

RCMA Suspends Over-Order Pricing In Some Areas

BATAVIA, N.Y. — The Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency, announced this week that, effective immediately, it was suspending RCMA over-order pricing in federal Milk Marketing Orders #2 and #36 and unregulated areas of New York and Pennsylvania. The RCMA Executive Committee and the newly formed Pricing and Marketing Committees will review the issue of re-establishment of RCMA over-order pricing in these areas on a monthly basis to determine when market conditions will permit RCMA to establish a new premium pricing program.

The decision to suspend the RCMA over-order pricing in these areas is the result of market conditions that exist in these regions. During recent months, RCMA has been confronted with overwhelming resistance to the payment of the RCMA price by dealers purchasing milk for the Class I (fluid) market, who consider themselves in an unfavorable competitive position with Class II dealers who do not pay the RCMA over-order price. Class II milk is used for making dairy products such as cheese, yogurt, butter and ice cream. RCMA recently conducted negotiations with Class II dealers in an effort to establish an RCMA Class II price, but such negotiations were not successful.

The RCMA over-order price of 65 cents per hundredweight will continue to be collected by the cooperative for milk sold in the federal Milk Marketing Order 1, which is primarily the New England states, and in western New York. The price collected from those regions will be distributed among farmers who ship milk to those markets.

In the future months, RCMA plans to work toward increased membership throughout the 11 northeastern states in an effort to strengthen its membership base.

The cooperative is in a healthy financial position to continue its operations at its office in Batavia, N.Y.

Later in the week RCMA announced the following information meetings where membership leaders and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT 8:00 P.M.

MONDAY, SEPT. 18, 1989
Perkins Restaurant
1200 Arsenal St.
Watertown, N.Y.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19, 1989
Wampsville Firemen's Park
North Court Street
Wampsville, N.Y.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19, 1989
Tri-County Rural Electric Co.
Route 15, Main Street
Mansfield, PA

WED., SEPT. 20, 1989
Bradford County Cooperative
Extension Office
Towanda, PA

WED., SEPT. 20, 1989
Town Hall
Main Street
Bainbridge, N.Y.

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SHROPSHIRE
Champion Ram
Goldstar Livestock
Reserve Champion Ram
Goldstar Livestock
Champion Ewe
Deb Etzler
Reserve Champion Ewe
Goldstar Livestock

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Luke Zerby
Reserve Champion Ram
Matt Trostle
Champion Ewe
Matt Trostle
Reserve Champion Ewe
Luke Zerby

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Champion Ram
Julie Kern
Reserve Champion Ram
Julie Kern
Champion Ewe
Paul Leader
Reserve Champion Ewe
Paul Leader

SUPREME CHAMPION RAM
Jason Bixler
SUPREME CHAMPION EWE
Lewis Hampshire

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21, 1989
Empire Livestock Arena
Rt 5
Little Falls, N.Y.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21, 1989
Mountain View School
Cafeteria
2 Miles North of Kingsley
Rt 106
Kingsley, PA

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22, 1989
VFW
Abceel Avenue
Greenwich, N.Y.
(behind Cumberland Farm store)



Julie Kern gets a helping hand from her father, Donald, in showing her champion Suffolk ram.



Jerr Glen Farm of Hustontown showed the champion Columbia ewe. Glen Emerick handled the yearling ewe.

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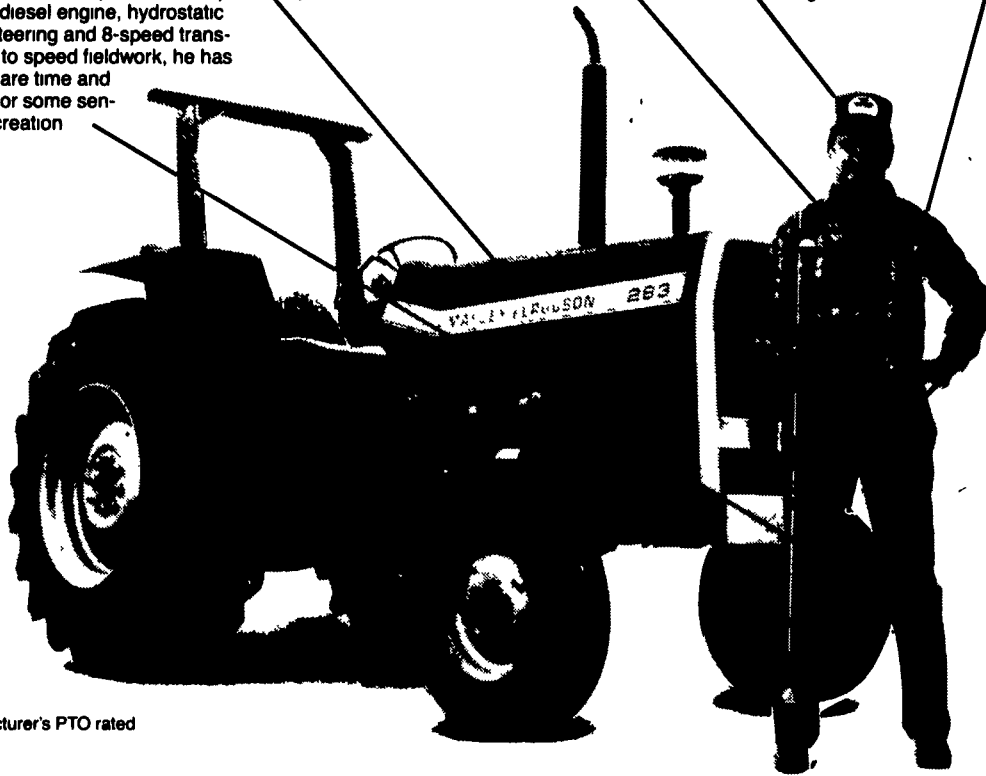
He has a "portable tractor cab."
It provides shade even before he gets on his new M-F 283, and a great view of the advanced Ferguson hydraulics in action.

He doesn't have a pillow.
He doesn't need it... His new M-F 283 has a full size, adjustable spring-suspension seat.

He wears suspenders and a belt.
It makes good sense to always have a backup in case one breaks. The same is true of tractors, unless it's a dependable, easy-to-service M-F 283 backed by the M-F parts and service network.

He has a sharp pencil.
He discovered that the M-F 283 was a bargain up front, and when he figured resale value, parts and service costs, and fuel economy, the best buy for the long run, too.

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