

# MILK MARKET NEWS

## Federal Order No. 4 — Mid-Atlantic

### Base price drops 13 cents

Market Administrator Joseph Shine recently announced a March 1982 base milk price of \$13.80 per hundredweight and an excess milk price of \$12.28.

The base price declined 13 cents from the previous month and 26 cents from last March's price.

The weighted average March price is \$13.78 and the butterfat differential for the month is 17 cents. The advertising withholding rate, which is deducted from the base and excess milk price but not the weighted averaged price, was 14 cents a hundredweight in March 1982 compared with 13 cents last year.

The gross value of producer milk during March was \$72 million, compared with \$72.4 million a year ago. A total of \$732 thousand was deducted for advertising and promotion this March compared with \$672.1 thousand a year ago.

Shine said that producer receipts totaled 522.9 million pounds during March. This represents an increase of 5.9 million pounds or 1.1 percent more than last March even though the number of producers was down by 243. The average daily delivery per producer was 2,366, an increase of 103 pounds or 4.6 percent from March 1981.

Class I producer milk totaled 242.9 million pounds and accounted

for 46.45 percent of total producer milk receipts during the month. The Class I utilization percentage was 48.96 a year ago.

Base milk accounted for 89.82 percent of total producer milk receipts in March compared with 88.98 percent last year.

The average butterfat test of producer milk was 3.75 percent, the same as 1981.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I in-area milk sales of 208.5 million pounds during March, a decline of 5.4 percent from a year ago.

### Class I price for May down 22 cents from last year

The recently announced Class I price of \$15.23 a hundredweight is down a penny from last month and 22 cents lower than a year ago.

Shine also announced a Class II milk price of \$12.42 per hundredweight for March 1982. The Class II price is down 8 cents from the previous month while the 17 cent butterfat differential is unchanged.

The USDA reported that the wholesale price of Grade A butter at Chicago for March was \$1.4778 per pound and the nonfat dry milk price was \$.9349 per pound.

## Federal Order No. 2 — New York-New Jersey

### Tri-State production climbs; PA on top

Combined milk production in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania during 1981 kept pace with the national trend, as it had the previous year.

Production increased three percent to 20.6 billion pounds. However, the individual states exhibited very different patterns; this also occurred in 1980.

There was a minimal gain in the number of milk cows in New York during 1981 and a small increase in each one's output. Therefore, New York's milk production increased only one percent. New Jersey's cow number and output per cow for 1981 were flat compared to 1980; thus, there was no change in production.

The major changes occurred in Pennsylvania, a replay of the previous year. The 1979-80 gain of 10,000 head was duplicated for 1980-81. Moreover, milk per cow increased 485 pounds — nearly twice the national average.

As a result, Pennsylvania's rise in milk production was 5 1/2; the largest gain among the five major milk-producing states.

February uniform price drops  
Producers who delivered milk during February 1982 to handlers regulated under Order No. 2 were

paid on the basis of \$13.30 per hundredweight, 16 cents below last year's price.

For December 1981 and January 1982, the declines had been three and 11 cents, respectively.

Total receipts from the 17,702 producers in the pool combined 851.9 million pounds. Although receipts continued their upward

trend, this was the smallest same-month increase on both an actual (15 million pounds) and a relative (1.8 percent) basis in several years.

Class I sales declined slightly to 356.3 million pounds. As a result, the utilization percentage fell one point to 41.8 percent.

## Baltimore-Harford counties seek dairy princess contestants

BALTIMORE, Md — A contest to select a new dairy princess for, Baltimore-Harford counties, will be held on Wednesday, June 2, at Hereford High School, York Road, Parkton, Md.

The winner will be crowned by the current, Baltimore-Harford dairy princess, Dawn Lee Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Cole, Hampstead.

The new princess will make appearances throughout the year and in August will compete with eight other area winners for the coveted title of Maryland Dairy Princess.


Prior to the state contest, she will attend the Tri-State Dairy Princess Training Seminar on July 6-7, where she will be instructed for her reign as dairy princess. The state pageant will be held in August in Frederick.

The Maryland Dairy Princess will receive a \$600 cash award. The

first runner-up receives a \$75 award and other finalists receive \$35. The state title is honorary and does not involve the interruption of school or employment plans.

All single girls who have completed their junior year in high school, are not over 22 years of age, whose family have been engaged in dairy farming within the last four years or who have carried a dairy related 4-H/FFA project, are eligible to compete for the area title.

If you are interested in entering the Baltimore-Harford County Dairy Princess Pageant, contact Sally Gill, Gillvale Farm, 4831 Harford Creamery Road, White Hall, Md. 21161, the area chairman; or Joan Tracey, Greenland Farm, 20815 Middletown Road, Freeland, Md. 21053; or Susan Burnette, Wisner Farms, Inc., 4019-A Mt. Zion Road, Upperco, Md. 21155 by May 15.



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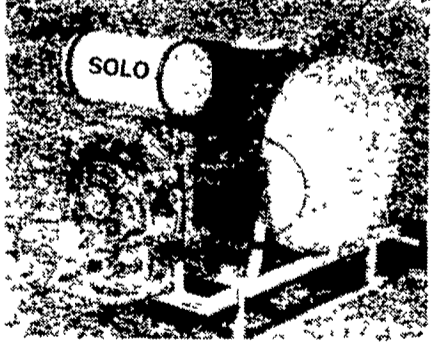
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