

# USDA's Peter Myers to address Lancaster Tillage Conference

LANCASTER — The Fourth Annual Lancaster County Conservation Tillage Conference will be held at the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, starting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 26, 1985.

Two featured speakers for the morning session of this year's conference are Peter C. Myers, Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Dale Baker, a researcher at The Pennsylvania State University.

The afternoon session will feature a comprehensive review of the Lancaster County Conservation District's tillage plot program and a panel of farmers talking about their tillage programs.

Peter Myers was the seventh person to head the USDA, Soil Conservation Service, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary



USDA's Peter Myers

this year. This month, Myers was named to replace John Crowell as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Myers is a long-time cooperorator with his local conservation district in Madrid County, Missouri. He raises row crops and manages a complinment "farrow-to-finish" hog operation on his 1,100 acre farm.

Dr. Dale Baker will speak on the topic of "Nutrient Management and Its Importance to the

Chesapeake Bay." Lancaster s increased incidence of ground water pollution and heavy use of manure and fertilizer has brought Dr. Baker to eastern Lancaster County to conduct research related to nutrient management.

John Hauck of Chevron Chemical Company will address the subject of cover cropping.

Having an established cover crop or good residue on the soil surface is the key to erosion control in the no-till cropping system.

Lunch is being offered at a subsidized cost of \$4.00 for those who attend and register. For further information call Gerald Heistand at the District Office, 299-5361.

## Order 4 milk \$14.12 for January

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine has announced a January 1985 base milk price of \$14.12 per hundredweight and an excess milk price of \$12.35. The weighted average January price was \$14.05 and the butterfat differential for the month is 16.3 cents. The base milk price was up 11 cents from December and was 32 cents higher than last January. The weighted average price was up 6 cents from December and was 29 cents higher than a year earlier.

The advertising withholding rate, which is deducted from the base and excess milk price but not the weighted average price, was 10 cents a hundredweight in January 1985 and 14 cents last January. The gross value of January producer milk was \$71.3 million, compared to \$70.3 million a year ago.

Mr. Shine said that producer receipts totaled 509.3 million pounds during January, a decrease of 3.1 million pounds from last January, but the average daily delivery of 2,441 pounds per producer increased 94 pounds or

4.0 percent from a year earlier. Class I producer milk totaled 261.6 million pounds and was up 4.7 million pounds or almost two percent from last January.

Class I milk accounted for 51.35 percent of total producer milk receipts during the month, compared with 50.12 percent in January 1984. Base milk accounted for 90.84 percent of total producer milk receipts in January compared with 90.46 percent last year. The average butterfat test of producer milk was 3.77 percent, down significantly from 3.86 percent last January.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I in-area milk sales of 216.4 million pounds during January, an increase of 0.4 percent from a year earlier after adjustment to eliminate variation due to calendar composition.

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