

# MILK MARKET NEWS

## Federal Order No. 2 New York-New Jersey Marketing Area

### October Milk Brings \$13.87

Dairy farmers who supplied milk plants regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during October will be paid on the basis of a uniform price of \$13.87 per hundredweight (29.8 cents per quart).

Market Administrator Thomas A. Wilson recently stated that the uniform farm price per hundredweight was \$13.83 in September 1981 and \$13.57 in October 1980.

The seasonal incentive fund returned a total of \$3,848,826.38 or \$.447 per hundredweight to the dairy farmer's uniform price for October. This fund was generated by reducing the uniform price paid to producers during the high production spring months.

A total of 17,740 dairy farmers supplied the New York-New Jersey Milk Marketing Area with 861,747,983 pounds of milk during October 1981. This was an increase of 2.6 percent (about 22 million pounds) from last year.

The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$122,926,361.97. Wilson explained this included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not voluntary premiums or deductions authorized by the farmer.

Regulated milk dealers utilized 405,042,168 pounds of milk for Class I, 47.0 percent of the total. This milk is used for fluid milk products such as homogenized, flavored, low test and skim milks. For October 1981, handlers paid \$14.72 per hundredweight (31.7 cents per quart), for Class I milk compared with \$14.11 a year ago.

The balance, 53.0 percent, was used to manufacture Class II products including butter, cheese, ice cream and yogurt. For this milk, handlers paid \$12.58 per hundredweight.

The uniform price is based on milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat. For October 1981, a dif-

ferential of 17.3 cents was applied to the price for each one-tenth of one percent that the milk tested above or below the 3.5 percent standard.

## Federal Order No. 4 Middle-Atlantic Marketing Area October Summary Includes \$14.01 base price

The October 1981 base milk price for Order No. 4 was \$14.01 per hundredweight and the excess milk price was \$12.47. The October weighted average price was \$14.01 and the butterfat differential for the month was 17.3 cents.

The base milk price was up two cents from September, while the weighted average price increased three cents. The October base milk price was 29 cents higher than last year.

The advertising withholding rate, which is deducted from the base and excess milk prices but not the weighted average price, was 13 cents a hundredweight and the amount withheld totaled \$631,615.92. The gross value of producer milk during October was \$67.8 million compared to \$64.9 million a year ago.

Producer milk receipts totaled 485.9 million pounds during October, a drop of 0.2 percent from September, on a daily basis, but up 11.6 million pounds or 2.4 percent from a year ago.

During the first ten months of this year, producer milk receipts were up 6.3 percent, on a daily basis, or almost 300 million pounds.

Class I producer milk totaled 250.9 million pounds and accounted for 51.64 percent of total receipts. A year ago Class I producer milk totaled 262.3 million pounds and represented 55.31 percent of total milk receipts. Base milk accounted for 91.78 percent of total October production compared to 90.92 percent last year.

There were 7,098 producers supplying pool handlers in October. This was 147 less than in September and a decline of 399

from June. A year ago there were 7,362 producers. The average daily delivery per producer was 2,208 pounds for the month, an increase of 40 pounds from September and 130 pounds or 6.3 percent higher than the October 1980 average. They average butterfat test of producer milk increased from 3.57 percent in September to 3.72 in October.

Middle Atlantic order pool handlers reported Class I in area milk disposition of 216.9 million pounds during October, a drop of 3.6 percent from a year earlier, after adjustment to eliminate variation due to calendar composition.

State production continues to rise  
**HARRISBURG** — Milk production in Pennsylvania during October 1981 totaled 735 million pounds, up three percent from a year earlier according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The number of milk cows in the Commonwealth during October averaged 714,000 head, down 4,000 head from a year ago. Milk production per cow averaged 1,030 pounds in October, 40 pounds from a year ago and 70 pounds above October 1979.

United States milk production during October totaled 10.7 billion pounds, three percent above October 1980. Milk production per cow averaged 981 pounds, 18 pounds above last year and 45 pounds more than October 1979.

Milk cows on farms averaged 10.9 million head, up one percent from last year.

## Pa Quarterly Report Western PA dairy farmers pay more for production

Although the cost for producing a hundredweight of milk on a state average was \$12.84 in September 1981, dairy farmers producing for the Pittsburgh milkshed accounted for \$1.01 more in their production cost, with a \$13.85 per hundredweight average.

