

The Milk Check

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No, Virginia
It doesn't look like Santa Claus will be coming to town for dairy farmers this year. The uniform price for Order 2 shippers dropped 13 cents for November milk; you may be losing the parity formula as a basis for the dairy support price program and butter prices hitting their usual end-of-the-year slump.

First, the uniform price in Order 2 for November milk fell to \$13.74 mainly because there was only 33 cents a hundred left in the Louisville Plan account compared to the 45 cents you got in November.

The other penny was lost by a drop in the Class I utilization from 47 to 46 percent. Your total production was down about 100,000 pounds a day but you sold about 300,000 pounds less per day of fluid milk. This was due mainly to the five weekends in November - believe it or not.

It's not because people don't drink milk on weekends but because fluid milk bottling is not done on weekends. Most of the bottling - it's still called bottling even though milk bottles are

collectors' items - is done early in the week and hauled off to all the supermarkets for end-of-the-week sales. Milk brought in from farms late in the week is pasteurized and held in silos until the following week.

So, since utilization isn't reported by the handler until he sells the milk five weekends, fluid milk sales look bad.

Pancake
Every time you read a farm magazine (or newsletter) these days someone's telling you that milk prices will be "flat" into the "foreseeable future". Just how flat they can be was demonstrated by the November prices. Taking away the Louisville Plan payments for October and November you got the same \$13.42 for your milk both months.

The Class II price was exactly the same at \$12.58 as, of course, was the Minnesota-Wisconsin series at \$12.52. Class I prices were a cent lower in November at \$14.71 and manufacturing grade milk prices were down five cents to \$12.38. That's the one that's supposed to be supported at \$12.80. However, it's not peculiar to Oc-

tober and November but it's really the same uniform price you were getting a year ago in December 1980.

All of this money that you put into the Louisville Plan fund and the seasonal differentials on Class II milk make the numbers go up and down, but when you get to the bottom line, the market price has been the same for a year.

Over or Under
Dairy farmers are divided on whether they are over producing ten pounds of milk for every 100 pounds they send to market if the public is under consuming. If it's over produced, we need a reduction of 50,000 pounds of milk a year by each dairy farm or get 25,000 farmers to quit milking cows. If you believe the answer is getting people to eat more dairy products, then all we have to do is increase per capita consumption by 12 percent.

The second idea has the most appeal for young farmers, but all dairymen in Pennsylvania will have an opportunity to decide next spring when the Department of Agriculture conducts a referendum to determine if producers want to contribute equally to finance the efforts to get that 12 percent increase in dairy product consumption.

The details will be worked out by the Dairy Promotion Advisory Committee before Christmas but it looks like about 10 cents per hundred contribution to provide a \$9 million fund for advertising Pennsylvania dairy products.

Some farmers are paying more than that now but all other programs would be discontinued and everyone would pay the same rate based on his milk production. Watch for more details.

York ASCS announces election results

YORK — The York County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service recently held its elections for 1982 committeemen.

Elected chairman of the county committee was Richard L. Deardorff, with William Nace selected as vice chairman. Glenn P. Warner makes up the third member of the county board with Dean Maifold and Geary Huntsberger serving as first and second alternates, respectively.

The following community committeemen were elected:

- Community #1**
Fairview and Newberry Townships
Geary W. Huntsberger, R1 Ethers, E. Wayne Beshore, R1 New Cumberland, Robert G. Traver, Lewisberry, Eugene W. Ort, R2 Ethers, Henry W. Brenner, R2 York Haven
- Community #2**
Carroll, Monahan & Franklin Townships
Guy M. Hoffman, R2 Dillsburg, Paul A. Myers, R3 Dillsburg, Fred S. Kimmel, R1 Dillsburg, Norman H. Shelly Sr., R5 Dillsburg, Philip Van Lieu, R1 Dillsburg
- Community #3**
Warrington & Washington Townships
Gary Altland, R1 Wellsville, Ray E. Orner, R2 Dillsburg, Roy E. Berkheimer Jr., R1 Wellsville, Sterling J. Mummert, R2 Dillsburg, Dale E. Myers, R1 Wellsville
- Community #4**
Conewago, East Manchester & Manchester Townships
Doll L. Zirkle, R2 Manchester, Noah B. Hershey, R1 York, Russel Rentzel, R1 Mt. Wolf, Blaine Knepper, R5 York, Eugene B. Taylor, R2 Manchester
- Community #5**
Dover & West Manchester Townships
Richard E. Stough, R6 York, Walter S. Laird, Dover, C. Fred McGhee, Dover, Albert Garber, R6 York, Richard A. Dettler, R2 Dover
- Community #6**
Jackson & Paradise Townships
Donald M. Eyster, R4 Spring Grove, Rodney C. Eisenhart, R1 Thomasville, Carlton L. Jacobs, R1 East Berlin, Philip D. Laughman, R2 Thomasville, George L. Ruth, R1 East Berlin
- Community #7**
Springettsbury, Hellam & Spring Garden Townships
Marlyn E. Miller, R11 York, Ellsworth E. Lehman

