

\$12.94 November Milk

ALBANY, N.Y. — Dairy farmers who supplied regulated milk dealers (handlers) under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during November 1992 will be paid on the basis of a uniform price of \$12.94 per hundredweight (27.8 cents per quart).

The price for the corresponding month last year was \$13.32 per hundredweight.

Market Administrator Ronald C. Pearce also said the price was \$13.24 in October 1992.

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 plan has been suspended for April-November 1992. If the plan had been in effect for all of the spring months, the remainder of the monies deducted plus interest earned would have been returned in the November uniform price calculation.

A total of 12,150 dairy farmers supplied handlers regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders with 863,083,900 pounds of milk during November 1992. This was a decrease of 1.1 percent (about 10 million pounds) from last year. The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$113,736,909.40. This

included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not premiums, deductions authorized by the farmer, or assessments.

Regulated handlers used 362,572,232 pounds of milk for Class I, 42 percent of the total. This milk is used for fluid milk products such as homogenized, flavored, low test, and skim milks. For November 1992, handlers paid \$14.70 per hundredweight (31.6 cents per quart) for Class I milk compared with \$14.44 a year ago.

Handlers used 143,779,855 pounds of milk for Class II products, 16.7 percent of the total. Class II products include fluid cream, eggnog, cottage cheese, ice cream, and yogurt. Handlers paid \$11.82 per hundredweight for this milk.

The balance (356,731,813 pounds or 41.3 percent) was used to manufacture Class III products including butter, cheese other than cottage cheese, and dried milk. Handlers paid \$11.90 per hundredweight for this milk.

The uniform price is based on milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat. For November 1992, there was a price differential of 7.6 cents for each one-tenth of one percent that the milk tested above or below the 3.5 percent standard.

Somerset Co. DHIA Awards Presented

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BERLIN (Somerset Co.) — The annual Somerset County Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) award presentations followed a ham dinner at the community center here.

North View Farms, Inc., located here and represented by John Will, took four of the major awards. They were for high herd for milk and protein production per cow; high individual cow record for milk; high individual cow record for protein and for having the most improved herd.

Average number of cows was 96.6; percent of days in milk was 89.1; milk pounds was 26,568; fat, 926 pounds; protein, 882 pounds.

John and brothers, Jim and Dan

operate the seven farm family business.

George Stahl's Holstein herd, located on Somerset, RD, was awarded for high herd fat production per cow. The average number of cows was 65.2; days in milk, 89.6 percent; milkpounds was 24,073; fat, 952 pounds; protein, 773 pounds.

Individual cow record for fat went to Donald Glessner, Berlin, for Valorie, a Holstein whose age is four-nine. Her pounds of fat were 1,532 (2X).

Pax-Terra Farm, near Meyersdale, had the herd with the lowest somatic cell count, at 88,000. Its nearest competitor was Dry Acres Farm, Glencoe, with 102,000. In all, 16 herds were under the 200,000 mark.

Tying for the second most improved herd in the county were Reimandale Farm and Stoney Acres Farm, Berlin.

Whistler Farms, Somerset, was recognized for having the cow with the highest lifetime production. Filed under the barn name 83W, her record for lifetime milk is 250,835; lifetime fat, 10,213; Lifetime protein, 6,429 and nine lactations.

The county dairy herds averaged out to a greater number this year, at 130, compared to 1990-91, when the average was 122. Number of cows was also up, to 8,328 over the previous year's 7,687. 1991-92 records showed increases in cows per head, milk per cow, fat per cow and protein

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Somerset Co. DHIA award winners and dairy princess following the annual dinner meeting. From left, Don Glessner, John Will, Melissa Spory, Dennis Reiman and Jim Brant. Absent were George Stahl and Jim Paxton.



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