

Order 4 milk \$13.84 for February

ALEXANDIRA, Va. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine has announced a February 1985 base milk price of \$13.84 per hundredweight and an excess milk price of \$12.15. The weighted average February price was \$13.77 and the butterfat differential for the month is 16.2 cents.

The base milk price dropped 28 cents from January but was 33 cents higher than last February. The weighted average price was also down 28 cents from January and was 28 cents higher than a year earlier. The price drop from January 1985 was caused by a 20

cent decrease in Class prices as well as a decline in the Class I utilization of producer milk.

The advertising withholding rate, which in deducted from the base and excess milk prices but not the weighted average price, was 10 cents a hundredweight in February 1985 and 14 cents last February. The gross value of February producer milk was \$64.1 million, compared to \$64.7 million a year ago.

Mr. Shine said that producer receipts totaled 466.7 million pounds during February, an increase of 0.5 percent from last

February (after adjustment for the extra day in February 1984). The average daily delivery of 2,470 pounds per producer was up 100 pounds or 4.2 percent from a year earlier, the most significant year to year increase since July 1983.

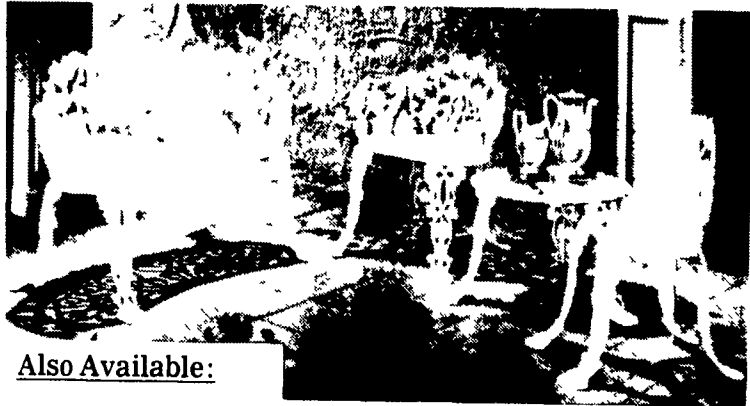
Class I producer milk totaled 228.7 million pounds and was up 1.6 percent from last February. Class

I milk accounted for 49.00 percent of total producer milk receipts during the month, compared with 51.35 percent in January and 48.48 percent last February. Base milk accounted for 90.20 percent of total producer milk receipts in February compared with 89.55 percent last year. The average butterfat test of producer milk was

3.78 percent, a slight increase from February 1984.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I in-area milk sales of 194.2 million pounds during February, an increase of almost three percent from a year earlier, after adjustment to eliminate variation due to calendar composition.

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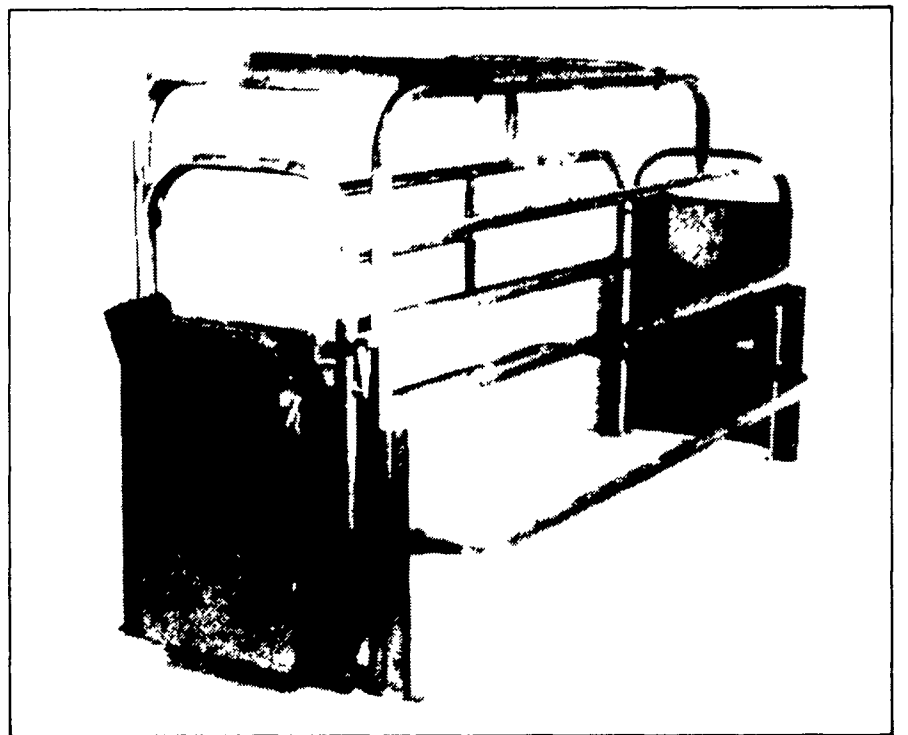


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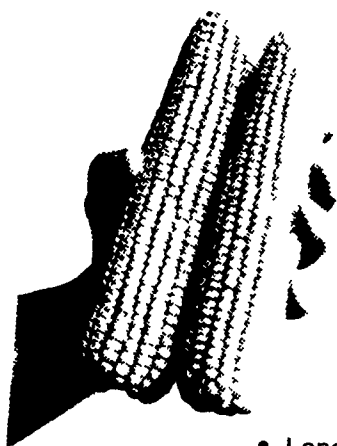
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