

Dairymen Face \$5.2 Million Decision

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National dairy board.

Of the dairymen interviewed, 80 percent indicated that dairy farming was their major source of income. A profile of their farms showed 28 percent had 80 cows or more, 39 percent had between 50 and 79 cows and 33 percent had 49 cows or less. Also, 53 percent shipped to dealers, 42 percent sold through co-ops and 5 percent shipped to jugglers.

Five federally approved promotion programs serve Pennsylvania dairymen. Three of these programs receive funding automatically, unless otherwise specified, through the federal orders. The other two programs, Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program or the Allied Milk Producers promotion program in the Greater Johnstown-Altoona area, rely on dairymen redirecting their support from the Order programs.

In Federal Order 2, dairymen support the American Dairy Association program located in Syracuse, N.Y., unless they tell their milk dealer or co-op to redirect their 10 cents to a local promotion program. For Pennsylvania dairymen in Order 2 the local program includes PDPP and

the Allied Milk Producers.

Unlike farmers in Orders 4 and 36, they may make this change throughout the year and need only inform their milk dealer of their decision. At that point it becomes the responsibility of the dealer to notify the market administrator.

Federal Order 36 in western Pennsylvania operates similarly to Federal Order 4 in regard to how dairymen redirect their promotion dollars.

They must specify in writing in order to contribute to a different program than the federal order program. The Mid-East UDIA promotional program serves Order 36.

Between June 1 and 15 dairymen in this Order must designate the promotion program they wish to send their 10 cents to. Making a decision concerning the appropriation of the 10 cents during these two weeks allocates the money for the upcoming fiscal year.

By making the designation between Dec. 1 and 15, dairymen in Order 4 also direct their promotion money to the program of their choice for the entire 1987 fiscal year. The change must be made yearly or the promotion dollars revert to the Federal Order

programs.

Dairymen in both Orders may also make the change during the first two weeks of each quarter by sending written notification to the market administrator.

Milk producers in Pennsylvania have a choice. They may permit their promotion dollars to follow the milk to market by supporting the Federal Order programs, or they may contribute to one of the two promotion programs in Pennsylvania where their milk is produced.

Based on the latest milk production figures from the Statistical Reporting Service, milk producers in the Federal Order 4 areas of Pennsylvania will contribute an estimated \$5.2 million next year to PDPP and MAMMA.

"The importance of dairy promotions and the amount of funding involved warrant close attention by our dairymen to the matter of choice confronting them," Grubb said.

Grubb credited the recent upswing in milk prices in part to the dairy promotion financed by the dairymen.

Statewide, Pennsylvania dairymen pay out more than \$14 million each year for advertising,

promotion and research, with an estimated \$9.2 million allocated to local and regional programs.

Farm Calendar

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Franklin County Conservation District meeting, 9:30 a.m., Franklin County Administration Building, Chambersburg.

Tuesday, December 9

Winter Forage Meeting, Maryland-Delaware Forage Council, Hartly Fire Hall, Hartly, Del.

Lancaster County DHIA banquet, Good and Plenty Restaurant, 11:30 p.m. For reservations, call Jay Mylin, 665-5960. Also on Dec. 10.

York Extension Meeting; Topic: Sodbuster provisions, Dover High School, 1 p.m. Kennard Dale High School, 7:30 p.m.

Farm Account Recordkeeping and Computer Software Meeting, 7:45 p.m., Ephrata High School Agriculture Department.

Wednesday, December 10

Penn State Dairy Computer-Management Conference, Sheraton Penn State, State College. Contact Joe Hlubik, 814-863-3912.

York Extension Meeting; Topic: Sodbuster Provisions, Farmers Bank and Trust, Baltimore Street, Hanover, 10 a.m.; York Extension office, 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 11

Golden Harvest Sale, Lebanon Fairgrounds. N.J. Grain and Forage Producer's

Association meeting, Mercer County Extension office, Trenton, 8 p.m. Call 788-1339 to carpool.

Friday, December 12

Pa. Egg Marketing Association meeting, Old Hickory Inn. Social hour, 6 p.m.; dinner, 7 p.m.; meeting, 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 12

Pa. Flying Farmer Christmas party, 6 p.m., Belleville Menonite School.

Tuesday, December 16

Rutgers Pest Control conference; field, forage and vegetables; Quality Inn, U.S. Route 1, North Brunswick; continues tomorrow.

Ephrata Area Young Farmers Association Christmas party, 7:30 p.m., Ephrata Junior High School.

Wednesday, December 17

13th Annual Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference, York County Fairgrounds.

Thursday, December 18

Mid-Atlantic No-Till Meeting, Timonium, Md.

Vegetable Management Seminar, Blue Ball School, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Friday, December 19

Keystone Shepherds Forum, Ramada Inn, Somerset; continues through Dec. 20.

USDA Terminates Wheat Research, Education Order

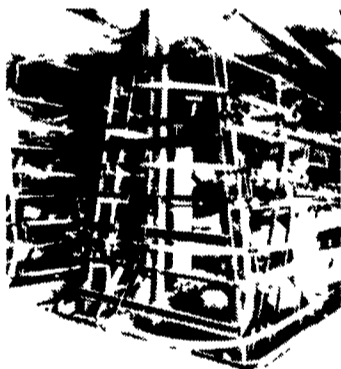
WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the termination of the wheat and wheat foods research and nutrition education order.

The termination of the order is in accord with the unanimous opinion of the executive committee of the Wheat Industry Council, according to Paul M. Fuller, an official of

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. Under the order, administered by the council and in effect since 1981, wholesale bakers and other wheat product manufacturers have collected assessments of one cent per hundredweight on their purchases of processed wheat to finance the nationally coordinated research and education program.

Fuller said that refunds of assessments, available to those bakers and manufacturers not wishing to fund the program, have trended steadily upward during the five years of the order's operation, and that refunds ran about 40 percent of total assessments collected during the past fiscal year.

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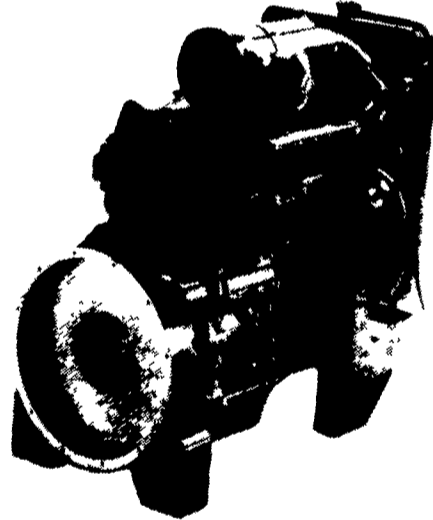
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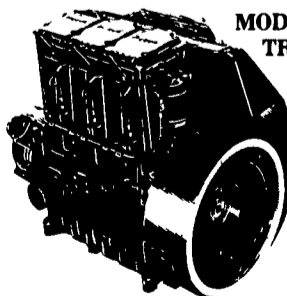


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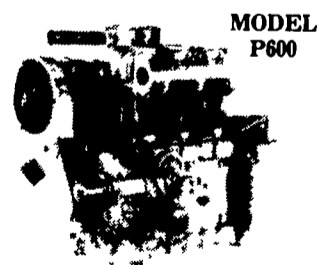
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