Those farmers producing for the Philadelphia milkshed were on the other end of the spectrum at \$12.36 per hundredweight of milk. And northeastern Pa. farmers averaged \$13.13 to produce a hundredweight of milk in the New York milkshed.

Milk production in the state during the first nine months of 1981 totaled 6.672 billion pounds, according to a recent report from the state Crop Reporting Service. This production is about five percent more than the same period a year ago and almost ten percent more than in 1979. Average monthly production per cow during the nine month period was 1,044 pounds, up 48 pounds per cow from the same period a year earlier.

Wholesale milk prices reported by dairymen during the first eight months of 1981 averaged \$13.70, seven percent higher than 1980.

**Final Decision Issued On  
New England Milk Order**  
Dairy farmers will be polled

through their cooperative associations to determine if they approve of a final decision of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that would amend the New England federal milk marketing order.

Herbert L. Forest, dairy official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service in Washington, D.C., said the final decision is based on the record of a public hearing held in Framingham, Mass., on Sept. 9-11, 1980.

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

The final decision is available from: Oscar Zucchi, market administrator, 230 Congress St., Rm 403, Boston Mass.; or Dairy Division, AMS, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

## ? That's A ? Good Question

Recently, Gene Odato wrote to us and asked if we would find out where he could purchase some rubber fingers for a duck plucker.

Ever ask a question and you don't really expect an answer?

Well, we were hesitant. But, we're glad to say we haven't received an answer - we've received three answers! Now Gene Odato can get back to plucking, we can get back to more questions, and you can purchase rubber fingers along with Gene by picking or should we say plucking, out the address which suits you best:

1. Martin Roy of Warrenton, VA, writes that Valentine Equipment Co carries 3 sizes of fingers. Their address is 7510 S. Madison St., Box 53, Hinsdale, Ill., 60521. Phone number is 312-323-7070. Thanks to Martin Roy, R2, Box 109, Warrenton, Va 22186

2. Clark Derr of Manheim personally delivered to our door this address: North Sports, R2, Box 54, Dept FFG, Heyward, Wis., 54843. Their number is 715-634-

8217 and they supply brochures on request. Thanks to Clark Derr of R2, Manheim

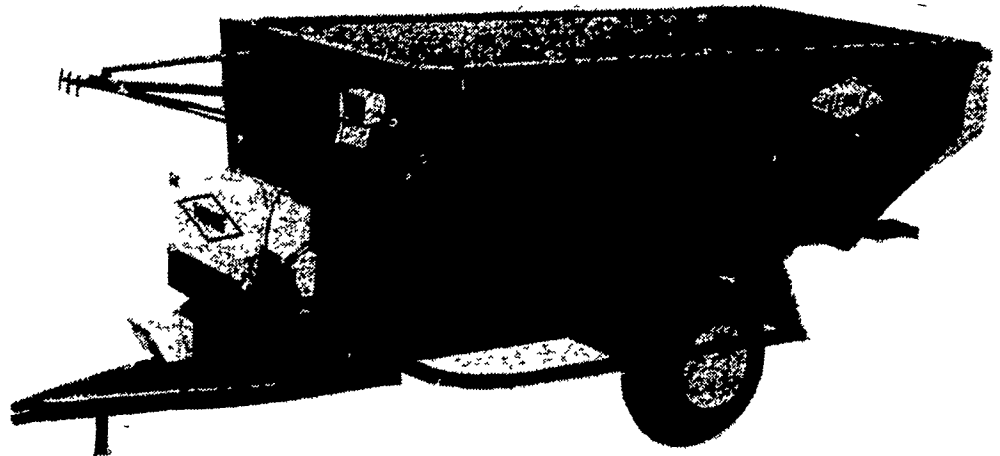
3. Mrs. William Schlicher of Zionsville writes that she gets her fingers from Pickwick, 1120 Glass Rd. N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52402. Thanks to Mrs. Schlicher, Box 327, R1, Zionsville, PA, 18092

Mr. Caselli of Newfield, N.J., has requested the address for world weather stories. If anybody else is interested, the address is NOAA/USDA Joint Agricultural Weather Facility, USDA South Bldg., Room 5844, Washington, D.C. 20250. Subscriptions to their Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin, published Tuesdays at noon, cost \$13 a year



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