



Buyers Jimmy Schwartz, right, of Farm Co. and Joe Irvin of Ideal Leaf Tobacco Co. look over tobacco before the auction began.

Maryland-Leaf Prices

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quality leaf bringing \$1.27. A few select pounds went to \$1.30 per pound.

Probst estimated that about 5,000,000 pounds of Maryland type tobacco will move through his warehouse between now and the close of the season, some time in February. Most of this will be sold next year because farmers haven't had the damper weather needed for processing the tobacco and because the nice weather this fall has kept them out of the stripping room and in the fields.

Both farmers and buyers are pleased with the quality of this year's crop. "We had a pretty good crop," said Earl Eitnier who, with his brother Paul, grows about 6 acres of Pennsylvania- and Maryland-type tobacco on their Lititz-area farm. The Eitniers were hoping to get about \$1.25 per pound for their crop.

Buyer Jay Mumma with Farm Co. of La Plata, Md., felt the tobacco looked good. "It's one of the nicest ones (crops) I've seen for a long time," said the 40-year veteran.

Jimmy Schultz, also a buyer with Farm Co., was less enthused with Monday's tobacco. "There's some good, some bad. There's a little more green than I want to see,

but as long as the farmers keep it separated out, they'll do all right," he commented. "At the first offering you don't get the overall consensus of quality for the year."

Fewer auctions

The fourth year for the Lancaster County tobacco auctions, 1988 year returns with fewer auctions than last year with the Pennsylvania Tobacco Auction's Intercourse and Quarryville warehouses keeping their doors closed. Bob Todd, manager of the auctions, explained his decision as a result of buyer and farmer apathy.

The Garden Spot Tobacco Auction..

The Paradise Tobacco Auction will be conducted every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. with breaks for the holidays.

Slightly more than 10,000 acres of tobacco was planted last year and brought approximately \$14.6 million dollars. About 65 percent of the total tobacco crop planted was Pennsylvania-type 41 with the remainder being Maryland-type 609.

The Pennsylvania-type tobacco was nearly all sold by private treaty, bringing an average of \$1.02 per pound, up from \$.95 per pound last year. Earlier this year burley averaged about \$1.63 per pound at southern warehouses.

Order 4 Class I Milk Price \$15.26 For January

ALEXANDRIA, Va — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine today announced a Class I milk price of \$15.26 per hundredweight for January 1989. This price is up 35 cents from December and is 89 cents above last January's Class I price.

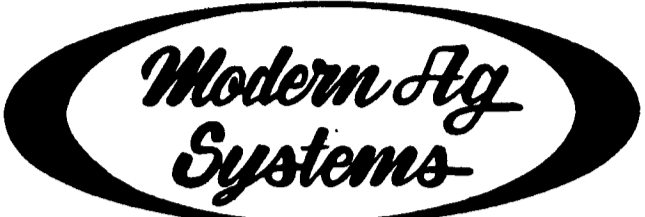
Mr. Shine announced a Class II

milk price of \$12.31 per hundredweight for November 1988 and a butterfat differential of 15.1 cents for the month. The Class II price was up 35 cents from the previous month, while the butterfat differential decreased one-tenth of a cent.

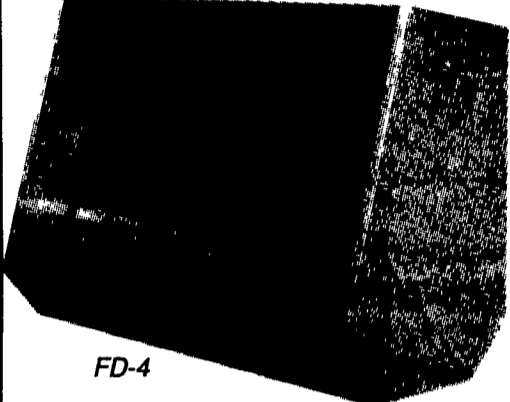
The January 1989 Class I price and the November 1988 Class II

price are based on the November 1988 Minnesota-Wisconsin manufacturing milk price of \$12.23 per hundredweight at a 3.5 percent butterfat content.

The USDA reported that the wholesale price of Grade A butter at Chicago for November was \$1.3125 per pound and the nonfat dry milk price was \$.8901 per pound.



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