Jr. R11 York, Radford Keeney, R11 York, Preston E. Chronister, R7 York, Larry Amspacher, R7 York

Community #8
Windsor & Lower Windsor Townships
Clayton C. Tyson, R3 Red Lion, David S. Evans, R12 York, Richard E. Workinger, Windsor, Elwood E. Chronister, R2 Windsor, Richard Stauffer, R12 York

Community #9
York & Springfield Townships
N. Emmert Sweitzer, R2 Seven Valleys, Dennis L. McWilliams, R2 Seven Valleys, Emory E. Beck, R2 Seven Valleys, Andrew S. Myers, R1 Dallastown, John W. Hunt, R1 Seven Valleys

Community #10
Chanceford & Lower Chanceford Townships
Henry E. Tyson, R2 Arville, Robert Jordan, R1 Brogue, Desola Burchett, R1 Arville, Ray E. Bacon, R2 Felton, Ellis Crowl, R2 Arville

Community #11
Fawn & Peach Bottom Townships
L. Earl Gross, Fawn Grove, Eugene D. Scott, R1 New Park, David Wilson, R1 New Park, Charles E. Richardson, R1 Fawn Grove, John M. Brown, R1 New Park

Community #12
Hopewell, North Hopewell & East Hopewell Townships
Harold R. Miller Jr., R3 Stewartstown, John W. Marsteller Sr., R3 Stewartstown, W. Dean Manifold, R2 Stewartstown, Roy G. Jackson Jr., R3 Felton, J. Daniel Wolf, R2 Stewartstown

Community #13
Shrewsbury Township
Vernon L. Sieling, R1 New Freedom, Harry C. Wolf, R1 New Freedom, John S. Thompson, Shrewsbury, Luther S. Arendt, R1 Glen Rock, Aaron A. Amspacher, R1 Glen Rock

Community #14
Codorus & Marheim Townships
Donald E. Meckley, R3 Glen Rock, Roy D. Gladfelter, R3 Glen Rock, Clark A. Thomas, R3 Glen Rock, Carl E. Close, R1 Glen Rock, Preston O. Gantz, R1 Seven Valleys



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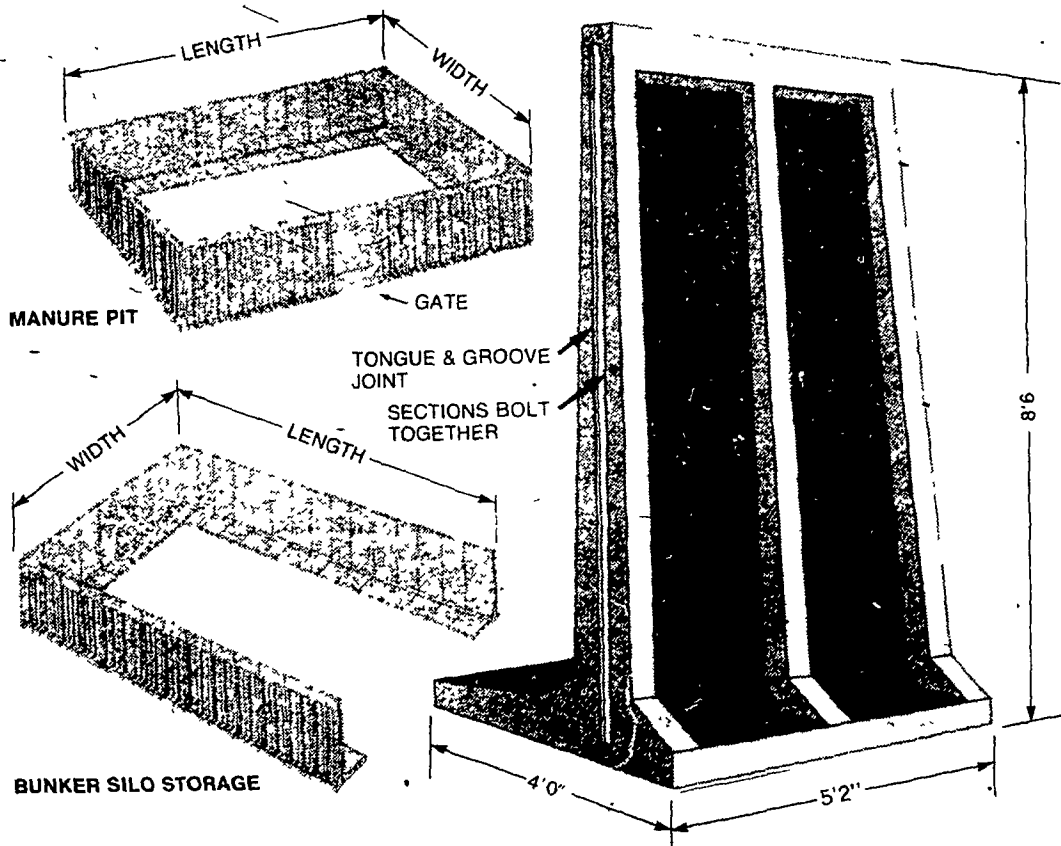
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100	539	720	900	1078
110	593	792	989	1187
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