

## PMMB Lowers Over-Order Premium

**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board has approved a 30-cent reduction in the over-order premium on Class I (fluid milk) sold in the state.

The over-order premium is an additional price put on Class I milk that is authorized to boost farmgate prices for that milk.

According to a news release from the agency, the current premium of 80 cents per hundredweight (cwt.) is to drop a dime to 70 cents effective August 1.

Another 10-cent drop is scheduled to occur Sept. 1, while an additional drop effective Oct. 1 will reduce the premium to 50 cents per cwt.

Also, in Milk Marketing Area 5, a 15-cent over-order premium is to end August 1.

The reduction in premium is a result of a petition and various recommendations to the PMMB by various farm organizations, dairy cooperatives, milk companies, some dairy farmers and the PMMB staff.

Testimony was presented to the PMMB during a May 25 public hearing.

During the hearing, the Pa. Association of Milk Dealers and several others testified that the premium should be immediately reduced from 80 cents to 50 cents, mostly citing a competitive disadvantage with out-of-state milk being shipped in-state.

Others called for less of a reduction, while some offered that the premium should be raised.

However, during the three months that the over-order premium is scheduled to be reduced, milk market forecasters predict the basic milk price to rise, somewhat offsetting the reductions.

According to Leon Wilkinson, chairman of the PMMB, "Since 1988 the PMMB has mandated that a premium be added to fluid milk prices to assist dairy farmers in overcoming drought, floods, and other difficult market conditions.

"The premium has been a leader in the Northeast United States in obtaining better Class I prices for our deserving farmers," he said.

According to the release, in 1994, Pennsylvania dairy farmers received an average of \$14 per hundredweight for Class I milk while farmers in Ohio and New York received an average of \$13.30, New Jersey dairy farmers got \$13.80, and Maryland producers received \$13.70.

Surrounding states are currently paying Class I premiums ranging up to 40 cents per cwt.

Fluid milk Class I sales in Pennsylvania have decreased by 2.8 percent from 1994 to 1994, according to the PMMB facts. Also cited by PMMB in the release was testimony from one Pennsylvania dairy that it lost more than 500,000 pounds of milk sales to out-of-state competition primarily because of the premium.

Another testified that it lost sales of about 15 million pounds over three years.

Robert Derry, a member of the board representing consumers, said, "When Class I sales are lost in Pennsylvania, utilization usually goes to Class II, Class III, or Class III-A, resulting in a lower amount being paid to Pennsylvania farmers."

Wilkinson and Derry agreed that the decision to lower the premium is in the best interest of the dairy farmer in the long run, according to the news release.

"We want to make sure that our producers are being taken care of, but we do not want to place Pennsylvania milk at a competitive disadvantage. It is our hope that by lowering the premium to 50 cents we will be able to remain competitive," Wilkinson said.

"Be assured," Derry said, "the PMMB will closely monitor the movement of milk in and out of Pennsylvania, and any other con-

ditions that could have an adverse (sic) effect on the Pennsylvania dairy farmer."

In a related news release from the Pennsylvania State Grange, Brenda Shambaugh, the Grange legislative director, said, "The Grange had testified that the over-order premium should be reduced from 80 cents ... to 50 cents ... because of out-of-state milk was pouring into Pennsylvania processing plants and hurting our own producers.

"We credit the board for having the fortitude to reach this difficult, but financially prudent, decision."

## Chester Holstein Field Day At Melwood Farm

**WEST CHESTER** (Chester Co.) — The Chester County Holstein Field Day has been scheduled to be held August 10 at Melwood Farm near Homeville.

The 45-cow Holstein operation is home to Melvin and Mary Ellen Stoltzfus and their seven children. The Melwood herd has been leading the county in average production.

A pork roast at \$4 each, \$2 for children aged 4 years to 12, is offered for lunch. Reservations need to be made by August 2. Call

Jane Pebble at (610) 932-3975, or Duane Hershey at (610) 593-5998.

Also to be held is a judging contest with Dwight Stoltzfus to serve as judge. The speaker is to be Dieter Krieg, editor of Farmshine. Door prizes are also to be offered.

Melwood Farm is located along Faggs Manor Road. From the intersection of Rt. 10 and Rt. 41, travel south on Rt. 10 for 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Rt. 926. Turn left onto Faggs Manor Road. Melwood is the first farm on the right.

## York To Hold Snake Hunt

**YORK** (York Co.) — The annual copperhead snake hunt and reptile exhibition is to be held Saturday, August 19, from 8 a.m. at Indian Steps Museum, in Airville.

