

F.O.2 Farmers Voting

ALBANY, N.Y. — Dairy farmers in the milkshed have the opportunity to vote on a proposed amended New York-New Jersey Federal Milk Marketing Order (Order No. 2) in a mail referendum ending on Dec. 28.

The order as proposed to be amended, contained in a final decision issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on December 2, 1994, will replace the existing Class II milk price formula with the basic formula price for the second preceding month plus a fixed differential of 30 cents. The change was considered at a public hearing held Jan. 6 and 7.

All dairy farmers who were producers under Order No. 2 in March 1994 will be eligible to vote on the amended order. Qualified cooperative associations of producers may cast bloc votes on behalf of their members. A producer who is not a cooperative member, or whose cooperative does not bloc vote, may vote by individual ballot.

Whether an individual, partnership, corporation or other type of business enterprise or unit, a producer is entitled to only one vote regardless of the number of farms which the producer may operate, the number of health permits which may have been issued to the producer, or the number of plants to which the producer may have delivered milk during the representative period.

Approval of the order as amended requires a "yes" vote from at least two-thirds of the dairy farmers who cast ballots.

The final decision adopts a new

Class II price formula in all federal milk orders. The Class II price would be the basic formula price (Minnesota-Wisconsin price at 3.5 percent butterfat, M-W price) for the second preceding month plus a fixed differential of 30 cents.

The announcement date of the Class II price would be moved up from the current date, on or before the 15th of the previous month, to the same date as the Class I price announcement in all Federal orders, on or before the fifth day of the month.

The announced price would apply to milk marketed during the following month. The "add-back" provision under existing Class II pricing will be eliminated.

The proposed revised Class II formula will improve the efficiency of pricing and marketing milk used in Class II manufactured products. Movements in the Class I and Class II prices will be coordinated. In addition, month-to-month volatility in the Class II price often encountered under the existing formula should be reduced under the proposed formula.

The changes to Federal Order No. 2 also are applicable to New York State Order No. 126 and New Jersey Order No. 57-3. These concurrent state orders are essentially identical to the Federal order.

The final decision and referendum ballots will be placed in the mail soon. The referendum agent urges all eligible producers who are not voting collectively and who do not receive a ballot to contact the Referendum Agent at One Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203-5156.

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Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20 PUBLIC SALE 12 NOON REGULAR ADS 5:00 PM	Dec. 21 REGULAR CLASSIFIED 5 PM	Dec. 22 FARM EQUIP. CLASSIFIED 9 A.M.	Dec. 23 PRINTING AND MAILING DATE MAILBOX MARKET DUE FOR 12-31 ISSUE	Dec. 24 HOME DELIVER DATE
Dec. 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	Dec. 26 OFFICE CLOSED	Dec. 27 PUBLIC SALE 12 NOON REGULAR ADS 5 PM	Dec. 28 REGULAR CLASSIFIED 5 PM	Dec. 29 FARM EQUIP. CLASSIFIED 9 AM	Dec. 30 PRINTING AND MAILING DATE MAILBOX MARKET DUE FOR JAN. 6, 1995 PUBLIC SALE	Dec. 31 HOME DELIVERY DATE
Jan. 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	Jan. 2 OFFICE CLOSED	Jan. 3 REGULAR ADS CLASSIFIED & FARM EQUIP. 5:00 PM	Jan. 4	Jan. 5 PRINTING AND MAILING	Jan. 6 HOME DELIVERY DATE	Jan. 7 FARM SHOW OPEN

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