

MILK MARKET NEWS

ORDER NO. 4 BASE MILK PRICE \$13.70 FOR JUNE
ALEXANDRIA, VA. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine on July 9 announced a June 1983 base milk price of \$13.70 per hundred-weight and an excess milk price of \$12.27. The weighted average June price is also \$13.70 and the butterfat differential for the month is 16.9 cents. The base milk price is

up 2 cents from the previous month and is 8 cents higher than last June.

The advertising withholding rate, which is deducted from the base and excess milk prices but not the weighted average price, was 14 cents a hundred-weight. A total of \$711.9 thousand was deducted for advertising in June, up from \$696.4 thousand last year. The gross value of June producer milk was

\$69.6 million, compared to \$67.6 million last year. The transportation credit on Class II milk, which was effective for the entire month of June, totaled \$93,983.55.

Mr. Shine said that producer receipts totaled 508.5 million pounds during June, an increase of over 11 million pounds or 2.2 percent from last June. The average daily delivery per producer was 2,411 pounds, up 132

pounds or 5.8 percent from the June 1982 average. Class I producer milk totaled 226.0 million pounds and was up almost 11 million pounds over a year ago. Class I producer milk accounted for 44.45 percent of total producer milk receipts during the month. The Class I utilization percentage was 43.29 last June. Base milk accounted for 90.61 percent of total producer milk receipts in June compared to 90.02 percent a year

ago. The average butterfat test of producer milk was 3.49 percent in June, down from 3.53 percent a year earlier.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I in-area milk sales of 187.6 million pounds during June, an increase of 4.8 million pounds or 2.6 percent over a year earlier, after adjustment to eliminate variation due to calendar composition.

Milk order comments asked

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dairy farmers, cooperative associations, milk handlers and consumers may comment until Monday on a U.S. Department of Agriculture recommended decision to amend the Middle Atlantic federal milk marketing order.

Edward T. Coughlin, dairy official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service in Washington, D.C., said the proposed amendment would reduce from 40 to 30 percent the minimum percentage of a cooperative's total milk that must be delivered to pool distributing plants to pool its reserve processing plant.

The amendment was proposed by Pennmarva Dairymen's Federation, a federation of six cooperative associations. The proposed action is necessary to accommodate the pooling of milk

regularly associated with the market while minimizing hauling costs, Coughlin said.

Principal cities in the Middle Atlantic market area are Philadelphia, Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D.C. The recommended decision is based on the record of a public hearing held in May.

The recommended decision will be published in the July 11 Federal Register. Copies also are available from: Joseph D. Shine, market administrator, P.O. Box 710, Alexandria, Va. 22313 — telephone (703) 549-7000; or, Dairy Division, AMS, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Comments should be sent to: Hearing Clerk, Rm. 1077-S, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250, where anyone may see them.

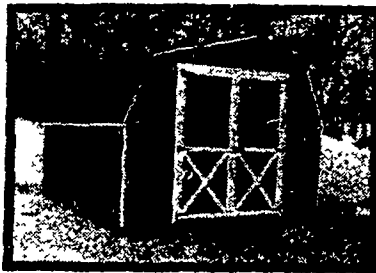
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