

Order No. 4 Proposes Change

Milk handlers and producer groups under the New York-New Jersey and Middle Atlantic Federal milk orders have requested that the Department of Agriculture hold a public hearing to consider proposals to extend Federal order regulation to areas of northeastern Pennsylvania which presently are not included in a Federal order marketing area.

Proposals to add the following 12 Pennsylvania counties to the Middle Atlantic marketing area were received: Berks, Carbon, Columbia, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Snyder, and Union.

A proposal was also received to expand the New York-New Jersey Federal order marketing area to include all of the above counties plus 11 others. The 23 Pennsylvania counties that would be added are: Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Clinton, Columbia, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, and Wyoming.

Other proposals would add 20 of the same counties to the New York-New Jersey marketing area, leaving out Berks, Lehigh, and Northampton Counties.

The proposals have not yet been approved for inclusion in a notice of hearing. Before deciding whether these proposals should be considered at a public hearing, interested parties are invited to submit additional proposals for consideration at a possible hearing. Particular attention should be given to order changes, such as the applicable Class I prices for any newly regulated area, that may need to be made in each order if the marketing areas are expanded as proposed. Proposals should be stated in specific terms so that the hearing issues would be clearly set forth.

Four copies of the proposals should be mailed to: Deputy Administrator, Marketing Program Operations, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, by April 15, 1983.

Each proposal should be accompanied by a brief but comprehensive statement on the need for the proposal. The statement will be used in deciding whether the proposal should be considered at a hearing.

A hearing would be limited to the proposals included in a hearing notice. However, appropriate modifications of proposals included in the notice also may be considered at the hearing if the modifications would not enlarge the marketing area or regulate persons not now subject to the order. Any proposals that would extend regulation should be accompanied by the names and addresses of persons that would be affected by the proposed extension and an estimate of the number of additional dairy farmers involved.

In addition, proposals that would enlarge the marketing area should be accompanied by the following data and views with respect to each territory proposed to be added:

- 1. The approximate quantity of fluid milk products sold by proponent in each territory (county, town, city, or other locality) proposed to be added to the marketing area;
- 2. The approximate percentage that the sales in item 1 are of the proponent's total fluid milk product sales;
- 3. The names and addresses of all handlers (including own) selling fluid milk products in each territory proposed to be added to the marketing area, with an estimate of the proportion that each handler's sales are of the total sales in each proposed area;
- 4. The approximate number of dairy farmers associated with each area proposed to be added who would become producers if the marketing area were enlarged;
- 5. The name and address of each cooperative association having members associated with

the territory proposed to be added to the marketing area; and

• 6. A brief but comprehensive statement in support of the proposal(s) to enlarge the marketing area.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of proposals or desire a copy of the present order, contact Joseph D. Shine, Federal Milk Market Administrator, P.O. Box 710, Alexandria, Va. 22313.

Farm vacation list available

HARRISBURG — The 1983 Pennsylvania Farm Vacation Directory is available, according to Sen. Noah Wenger.

The free guide lists 25 Pennsylvania family farms participating in the farm vacation program. It gives a brief description of each farm and includes information on location, rates, activities, meal and living arrangements and telephone numbers for each farm to make reservations or if additional in-

formation is needed, Wenger said.

The family farms offer several kinds of accommodations — cottages, stone farm houses, cabins and camping sites. Recreational activities include swimming, hiking, boating, horseback riding and much more, depending on the farm selection. Also, many of the farms are near areas that offer flea markets, state parks, fairs, historic sites and other tourist attractions. Wenger added all farms have been inspected and

approved by the Pennsylvania Farm Vacation Association.

Wenger said the farm vacation gives families an opportunity to share a different kind of vacation that can be not only enjoyable, but educational as well.

To receive a copy of the farm vacation directory, send a postcard to the Bureau of Agricultural Development, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110, or call (717) 783-8460.

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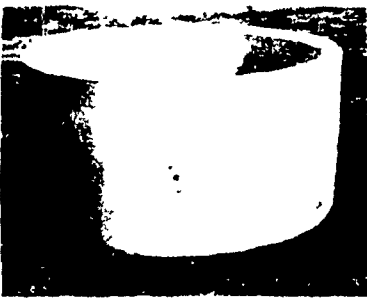
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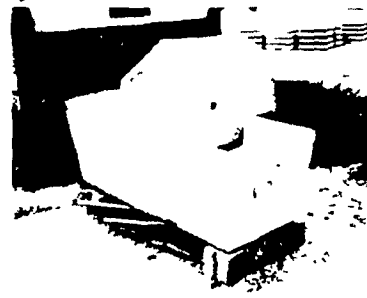
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