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**USDA Issues Tentative Federal Order Decision**

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CLEVELAND, Ohio — A tentative decision has been issued by USDA/AMS/Dairy

Division that proposes a special III-A class and price for producer skim milk used to manufacture nonfat dry milk (NFDM) under the New

England, Middle Atlantic, and Pacific Northwest orders.

Such pricing is denied for the other markets, including Ohio

Valley, Eastern Ohio-Western Pennsylvania, Southern Michigan and Michigan Upper Peninsula orders, in this proceeding.

The decision is based on industry proposals considered at a public hearing held July 30 through August 1, 1991.

Federal orders classify milk used to produce storable dairy products (hard cheese, butter, and NFDM) in Class III and price it at the Minnesota-Wisconsin (M-W) price. The Class III-A product price formula is provided because it will more accurately reflect the value of milk used to produce NFDM than is reflected by the M-W price.

The changes will facilitate the orderly disposition of the reserve milk supplies associated with these three markets.

Interested parties may file written exceptions to this tentative decision with the Hearing Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250 by the 30th day after publication of this decision in the Federal Register. The anticipated publication date was Monday, Dec. 16. Six copies of the exceptions should be filed.

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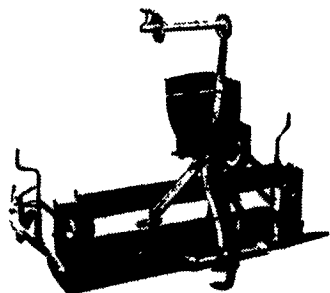
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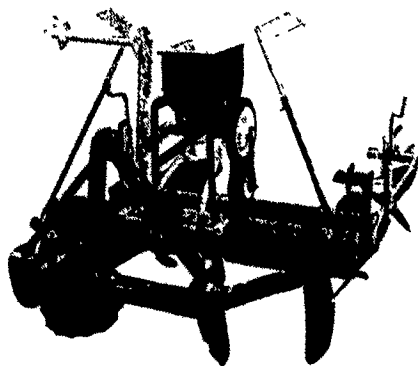
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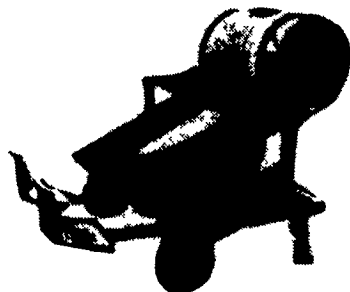
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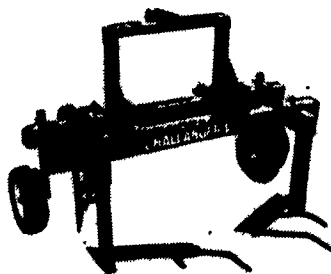
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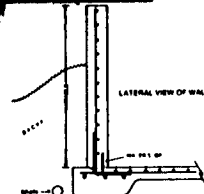
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