

# PMMB may appeal

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The court also found that the four dealers did not represent an adequate cross-section but rather only 25 percent of the licensed dealers and accounted for 28 percent of the volume of the milk sold in Zone 2.

Judge Craig's spokeswoman explained that the board's use of unit costs is essential in price determination. However, the profit and loss statements of the four dealers did not reflect unit costs, she said.

The court ruled that the board must consider lower costs incurred by processors who manufacture their own containers with in line blow molding equipment.

Upon reviewing Lily Penn's appeal, the court discovered that

eight plants in the area had such equipment, but the four dealers did not.

Another significant point in the court's decision was the subject of low fat and skim milk versus whole milk. The lower fat products cost between 30 and 40 cents less to process, yet sell for just pennies less on the shelf.

Judge Craig wrote, "the board abused its discretion in rejecting the only material evidence on the issue of low fat and skim milk."

There has been concern on the farm level as a result of the action.

"I'm concerned the ruling will lower returns to the dairy, itself," said Donald Duncan, president of the Berks County Dairy Farmers Association.

Duncan said he was surprised the

action came before his order's (Area 2 Zone 1 — Berks, Lehigh and Northampton Counties), pending hearing next week.

The Area 2 hearing was called by the PMMB to determine what changes may be necessary following a recent area merger which removed Monroe County from Area 2 Zone 1 and placed it in the larger Northeastern-East Central Area merger.

The merger was a result of the PMMB's decision earlier this year to develop a larger cross-section of dealers, handlers and producers for future price hearings.



# USDA scientist receives \$25,000 research award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Hamish N. Munro, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, received a new \$25,000 award for nutrition research at a recent symposium.

This was the first presentation of an award newly established by Bristol Myers for "Distinguished Nutrition Research."

"Dr. Munro's award is richly deserved because of his significant contribution to the progress that has been achieved in both clinical and basic aspects of human nutritional research," said Secretary of Agriculture John R.

Block.

Munro is recognized as an authority on how the body uses amino acids and proteins. He has continued his research while directing the Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging operated by USDA's Agricultural Research Service at Tufts University in the Boston area.

Author of numerous publications, including several books on metabolism, Munro conducted experiments to determine how the body metabolizes protein. In conjunction with Vernon R. Young, he identified methylhistidine, a substance in urine that now is used routinely to determine the rate at which muscle protein is metabolized.

This substance may prove useful in identifying muscular dystrophy as well as studying the response of muscle to starvation and injury.

Munro developed the standard technique for isolating ferritin, the protein shell that stores iron in the body, and a molecular model of how ferritin works in relationship to the amount of iron available. In another research area, he developed the standard method for estimating the amount of RNA and DNA in mammalian tissue.

At the Nutrition Center on Aging, Munro's research focuses on the impact of nutrition on progressive change in tissue composition such as osteoporosis, cardiovascular disease and senility.



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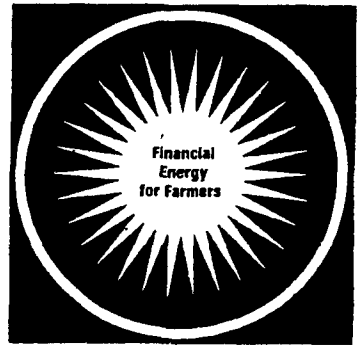
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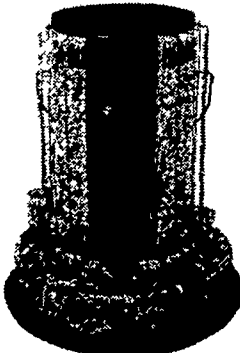


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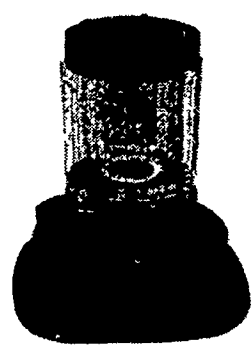
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