

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival

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MDSHEEP AND WOOL RESULTS
Border Leicester
 Champion Ram
 Randy Irwin Freeland MD
 Reserve Champion Ram
 John Woodward Sabillasville MD
 Champion Ewe
 Irwin
 Reserve Champion Ewe
 Woodward
 Romney
 Champion Ram
 Lucy H Conant Chester MA
 Reserve Champion Ram
 Woodward
 Champion Ewe
 Sally and Bob Young Canonsburg PA

Reserve Champion Ewe
 Woodward
 Corriedale
 Champion Ram
 Wm Ruppert Union Bridge MD
 Reserve Champion Ram
 Ruppert
 Champion Ewe
 Billie Andrews Spring Grove PA
 Reserve Champion Ewe
 Ruppert
 Natural Colored, Medium Wool, Div B
 Champion Ram
 Ruppert
 Reserve Champion Ram
 Ruppert
 Champion Ewe
 Ruppert

Reserve Champion Ewe
 Land L Kingsbury Frankford ME
 Natural Colored, Long Wool, Div C
 Champion Ram
 Michelle Reilly Mt Airy MD
 Reserve Champion Ram
 Polly Magaral Landenburg PA
 Champion Ewe
 Karsten Madsen Mt Airy MD
 Reserve Champion Ewe
 Debra Glass Airville PA
 Columbia
 Champion Ram
 Richard and Mary Johnson Lakewood NJ
 Reserve Champion Ram
 Johnson
 Champion Ewe
 Bob and Suzy Leib Mechanicsburg PA

Reserve Champion Ewe
 Johnson
 White Wool Sheep, Medium Wool, Div B
 Champion Ram
 Stonesifer Kennedyville MD
 Reserve Champion Ram
 Ruppert
 Champion Ewe
 Ruppert
 Reserve Champion Ewe
 Kingsbury
 White Wool Sheep, Long Wool, Div C
 Champion Ram
 Reilly
 Reserve Champion Ram
 Magaral
 Champion Ewe
 Madsen

Reserve Champion Ewe
 Glass
 Premier Exhibitors
 Border Leicester
 John Johnson
 Romney
 Jean Johnson
 Corriedale
 Ruppert
 Columbia
 Richard and Mary Johnson
 Natural Colored Sheep
 Ruppert
 Supreme Champion Ram
 Ruppert white Corriedale
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 Andrews Corriedale
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Farm Groups Win Fight

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Milk prices to northeastern dairy farmers will be \$31 million better during the next 12 months because a coalition of dairy co-ops and farm organizations from the Northeast waged, and won, a major battle behind the scenes when the 1986 Farm Bill was being hammered out.

Dairylea Cooperative President, Clyde E. Rutherford, one of the key participants in the fight, told a meeting of farm women in Montrose, May 1, that representatives of his organization and several other dairy co-ops and farm groups from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New England insisted on "equal treatment" when a provision to increase certain Class 1 (fluid) milk prices in federal orders was debated.

"The midwest dairy leaders were insistent on increasing the Class 1 prices only in markets in the south," said Rutherford. "They even argued that the Class 1 price here in the Northeast should be cut by a dollar a hundredweight. That would have reduced our blend price by about 40 cents, and it would have been a reduction on top of those already planned as part of a herd buyout program."

Instead, said Rutherford, who is also chairman of the Northeast Farm Bill Committee, the local organizations stood their ground.

"We told them that if we didn't get the same relative price treatment that was being proposed for other markets, we would not support the Farm Bill at all," he said.

The end result was a victory for the representatives from the Northeast. Class 1 price differentials were increased here, as well as elsewhere in the U.S. by the Farm Bill, starting with milk being produced this month. For just the 14,000 dairymen whose milk is marketed under the New York-New Jersey Federal Order (#2), the victory amounts to about \$14 million during the next 12 months, money that would not have been there if the fight had been lost.

For other Orders, the Northeast's negotiating success amounts to: New England (#1) \$6.7 million; Middle Atlantic (#4) \$7.2 million; Eastern Ohio-Western Pennsylvania (#36) \$2 million; New York State Order for Niagara Frontier, \$800,000, and New York State Order for Rochester, \$400,000. Total, including Order 2 — \$31.1 million.

"We hear much discussion about negative things that happen in our industry, such as the bankruptcy of NEDCO, but not much about the good things," said Rutherford. "The co-ops and our allies were successful in keeping \$31 million in farmers' milk checks in this region, and that means ALL farmers, including those not belonging to cooperatives."