

**Weekly Summary**

Harrisburg, PA

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steers 51.00-62.00; 600-900 lb. 43.00-51.00; Med. Frame No. 1, 300-700 lb. feeder heifers 40.00-54.00; Med. Frame No. 1, 350-850 lb. feeder bulls 45.00-57.00, few 62.00.

**CALVES:** 3572. Compared with 4174 head last week and 4554 head a year ago. Vealers uneven; few Prime 95.00-110.00; Choice 80.00-95.00, few 100.00; Good 65.00-82.00; Standard & Good 110-130 lb. 51.00-60.00; 90-110 lb. 38.00-48.00; 65-85 lb. 30.00-40.00, few to 45.00; Utility 50-100 lb. 20.00-30.00.

**FARM CALVES:** Hol. bulls 90-130 lb. 40.00-116.00, mostly 75.00-100.00; hol. heifers 90-125 lb. 40.00-78.00.

**HOGS:** 5569. Compared with 5604 head last week and 7057 head a year ago. Barrows & Gilts uneven, mostly .25-.50 higher; US No. 1-2, 210-245 lb. 46.75-48.50; No. 2-3, 220-250 lb. 45.00-47.50; No. 2-4, 220-285 lb. 43.00-45.00; No. 1-3, 140-190 lb. 40.00-43.00; sows 1.00-2.00 lower; No. 1-3, 300-650 lb. 34.00-37.50, few to 45.00; No. 2-3, 300-700 lb. 31.00-35.00; boars 25.00-31.00, few 34.50.

**FEEDER PIGS:** 968. Compared with 1402 head last week and 1094 head a year ago. 1.00-2.00 higher; No. 1-3, 20-35 lb. 18.00-30.00 per head; 35-50 lb. 27.00-40.00; 50-80 lb. 34.00-44.50.

**SHEEP:** 787. Compared with 671 head last week and 909 head a year ago. Woolled sl. lambs steady to 3.00 higher; High Choice & Prime 85-110 lb. 70.00-83.00, few to 125 lb. down 57.50; Choice 70-110 lb. 65.00-77.00; Good 60-110 lb. 55.00-67.00; sl. ewes 20.00-47.00.

**Second flock depopulated**

HARRISBURG - The State Department of Agriculture has announced that a flock of 17,800 roaster chickens in Snyder County has been depopulated by its owners.

Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Grubb complimented the flock owners and poultry industry for their action, noting that the industry has shown a "willingness to take the necessary measures to avoid the tragic experiences of 1983-84."

Grubb said the flock, located near Freeburg, was less than a quarter mile from another small flock from which H5N2 avian influenza antibodies were recovered last week.

The first flock was

depopulated and state avian health officials initiated surveillance and testing on approximately 20 other flocks in the Snyder County area.

According to Grubb, the second flock was tested early last week, but no avian influenza antibodies were found. The flock became ill later in the week and was retested. He said the flock owner took the initiative to depopulate the flock while waiting for confirmation of avian influenza, to eliminate a potential source of virus spread.

"We are continuing surveillance and testing of flocks in the area, but the test results from other farms have all been negative," Grubb said.

**Inter-State District II to hold meeting**

SOUTHAMPTON, PA. - The Cochranville and Oxford Locals of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative District 11 will hold their annual dinner meeting Jan. 23 at 11:45 a.m. at the Cochranville Fire Hall, Director H. Lee Brown announced.

Guest speakers will be James S. Fraher, Inter-State economist, and Trish Williams, communications director, the Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Association.

Fraher will review the cooperative's goals for the coming year and will discuss the 1985 Farm Bill, which was signed into law Dec. 23, 1985. He will explain the dairy portion of the legislation and its impact on Inter-State.

**Inter-State requests price increase**

SOUTHAMPTON - Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative is requesting the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board to increase the Area 6 Class I differential by \$.25 per hundredweight.

The request is supported by the dairy provisions contained in the Food and Security Act of 1985 (the Farm Bill). The legislation calls for increases in Class I fluid milk differentials in 35 of the 44 existing federal order areas.

Included among these are Federal Orders 4, 2 and 36. Class I differentials in these orders will increase by \$.25, \$.30 and \$.10, respectively.

A change in Area 6 Class I differentials is necessary, said Inter-State Economist James Fraher, to maintain competitive producer prices between Federal Order 4, 2 and 36 and Area 6.

"We need to maintain proper alignment between prices in Area 6 and the adjoining federal order markets," Fraher said.

To do this and to reflect changes in milk production costs relative to prices, Inter-State is requesting the Area 6 Class I differential to be increased from its current level of \$2.10 to \$2.35 per hundredweight.

"We would like to see the increase become effective May 1, 1986," Fraher said, "to coincide with the proposed increases in the federal order Class I differentials."



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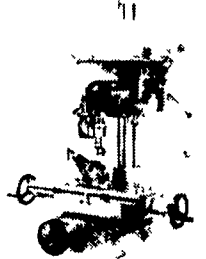
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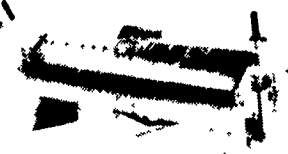


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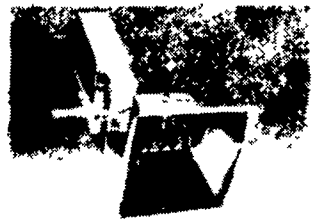
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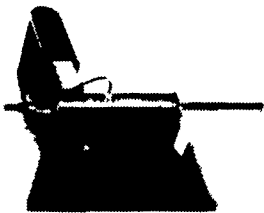
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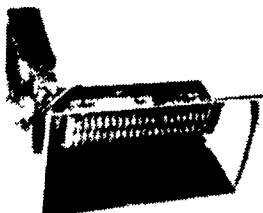
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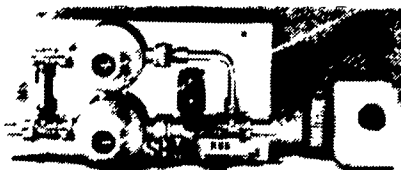
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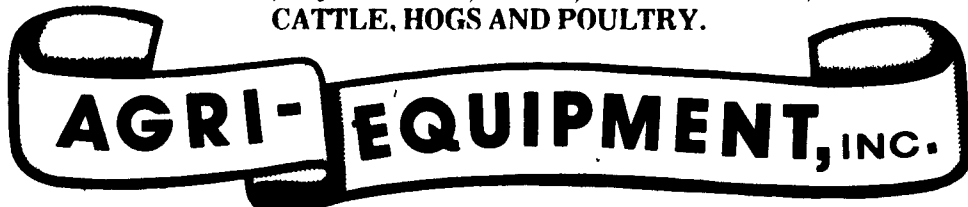


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