

# Dairy Farmers Receive \$13.10 For October Milk

NEW YORK — Dairy farmers who supplied milk plants regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during October will be paid on the basis of a uniform price of \$13.10 per hundredweight (28.2 cents per quart).

The price for the corresponding month last year was \$14.67 per hundredweight, according to Acting Market Administrator Robert C. Pearce who also stated that the price was \$14.27 in September 1990.

The uniform price is a market-

wide weighted average of the value of farm milk used for fluid and manufactured dairy products.

The seasonal incentive fund returned a total of \$3,821,184.87, or \$.429 per hundredweight, to the dairy farmers' uniform price for October. This fund was generated by reducing the uniform price paid to producers during the high-production spring months.

A total of 13,189 dairy farmers supplied the New York-New Jersey Milk Marketing Area with 890,184,999 pounds of milk during October. This was an increase of 1.8 percent (about 16 million

pounds) from last year.

The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$118,896,333.50. This included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not voluntary premiums or deductions authorized by the farmer.

Regulated milk dealers (handlers) used 398,051,786 pounds of milk for Class I, 44.7 percent of the total. This milk is used for

fluid milk products such as homogenized, flavored, low test, and skim milks.

For October, handlers paid \$15.64 per hundredweight (33.6 cents per quart) for Class I milk compared with \$14.92 a year ago.

The balance (492,133,213 pounds or 55.3 percent) was used to manufacture Class II products including butter, cheese, ice cream and yogurt. Handlers paid \$10.54

per hundredweight for this milk.

The uniform price is based on milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat. For October 1990, there was a price differential of 11.4 cents for each one-tenth of one percent that the milk tested above or below the 3.5 percent standard.

All prices quoted are for bulk tank milk received from farms in the 201-210 mile zone from New York City.

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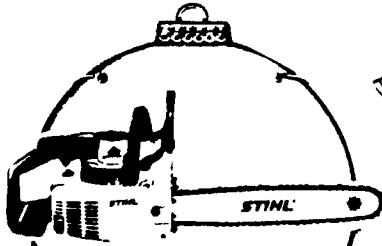
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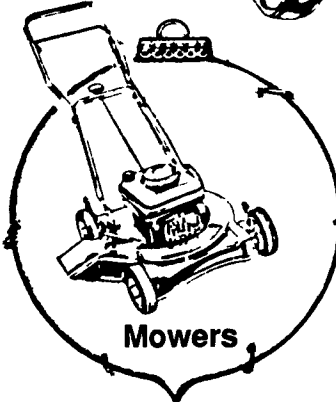
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