The hunt is sponsored by the Conservation Society of York County. Dale Leiphart, chairperson of the event, said hunters can register at the hunt and will be recognized for all copperheads captured but there will be no prizes or

## Lebanon Sets Field Night

**MYERSTOWN** (Lebanon Co.) — The Lebanon County Holstein Club has scheduled its field night for 7 p.m., August 10 at the Gary and Barb Lentz farm in the Mt. Zion area.

The Lentz farm is called Dream-On Holsteins and its 83-head registered milking string has a rolling herd average of more than 24,017 pounds of milk, 871 pounds of fat and 777 pounds of protein. The herd BAA is 107.2 and features the Hazel family with sons at stud in artificial insemination, including Herod, a bull that is currently +43 pounds protein, 1.41 PTAT and 1.77 UDC.

The featured speaker for the evening is to be Ray Moyer, manager of Junge Farm, in New Tripoli. His herd is averaging more than 26,000 pounds of milk and has a BAA of 106.7.

Official judge for the cattle judging contest is to be Mike Menendez, sire analyst for Landmark Genetics.

To get to the farm from Rt. 422, take Prescott Road (between Lebanon and Myerstown) north to Mt. Zion Road, Continue north on Mt. Zion Road about five miles to Greble Road. Turn right onto Greble Road and Deam-On Holsteins is the first farm on the left.

All Holstein enthusiasts are invited to participate in the judging contest, attend the speaker's program, and enjoy a complimentary picnic meal.

For more information, call Mike Fair at (717) 274-9838.

## York 4-H Dairy Show

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**Brown Swiss** - 1 Joshua Hushon, Delta Holstein - 1. Michelle Walker, Thomasville; 2 Brad Walker, Thomasville

**FOUR-YEAR-OLD**

**Ayrshire** - 1 Jesse Stambaugh, Spring Grove

**Holstein** - 1 Daphne Doll, Glen Rock; 2. Joshua Hushon, Delta; 3 Greg Walker, Thomasville

**SIX YEAR OLD AND OVER**

**Ayrshire** - 1 Jesse Stambaugh, Spring Grove

**Holstein** - 1 Brad Walker, Thomasville; 2. Greg Walker, Thomasville

**SENIOR AND GRAND CHAMPION**

**Ayrshire** - Jesse Stambaugh, Spring Grove; Reserve, Katie Shoemaker, Thomasville

**Brown Swiss** - Joshua Hushon, Delta; Reserve, Jacob Hushon, Delta

**Holstein** - Daphne Doll, Glen Rock; Re-

serve, Brad Walker, Thomasville  
**Milking Shorthorn** - Heather Crowl, Airville

**SUPREME CHAMPION**

**Holstein** - exhibited by Daphne Doll, Glen Rock

**DAM AND DAUGHTER**

**Ayrshire** - 1. Jesse Stambaugh, Spring Grove

**Brown Swiss** - 1. Joshua Hushon, Delta

**Holstein** - 1. Greg Walker, Thomasville; 2 Michael Greek, Delta

**SHOWMANSHIP**

**Cloverbud** - 1. Cory Thompson; 2. Tern Johnson

**Junior** - 1. Erin Marks; 2. Nicole Marks

**Intermediate, Group 1** - Mark Luca-

baugh; 2. Angie Beshore; 3. Joshua Hushon

**Intermediate, Group 2** - 1. Amy Trimmer, 2. Jesse Stambaugh

**Senior** - 1. Dixie Doll; 2. Brad Walker



Snagging top Jersey breed honors at their first 4-H dairy shows were champion exhibitor, Kristine McElwaine, left, and reserve champion exhibitor, Barbara Richardson.

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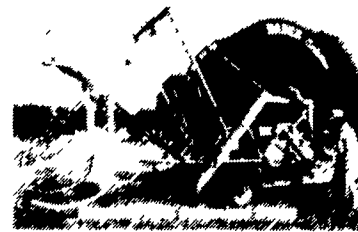
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15	1.65" x 410'	150'	P85	50 TSI	\$ 4,650.....	\$ 4,185
45	2.1" x 720'	205'	SR100	65 TI	9,900.....	8,910
65	2.5" x 920'	225'	SR100	75 TI	12,500.....	11,250
82	3.0" x 985'	250'	SR150	90 TI	17,500.....	15,750
100	3.7" x 1150'	265'	SR150	110 TI	24,500.....	22,050
127	3.8" x 1280'	275'	SR150	120 TI	27,600.....	24,840
164	4.0" x 1312'	275'	SR150	125 TI	31,800.....	28,620