Conference underway on 1985 Farm Bill

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purchases are expected to exceed 10 billion pounds.

· Give the Secretary authority to increase support payments 50 cents a hundredweight, if surplus purchases drop to two billion pounds or less.

· Order the Secretary to complete a study of Class I differentials, giving special attention to changes in cost of transportation. USDA would also be required to study the desireability of establishing a payment limit for the dairy program.

• Express the "sense of the Senate'' against the imposition of an assessment on dairy farmers to finance any program to reduce production, specifically, a dairy diversion program.

The House's version, on the other hand:

• Creates stand-by diversion authority. In a program similar to the one which expired April 1, the legislation would authorize USDA to institute a diversion program if government purchases exceed five billion pounds equivalent, and would require a diversion plan if purchases reached seven billion pounds. As with the previous program, producers would be paid \$10 a hundredweight to reduce their marketings, and would sign a two-year contract.

 Authorizes a whole-herd buyout. The Secretary would also have the authority to accept bids at other payment rates under a 100percent buyout plan.

· Levies an assessment on producers to fund the diversion program. Producers would be required to pay an assessment sufficient to fund the cost of dairy programs on all milk produced above the five-million-poundsurplus level. Current figures place the assessment at 40 cents a hundredweight.

• Ties price supports to cost of production. Each year, the Secretary of Agriculture would compute a preliminary support price, based on changes in cost of production, as compared to a base year. If projected government purchases at this price level are expected to exceed four billion



pounds of milk equivalent, the Secretary is authorized to reduce the support figure by 2.6 percent for every additional one billion pounds of surplus, up to a maximum of 7.8 percent. For the current marketing year, it is estimated the formula would produce a support level of about \$11.74 a hundredweight.

 Requires a study of marketing orders. Within 120 days of the

enactment of the legislation, the Secretary of Agriculture would be required to raise the differentials in 33 marketing orders. This provision, which establishes those figures by law, is designed to assure adequate supplies in the Southeast. The bill also would permit milk handlers who provide market-wide service in marketing orders - such as moving milk into deficit areas — to get service

Yoder, Belleville RD 2, 723 pounds;

Kore E. Yoder, Belleville RD 2,

722; Mark S. Yoder, Belleville RD

1, 721; Joseph E. Kurtz, Belleville

RD 1, 713; Paul J. Zook, Belleville

payments which have the effect of spreading servicing costs among all farmers supplying a marketing order area.

 Creates a National Dairy Research Endowment Institute which would conduct research on nutritional needs for dairy products and on ways to develop new dairy products.

• Authorizes USDA to purchase an additional 200 million pounds of price support program. meat, whenever a dairy diversion

RD 1, 712; Louis S. Peachey Jr., Belleville RD 1, 710.

program is in effect. The purchases, which would be donated to domestic food assistance programs, are designed to offset the effect of the additional numbers of dairy cows sent to slaughter.

 Requires that USDA conduct a study to determine whether imports of casein interfere with or render ineffective the current

Yoders, Peachey, Bradstead win Mifflin DHIA awards

LEWISTOWN — Percy S. and R. Glenn Yoder, Belleville RD, won High Herd - Fat honors, while Bradstead Farm of Lewistown RD 1 walked away with the High Herd - Milk trophy for Mifflin County's DHIA.

The Yoders' 82 cows averaged 770 pounds of butterfat, while also producing 19,499 pounds of milk and 636 pounds of protein.

averaged 21,605 pounds of milk, also producing 759 pounds of fat and 663 pounds of protein.

of protein, also recording 21,187 fat.

Other top herds included: Charles L. Forgy, McVeytown RD 1.

Bradstead Farm's 37-cow herd

High protein honors went to John A. Peachey of Mill Creek, whose 55-cow herd averaged 666 pounds pounds of milk and 765 pounds of

762 pounds of fat; Merle E.

DOYLESTOWN - Theodore S. Wilson of Richboro had the leading herd for the year in the Bucks County DHIA.

The 50-cow Wilson herd topped all others in the county in milk output (20,203 pounds), butterfat (734 pounds) and protein (645 pounds).

Walter and David Wurster of Ottsville RD 1 were second in milk production, with 19,604 pounds, also averaging 630 pounds of protein, for runnerup honors in that category as well.

Richard O. Smith, New Hope RD

placed second in butterfat 2, production, with 717 pounds of fat from his 63 registered Guernseys.

Also averaging more than 700 pounds of fat for the year was the 30-cow herd of Holsteins owned by J. Howard Roth of Kintnersville RD 1, which averaged 706.

Other leading herds in butterfat production were: Harry E Thompson, Newtown, 699 pounds; Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, 698; William and Eleanor Gunser, Newtown RD 1. Willow Ridge Farm, 696:

Also, James H. Allison, Belleville RD, 708; Joshua D. Yoder, Belleville RD 2, 706; Loren Yoder, Belleville RD 2, 706; **Bucks honors to Wilson**

Marvin R. Kanagy, Belleville RD 1, 705; Sylvanus S. Peachey, Belleville RD, 701; Kore J. Peachey, Milroy RD 1, 700; and J.

Buckingham, 691; Robert-Donald Crouse, Riegelsville RD 1, 684; Raymond Gross, Plumsteadville, 682; George and David Bishop, Doylestown, 682.

Also, Delaware Valley College, 679; Moyers Village Farm, Perkasie, 677; Crooked Acres Dairy, New Hope, 672; Paul L.-Kevin Bishop, Perkasie, 665; Breezydale Farms, Yardley, 656; David R. Wolfinger, Ottsville RD 1, 655; Joe and Linda Ford, Kintnersville, 655; and James Pavlica, Kintnersville, 653.



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