Rural Development Conferences To Be Held

HARRISBURG, Dauphin Co. - Gov. Robert P. Casey on Wednesday announced four statewide conferences are to be held this summer to bring together rural leaders, community officials, citizens and state government to coordinate strategies and build support for a comprehensive rural development policy.

"The goal of these meetings is to establish partnerships between state government and rural community leaders," said Dr. Helen Wise, deputy chief-of-staff to Gov. Casey. "To improve the quality of life in rural Pennsylvania, we need to coordinate our efforts and design a unified strategy for the future."

The conferences, to be funded by a grant from the Appalachian

Regional Commission, will focus on four key issues: rural growth and development, health care, education, and economic development. They will also address recommendations made by Gov. Casey's Rural Policy Development Team, a public-private partnership established to provide a formal link between rural community leaders and state government.

Each session will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and include a keynote speaker, a message from Gov. Casey, a question-and-answer period, and small group discussions. All sessions are free and open to the public.

· Rural growth and development will be the focus of the first conference on Friday, July 12 in Monroe County. State Secretary

of Community Affairs, Karen Miller, will be the keynote speaker. For more information, contact Ned Dempsey, regional director, Department of Community Affairs, at (717) 963-4571.

· Strengthening rural health care in the 1990s will be the subject of a second conference in Warren County on Friday, July 19. Alvin B. Grant, director of the Office of Rural Health, Illinois Department of Health, will give the keynote address. For more information, contact Warren County Commissioner Pat Evans, a member of the Rural Policy Team, (814) 723-7550.

• A third conference, focusing on rural education, will be held at Mansfield University on Friday, August 2. State Secretary of Education Donald Carroll will be the keynote speaker. For more information, contact Prof. J. Dennis Murray, research coordinator for the Rural Service Institute at Mansfield University and a member of the Rural Policy Team, at (717) 662-4974.

• Revitalizing Pennsylvania's rural economy will be the focus of the final conference on Friday, August 9 in Fayette County. Leading the session will be Dr. Stephen M. Smith, associate professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Penn State University, and Dr. Bernard Hoffnar, president, PA Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils. For more

information, contact Fred Lebder, chairman of the Fayette County Commissioners and a member of the Economic Development Partnership Board, at (412) 430-1201.

To further encourage partnerships with state government, members of Gov. Casey's Cabinet next month will participate in a rural affairs conference sponsored by the Susquehanna Economic Development Association - Council of Governments (SEDA. COG). From June 23-25, SEDA. COB will sponsor "Shaping the Future in Central Pennsylvania," a three-day conference at Bucknell University designed to develop a regional perspective on critical issues such as economic development, environment, education and societal change.

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the first month under the amended orders.

Final Figure

Putting all that together spells a uniform or blend price for Order 2 for 3.5 percent fat milk at the 201to 210-mile zone of \$10.81 for April milk.

That's 9 cents less than March and \$1.64 less than last year without the 30-cent payment for the Louisville Plan.

For the first month under the amendments to Order 2, with nearly the same volume of milk as last April, there was a 38.9 percent Class I utilization; 18.2 percent Class II and 42.9 percent Class III. Last year it was 38 percent Class I and 62 percent Class II.

For this month at least, it would appear that you may be a little ahead with the new classification and you did get 5 cents more for the 174 million pounds in Class II, most of which would have been in Class III.

It was expected that with all the changes in Order 2 that the new Order would be essentially "revenue neutral" when compared to the previous Order, but that may not be true for individual producers.

The changes in the transportation differentials will probably have the most immediate impact, with producers inside the 201- to 210-mile zone showing the most improvement and those beyond the least.

While the M-W price is up a little and cheese and powder prices are showing some activity, don't expect much change in your milk check next month.

We already know that the Class I and II prices will be nearly the same in May as they were in April. The M-W may continue to go up, but the increase will be small and won't be reflected in your milk check through Class I and II prices until July.

So, while the market looks firmer, all the cost cutting practices you can use will be needed into the foreseeable future and beyond for survival.

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promotion. The incentive program, "Let Loose in Laguna," ran from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1990.

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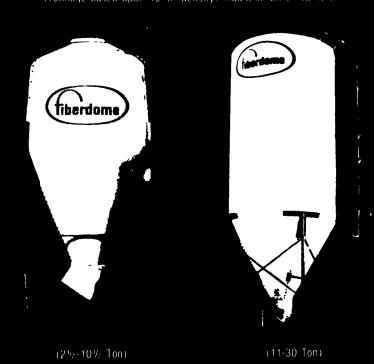
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