

New egg co-op

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commitments from producers that will bring the total of birds to 28 million.

"And the owners of another 10 million birds are still considering membership."

The producers are located in such states as Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and throughout the southern states, as in the case of Cal-Maine.

Seaboard, which has production facilities in Pennsylvania, is also a member. Another Pennsylvania producer, representing a half-million birds, is said to be in the committed category.

To illustrate the size of the co-op, which could number from 18 million to 38 million birds, it can be compared to Lancaster County, the heart of egg production for the state. Lancaster County has about 7.5 million layers.

The co-op, although only a little over a week old, has attracted considerable additional interest in the Commonwealth. Overstreet will be the featured speaker at the January 8 meeting of the Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association in Lancaster.

The U.S. Egg Marketers is now in the process of recruiting a general manager.

"This is our first order of business," Overstreet said.

"We have several applicants and a committee is now in the process of reviewing them.

"We expect to name a manager and be in business within a couple of weeks."

The main objective of the new co-op is an improved and orderly participation in the export business, according to Overstreet.

"The primary objective is to have a firm committed base of eggs for the export market," Overstreet said.

"We've missed a lot of profitable export sales because we didn't have this firm committed base."

"Each member of the co-op agrees to commit a certain number of eggs to the export market."

Also, the co-op may become involved in the movement of eggs from areas of surplus to areas of deficiency.

"We'd do this with the least disruption to the market place," Overstreet said.

The co-op would continue to participate in the marketing programs of established groups, such as National Egg Company, United Egg Producers and the Northeast Egg Marketing Association.

But if UEP had an export market, the co-op could guarantee a certain number of eggs and the remainder could be secured from UEP members, Overstreet explained.

Overstreet further explained that membership in the co-op requires ownership or operation of

MILK MARKET NEWS

Federal Order No. 2
November uniform price set at \$13.74

Dairy farmers who supplied milk plants regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during November will be paid on the basis of a uniform price of \$13.74 per hundredweight (29.5 cents per quart).

Market Administrator Thomas A. Wilson also stated that the uniform farm price per hundredweight was \$13.87 in October 1981 and \$13.54 in November 1980.

The seasonal incentive fund returned \$2,726,741.01 (including \$802,327.81 interest) to the dairy farmer's uniform price for November, or \$.328 per hundredweight. The fund was generated by reducing the uniform price during the high-production spring months.

A total of 17,693 dairy farmers

are laying house. A person can own a house outright, lease it and operate it or own it and have someone else operate it. The operation can be involved in contract production, but the person must own the house.

Other officers of the U.S. Egg Marketers include Charles Culley, vice president; and E. C. Hughes, treasurer.

Overstreet said he was invited to speak at the January 8 PEMA meeting and will explain the group's objectives and outline the advantages of the co-op to the egg producers.

supplied the New York-New Jersey Milk Marketing Area with 831,504,000 pounds of milk during November 1981. This was an increase of 3.2 percent (about 26 million pounds) from last year. The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$117,241,970.22. Wilson explained that this included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not voluntary premiums or deductions authorized by the farmer.

Regulated milk dealers utilized 382,448,512 pounds of milk for Class I, 46.0 percent of the total. This milk is used for fluid milk products such as homogenized, flavored, low test and skim milks. For November 1981, dealers paid \$14.71 per hundredweight (31.6 cents per quart) for Class I milk compared with \$14.32 a year ago.

The balance, 54.0 percent, was used to manufacture Class II products including butter, cheese, ice cream and yogurt. For this milk, handler paid \$12.58 per hundredweight.

The uniform price is based on milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat. For November 1981, a differential of 17.1 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.

All prices quoted are for bulk tank milk received within the 201-210 mile zone from New York City.

Federal Order No. 4
January Class I price remains the same
Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine announced a Class I milk price of \$15.30 per hundredweight for January 1982.

This price is unchanged from the December price and is also the same as the January 1981 Class I 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 6-cent direct-delivery differential applicable to producer milk received at plants located within 55 miles of Philadelphia.

Shine announced a Class II milk price of \$12.60 per hundredweight for November 1981 and a butterfat differential of 17.1 cents for the month. The Class II milk price is also unchanged from the previous month while the butterfat differential is down two-tenths of a cent.

These class prices are based on the November 1981 Minnesota-Wisconsin manufacturing milk price of \$12.52 per hundredweight adjusted to a 3.5 percent butterfat content.

The USDA reported that the wholesale price of Grade A butter at Chicago for November was \$1.4888 per pound and the nonfat dry milk price was \$.9391 per pound, f.o.b. plants in the Chicago area.

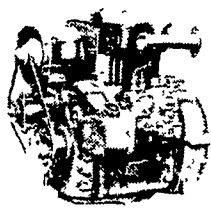
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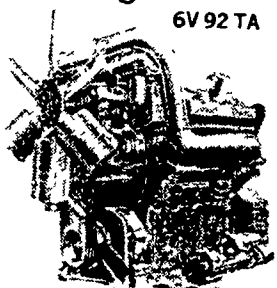


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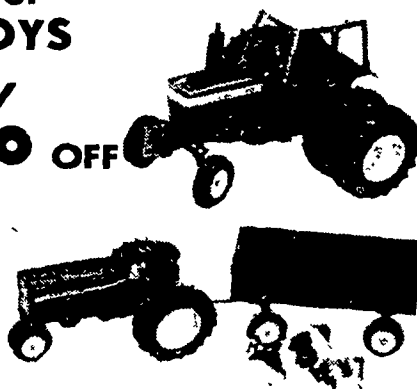
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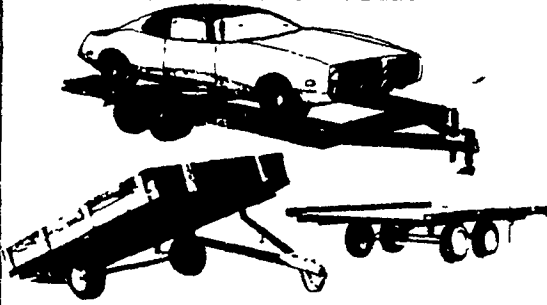


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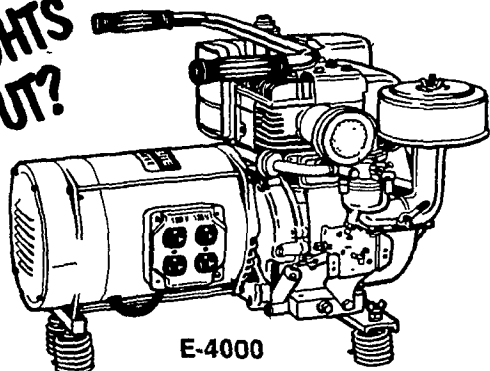
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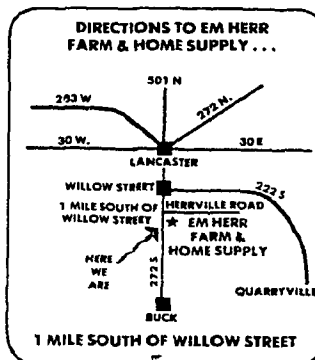
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