of milk moved between and in the order's diversion limits.

The recommended decision will be published in the Sept. 2 Federal

from: Market Administrator Oscar Zucchi, 230 Congress St., Rm. 403, Boston, Mass. Comments should be sent to Hearing Clerk, Rm. 1077-S, AMS, USDA, Washington, D.C., where they will be available for public inspection.

AMENDED ORDER NO. 2 APPROVED IN REFERENDUM An amended New York-New Jersey milk marketing order was approved in a referendin of Order No. 2 producers.

The amended order was ratified by 89 percent of the 10,787 producers voting in the referendum which ended July 22, 1981

The amended order, effective September 1, 1981, was signed in Washington, D.C. by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Marketing and Inspection-Services John E. Ford on August 13, 1981.

The final decision and referendum order were signed-in Washington, D.C. by Assistant Secretary C. W. McMillan on June 22, 1981. The amended order was based on the hearing held in Albany, New York in June 1980.

A recommended decision was issued on March 12. 1981 followed by the opportunity for interested persons to file written exceptions.

**ORDER CHANGES** The amended order will include the following charges:

The transportation differential, applied to Class I and uniform prices, will change to +2.2 cents for each 10-mile zone inside the 201-210 mile zone.

The direct delivery differential will be changed to a fixed differential of 15 cents per hundredweight, applied to Class I and uniform: prices. The fixed differential will apply to all milk produced within the 1-70 mile zone. The hauling deduction, authorized by the producer, will change from a maximum of 15 cents per-hundredweight to the actual cost of farm-to-first plant hauling, less the 15-cent bulk

transportation credit, and less any amount that the class use value of the milk at the plant of first receipt exceeds the class use value at the bulk tank unit. --

The changes are designed to reflect the higher-cost of transporting milk from farms to plants and to achieve better price alignment between Order No. 2 and the Middle, Atlantic Marketing Area.

The changes will tend to equalize the cost of obtaining milk among competing New York metropolitan area handlers as well.

## Animal rights get poultry meetings off to 'hot' start

LANCASTER - The Penn State poration. poultry science department is starting off its fall-series of producer meetings here at the Holiday Inn North on Monday with a hot topic - animal rights.

The meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner, will highlight the current movement of animal rights groups. Sharing his experiences and up-to-date information with the group will be John Fidler of Pennfield Cor-

Also on the agenda is Penn State's H. B. Graves, a recognized authority on animal behavior. He will be discussing nutritional, management and behavorial aspects of animal rights.

For more information, contact Owen D. Keene, Extension specialist in poultry science at 814/865-5573.

The Holiday Inn North is located along Route 30, north of Lancaster.



