

## Milk Check

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will be a record high for November in Order 2, beating the last record set in 1981 by 17 cents. This in spite of a 50 cent cut in the support price since then. Which just goes to show what a little change in the supply/demand situation can do for prices. Now, if we could only learn to do it without paying 50 cents a hundred to get the higher prices in the market. When you take out the 50 cent assessment for the Diversion Program we're still 22 cents below last year but that's a big improvement over the 99 cent deficit we had in April. The other stocking stuffer you got from Santa was an increase in the Minnesota-Wisconsin Price of eight cents in

November. This showed up in the Class II price for November milk and will boost your January Class I price to \$14.97, which will also be a record high for Order 2. The increases are coming largely, however, from market improvements in supply and demand made during the summer and into the fall. Changes are beginning to appear that indicate we'll have to make further cuts in production if we want to maintain the present momentum. Butter prices the first week of December dropped 17 cents to below price support levels, but don't let that spoil your holiday. Enjoy what you got in December and have a Merry Christmas.

CASPER, Wyo. — Three outstanding farmers have been selected to represent agriculture nationally. The 1985 Young Farmer Spokespersons for Agriculture, chosen here Dec. 1, are: Lane Baxter, a dairy farmer from Missouri; Reesa Eisler, a grain farmer from Nebraska; and David Booth, a cotton gin manager from Texas.

Spokesperson candidates from 18 states competed for the honor at the National Young Farmer Educational Institute, which took place Dec. 1-5. The competition, sponsored by Elanco, a division of Eli Lilly and Company, encourages young farmers, age 18 to 40, to develop articulate responses

to agricultural topics concerning non-farm consumers.

Established in 1975, the Spokesperson program was designed to create better understanding between urban consumers and farmers. Since its beginning, 30 spokespersons have visited 40 cities reaching an estimated 75 million consumers. The 1985 spokespersons will travel to Milwaukee, Memphis and Houston, the last week in January, addressing media, consumers and consumer leaders on agricultural issues.

A special banquet commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Young Farmer Spokespersons for Agriculture program was held during the

conference. A tribute recognized previous and present Young Farmer Spokespersons and highlighted ten years of progress for agriculture.

As in the past, winners were selected on the basis of their ability to represent farmers on agricultural issues of consumer concern. Entrants gave five-minute statements concerning one of four topics: How to get the most from your food dollars; Farm exports benefit urban consumers; Fertilizers, chemicals and feed additives are important to insure adequate supplies of safe, high quality food; and Stewardship of the land: How farmers are managing our greatest natural resource.



## BLESSINGS AT CHRISTMAS

Mother and Child... such a heavenly sight to behold! Let that first holy night fill our hearts with love and adoration this season.

It is with a deep sense of thankfulness at this most blessed time of our Christian year that all of our friends that work for Beacon Feeds along with all of our Beacon dealers would like to extend to you and your families best wishes for a

“Merry Christmas” and a  
“Happy New Year”

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