## **Stoss Takes Top Luzerne County DHIA Awards**

WILKES-BARRE — Honors for high herd in milk, fat and protein production in Luzerne County went Paul Stoss Jr., Rt. 7, Lehighton, at the recent Luzerne County Dairy Herd Improvement annual meeting. The Lehighton dairymen's 20-cow Holstein herd averaged 23,241 pounds of milk, 888

pounds of fat and 743 pounds of protein.

Stoss also received the award for most improved herd by milk, fat and protein with increases of 4,692 pounds of milk, 171 pounds of fat and 149 pounds of protein.

"Dumpling" from Stoss' herd produced the top record in the county with 28,305 pounds of milk and 1,164 pounds of fat. Pecora Brothers, Drums RD 2, had the high cow for protein with 874 pounds.

Hillside Farms Inc., Shavertown, received honors for having nine cows in their herd with lifetime production certificates

totaling 1,122,872 pounds of milk. Herds finishing the year with

DHIA averages over 600 pounds of fat include: Paul Stoss Jr., 888; Robert Hough, 720; Pecora Brothers, 674; Carl Troxell, 627; Jack Dent, 655; Fred Shultz, 651; Derwood and Dennis Moyer, 620; and Faihopity Farms, 608.

Directors for the upcoming year

are: David Stull, Plymouth; Larry Baron, Shickshinny; William Conyngham, Shavertown; James Cook, Lehman; Robert Hough, Stillwater; Floyd Rinehimer, Wapwallopen; Robert Taylor, Huntingdon; Carl Troxell. Lehighton; and Jeanette Yost, Wapwallopen.

The Luzerne County DHIA finished its 57th year with 21 wholeyear herds and seven ownersampler herds.

## USDA Buyout *Report*

WASHINGTON - An estimated 9,700 head of dairy cattle were slaughtered in federally inspected plants during the week ending Nov. 15, as a result of the Dairy Termination Program, the U.S Department of Agriculture announced Wednesday

This total includes all cows, heifers and calves identified as dairy animals designated for disposition in compliance with the program requirements.

The cumulative total of cattle. slaughtered under the program from April 1 through Nov. 15 is an estimated 861,800 head.

The purchases of meat in addition to normal purchases are to help offset the effects of the DTP on the domestic meat market. The cumulative purchases, reported biweekly as of Nov. 29, total 310.4 million pounds.

Dairy cattle reported for export under the program for the period April 1 to Nov. 29 totaled an estimated 44,514 head. An estimated 640 were exported during the week ending Nov. 29.

Live cattle exported under the program are expected to increase as countries develop tenders to participate in the export enhancement program.

## Mandatory Supply Management

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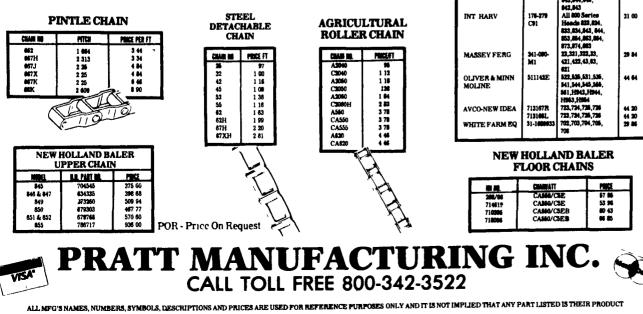
During the same period, the "all milk" price to U.S. farmers was 39 cents lower, \$12.60 per cwt after adjustment for government price support assessments).

Investment in quota can be estimated by the rate at which it has sold on the quota exchange operated by the Ontario Milk Marketing Board. Recent prices are about U.S. \$28 per cwt or U.S. \$4,200 for a 15,000 pound cow's annual production. Obviously, this is more than the total value of one year of milk production and represents over one-third of the total capital needed to operate an Ontario dairy farm.

With supply management, supplies (except for nonfat dry milk) have been kept reasonably close to market requirements. Costs to the government have been reduced by controlling supply, raising milk prices, and levying assessments on milk marketed by

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dairy farmers.

Although net farm milk prices in Canada are slightly higher than U.S. averages, Canadian farmers have sharply higher investments in their farms because of the quota value. Also Canadian farmers must manage production closely: under production may mean loss of quota; milk sold over quota nets little more than the hauling cost.

Supply management has not stopped farms from exiting the dairy industry. In fact, the sale value of quotas may have encouraged some farmers to cash in their assets.

Restrictions on quota sales to family-sized operations in some provinces may have limited the development of very large milk production units.

The Canadian system provides some valuable lessons, but would not adapt easily to U.S. conditions.