

Wayne dairy day offers educational program

HONESDALE — Three hundred five persons attended the eighth annual Wayne County Dairy Day, March 13, at the Wayne County Memorial Armory. Thirty two agri-business firms and farm organizations co-sponsored the event in cooperation with the Extension Service.

Educational speakers for Dairy Day included Dr. Larry Jenkins, Penn State Extension Farm Management specialist; Alfred Skala, NE Pa. Extension computer support agent, who discussed the Penn State Computer Network, and Kathy Adams, Wayne County Dairy Princess, who reported on her milk promotion activities and

the presentation of osteoporosis. In addition, four dairy farmers, Edward Knehr, Wayne Conbeer, Randy Howell, and Michael Nebzydowski, presented a panel discussion on "How To Keep Our Somatic Cell Count Low." Philip Gottschalk served as program chairman for the morning and Robert Muller Sr. was chairman for the afternoon session.

Agri-business firms participating were as follows: American Breeders Service, Agway Inc., Marshall Machinery Inc., American Dairy Association, Biocel-Agri Dynamic, Arthur Noble, Chuck Place, Cocheton Mills, Dairylea, Eastern Milk

Producers, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Fickes Silo Co., Hoffman Seeds, Honesdale National Bank, Narrowsburg Feed and Grain, Karcher Pressure Washing Systems, Rusty Palmer Inc., Honesdale Spreading Service, McNess Products, Maurice Meagher, Lake Ariel Hardware and Supply Co. Inc., Wayne Olver, Schmidt's Equipment, Select Sires, Grant Sheard, Wilson Sherwood, Sire Power, Honesdale Feed Bin, Wayne County Farmers Association, Pa. Farmers Union, Devrize Equipment, Farm Credit Service.

Lunch was served by the Towne House Diner.

Referendum to be held in Order 2

NEW YORK — It was announced today that dairy farmers in the milkshed will vote on the proposed amended New York-New Jersey Federal Milk Marketing Order (Order No. 2) in a mail referendum ending at 11:59 p.m., April 8, 1986. The amended order was contained in a final decision issued on March 14, 1986 by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Dr. N. K. Garber, who was named as referendum agent, said all dairy farmers who delivered milk to pool plants and bulk tank units in September 1985 will be eligible to vote. A producer who is not a cooperative member will vote by individual ballot. Qualified cooperatives may vote collectively for their members (if this voting procedure is chosen). Members of cooperatives that are not voting collectively will vote by individual ballot. Dr. Garber stated that failure to approve the amended order would result in termination of the New York-New Jersey Federal Milk Marketing Order. A two-thirds "yes" vote of those casting ballots is necessary for approval.

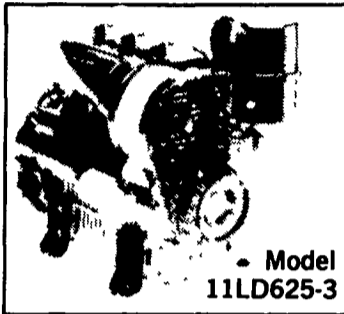
The amendments to Federal Order No. 2 are applicable to New York State Order No. 126 and New Jersey State Order No. 57-3. These state orders are essentially

identical to the Federal order. Failure to approve the amended Federal order would also result in the termination of these state orders.

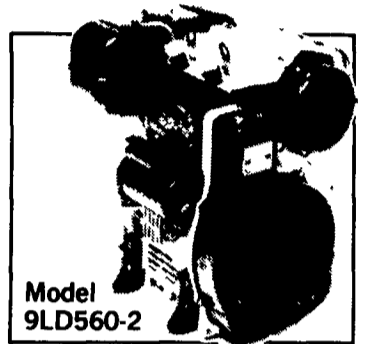
The proposed amended order would increase the Class I price differential (at the 201-210 mile zone) from \$2.25 per hundredweight to \$2.55 per hundredweight. The Class I price differential is added to the Minnesota-Wisconsin manufacturing grade milk price at 3.5 percent butterfat for the second preceding month to determine the minimum Class I milk price that handlers are required to pay under the order. The increase in the Class I price differential was mandated by the Food Security Act of 1985; if the amended order is approved, the increase must be implemented by May 1, 1986. Producer approval is being sought on amendments increasing the Class I price differential in 35 of the 44 Federal orders.

The final decision and the ballots will be placed in the mail soon. Dr. Garber urges any eligible producer who is not voting collectively and who does not receive referendum material to write to the Referendum Agent at 155 East 44th Street, New York, NY 10017.

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