

MILK MARKET NEWS

Federal Order 4
January milk at \$15.34
 Middle Atlantic Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine recently announced a Class I milk price of \$15.34 per hundredweight for January 1983. This price is unchanged from the December price and is 4 cents higher than last January's 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, D.C. 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 \$12.64 per hundredweight for November 1982 and a butterfat differential of 17.0 cents for the month. The Class II milk price and the butterfat differential are unchanged from October.

These class prices are based on the November 1982 Minnesota-Wisconsin manufacturing milk price of \$12.56 per hundredweight at a 3.5 percent butterfat content.

The USDA reported that the wholesale price of Grade A butter at Chicago for November was \$1,4818 per pound and the nonfat dry milk price was \$.9374 per pound, f.o.b. plants in the Chicago area.

Federal Order 2
50¢ Milk Check
Deduction Is Mandatory
 Numerous questions from dairy farmers and handlers concerning the authority for the 50 cent Dairy Collection Plan recently drew comment from Market Administrator Thomas A. Wilson. The Order No. 2 Administrator

stated handlers do not need an individual producer authorization to deduct the 50 cents per hundredweight. The necessary authority is contained in Section 101 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1982 and the regulations published in the November 30, 1982 Federal Register.

Wilson explained that the 50 cents, a deduction required by

statute, has first priority on money due producers. Therefore, it supercedes all other producer requests or assignments and must be made whether or not there are sufficient funds to meet the producers' other obligations.

It was further explained that any handler failing to properly make and remit this mandatory deduction will incur a late payment charge, currently 17

percent per year, and also will be subject to civil penalties of \$1,000 per violation. The program began December 1, 1982 as scheduled. The initial payments are due in January 1983 and should be mailed to Commodity Credit Corporations, P.O. Box 2818, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137.

The dairy collection plan covers all producers marketing milk commercially. This includes

producers who market their own milk to consumers, either directly or through retail or wholesale outlets. Such persons are required to remit 50 cents per hundredweight on all such marketings, whether in the form of milk or various milk products. Market Administrator offices and some state departments of agriculture will be responsible for the verification of the deductions.

Armacosts compete in dairy contest

ATLANTA, Ga. — Wayne and Pepper Armacost, Hickory Hill Farm, Upperco, Md. were recent contestants in the Young Dairymen Contest held at the Hilton Hotel here in conjunction with the 13th Annual Meeting of Dairymen, Inc.

Winners of the Middle-Atlantic Division Outstanding Young Dairymen Contest held in Hershey in late June, the Armacosts were among the 11 couples competing for the title of Outstanding Young Dairymen in the cooperative composed of more than 8,000 dairy members in the mid-Atlantic and

southern area of the United States.

The parents of two pre-school children, the Armacosts are involved in their church, DHIA and Farm Bureau Young Farmers. Along with two brothers and their wives, his mother and father, the couple is part of a family corporation milking 600 Registered Holsteins at their modern dairy operation in northwest Baltimore County.

The Armacosts also attended the National Milk Producers Federation Annual Meeting in Detroit, Mich.



Flanking Wayne and Pepper Armacost, of Upperco, Md., are, left, Fred G. Butler, President, Middle-Atlantic Division, Dairymen, Inc.; and Ralph L. Strock, Manager, Middle-Atlantic Division.

Adams County beef producers to meet

GETTYSBURG — Stewart "Turk" Laidlow, Consumer Public Relations Representative for Moyer Packing, Sounderton, will tell area beef producers what type of animals Moyer likes to purchase and what works well for them as far as consumer beef demands in this area at the next meeting of the Adams County Beef Producers.

The meeting is set for Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Adams County Extension Office. There will be a question and answer period following Laidlow's presentation and interested persons are invited to attend.

Newly-elected officers and directors of the association are:

President, Craig Peterson; Vice President, Ray Grimes; Secretary, Faith Peterson; Treasurer, Frank Darcey, III; Director-at-Large, Frank Darcey, Jr.

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