

Maryland DHIA Report For December

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Talbot County			
Herd Name	Cows In Herd	ECM	Herd Breed
Wm. Brinsfield	61	78.6	H
R. Stanley Collier & Son	188	65.4	H

Washington County			
Herd Name	Cows In Herd	ECM	Herd Breed
Marsh-Haven Farm	94	71.2	H
Michael Forsythe	27	69.5	H
Afton Spring Dairy	71	68.2	H
John & Candy Burtner	29	67.6	H
Arthur Rhoderick	247	66.5	H
Pryor Brothers	85	66.1	H
Curtis W Ausherman	105	65.6	H
Magna-Vista Farm	76	65.3	H
Truman Martin	135	65.0	H

HIGH HERDS ECM BY BREED

AYRSHIRE

Herd Name	#Cows in Herd	ECM
David & James Patnck	54	66.8
Ralph W Shank	112	56.1
R-Lyn Farm	11	52.0
Vales-Pride	37	50.7
Edgewood Farms Inc	22	43.9

BROWN SWISS

Herd Name	#Cows in Herd	ECM
Dublin Hills Swiss	52	86.4
Garstlyn Brown Swiss	35	70.2

Herd Name	#Cows in Herd	ECM	County Ass'n
Rudell C. Beall & Sons	11	68.0	Montgomery
K. Scott & Judy Hood	21	63.7	Frederick
Fir-Thome-B	33	63.3	Frederick
Joy and Tom Crothers	12	62.5	Cecil
Green-Castle Swiss	10	62.3	Harford
Dwayne & Miriam Bell	70	59.9	Frederick
Frey, Fleming & Bassler	42	58.9	Washington
Bells Delight Farm	25	49.2	Carroll

GUERNSEY

Herd Name	#Cows in Herd	ECM	County Ass'n
Mt. Ararat Farms	48	61.3	Cecil
Keith Dixon	22	58.8	Kent
John & Wm. Schnebly	80	55.6	Washington
Englad Farms Inc	10	52.4	Cecil
William B. Messix III	20	49.8	Queen Anne's
Dogwood Lane Farm	48	45.7	Kent
Anovadale Guernseys	33	45.4	Frederick
Level Square Associates	73	43.5	Queen Anne's

JERSEY

Herd Name	#Cows in Herd	ECM	County Ass'n
Queen Acres Jerseys	136	75.4	Carroll
Paul & Naomi Petersheim	30	63.0	Garrett
Michael Forsythe	17	60.6	Washington
P. Thomas Mason	58	58.9	Kent
Gaywinds Farm	62	57.7	Frederick
Tol-Je-So Farm 2	15	53.6	Cecil
Janessa Jerseys	29	52.0	Frederick
Mayer's Stoney Point	17	50.8	Carroll
Secret Hill Jersey	14	48.6	Harford
Maryland Sunset View	83	48.1	Carroll

MMI Praises U.S. Ag Secretary

STRONGSVILLE, Ohio — Milk Marketing Inc. CEO and Executive Vice President Don Schriver praised Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman this week for planned action announced during the last few days.

The action, when implemented, "will help stem the recent milk price drop," Schriver said.

Among the actions announced by the Agriculture Department is the purchase of \$5 million worth of cheese for use in domestic food assistance programs. This is in addition to already accelerated school lunch program purchases. In addition, the Secretary announced reactivating the Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP) for butterfat. Non-fat dry milk would also be targeted for increased sales activity. Since mid-1995, the program has been idle.

This week, in its monthly newsletter to over 9,000 farm families, MMI was cautiously optimistic

regarding the farm price of milk. The newsletter reported that early this month the cheese market recovered a portion of the recent price reduction it has suffered. This, along with wholesale butter prices rebounding several weeks ago, spells an upward trend in farm prices in the next several months.

However, dairy producers can expect rapid price swings to continue, cautioned Rod Carlson, MMI's vice president of member services and economics. The phasing out of the price support system and the resulting movement to the free market means this kind of market reaction will continue.

Carlson stated that MMI is committed to help its farmer members adapt to this rapid change in agriculture and the market implications of the government withdrawal from the agricultural sector.

Headquartered in Strongsville, Ohio, MMI is the third largest dairy cooperative and the 11th

largest dairy food company in the U.S. In fiscal year 1996, MMI marketed and processed more than 7 billion pounds of milk. MMI represents more than 9,000 dairy farm families in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Vermont, West Virginia and Delaware.



MILK PRICE IS DROPPING?

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

FEB 3: NOON

Kistler Restaurant
Kistler, PA

Soup and sandwiches served
Please call 717-549-5023 or 800-221-1718 for reservations

FEB 4: 10:00 AM-2:30 PM

Kinzers Fire Hall
Kinzers, PA

Meal will be served at noon
Please call 717-665-4980, 717-664-3907 or 800-221-1718 for reservations.

FEB 5: 1:00 PM

Yoder Family Restaurant
Route 45 between Mifflinburg and Hartleton, PA

Light refreshments served

FEB 6: 1:00 PM

Edgewood Restaurant
Mansfield, PA

Light refreshments served

FEB 7: 1:00 PM

Thompson Fire Hall
Thompson, PA

Light refreshments served

Joe Paris will be the guest speaker at all of the above meetings. The purpose of the meeting is to explain why the price of milk is dropping, what NFO is doing about it and what farmers can do to help us. Please attend the meeting closest to you and bring your non-NFO neighbor.



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tobacco will be receiving 609 and 41 type tobacco until January 31. We would like all of our customers to bring in their tobacco by that date. If you can not have your tobacco in by that time, we will reopen for a few days in mid-February to receive the remainder of your crop.

Farmers, we are currently writing contracts for your 1997 crop. We have about 3 million pounds that we can sign. Don't promise your tobacco to someone who cannot guarantee you a minimum price.

For the third consecutive week, we have raised the price for our customers. As of Wed., Jan. 22, we are paying \$1.80/lb for 609 tips, middles and bottoms. Remember, when you sell tobacco to us, we do not charge the farmer 2 cents commission. Call either location for current prices.

Receiving Location #1

Receiving Location #2
(Behind Ross's Feed & Grain)

374 S. Farmersville Rd.
Ephrata, PA
656-9847

27 N. Church St.
Quarryville, PA
786-6135

Buyers: Clarence Shirk
Joey Bowen

Buyers: "Big" Ron Bowen
Ken "Groundhog"
Swayne

We sell 609 seed.