

FARM CALENDAR

Banquet, Farm Show Complex cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 11

Berks County 4-H Spring Kick-off, Berks County Agricultural Center, 6:15-9:30 p.m.

Mercer County Spring Spectacular, Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

Drying Flowers with Silica Gel, Carroll County Extension Service Office, Westminster, Maryland, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Garden Wise, Conference Center, Penn State York Campus, 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Forest Stewardship Landowners' Banquet, Allen Hall, Mansfield University, 9 a.m.

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Grange, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8

Teen-age Tractor Safety, Lehigh Ag Equipment, Chapmans, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9

Comings and Goings: Smoothing Those Difficult Transitions, Lebanon County Extension Office, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Chester County Quality Assurance Meeting, Chester County Cooperative Extension, Room 370, 7 p.m. and SAT., April 12, Herr Farms Feedlot, 9 a.m.

Precision Agricultural Meeting, York County Extension, 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 10

New Bottom Center Public Lecture: A Practical Approach to Pre-purchase Examination and Lameness Clinic, 7 p.m.

Farm Show Buyer Appreciation

Center, 8 a.m.
Cedar Crest Young Farmers Awards Banquet, Schaefferstown Fire Hall, 7 p.m.

FFA Banquet, Lancaster Mennonite High School, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 4

Joint Tioga County Agricultural Banquet, Youth Center, Tioga County Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 5

Do-Si-Do Your Dog, Berks County 4-H Center, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pa. Horse Farmers' Open House, Also April 6.

Sunday, April 6

Monday, April 7

Pa. 4-H Capitol Days, Harrisburg, thr April 8.

Berks County Conservation District Banquet, Kutztown

ALBANY, N.Y. — Dairy farmers who supplied regulated milk dealers (handlers) under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during February 1997 will be paid by handlers on the basis of a uniform price of \$12.70 per hundredweight (27.3 cents per quart); the price for the corresponding month last year was \$13.59 per hundredweight.

Market Administrator Ronald C. Pearce also stated that the price was \$12.65 in January 1997. The uniform price is a marketwide weighted average of the value of farm milk used for fluid and manufactured dairy products.

February's uniform price was lowered 3 cents per hundredweight by a refund payment of \$267,924.20 to Sani-Dairy, in trust, for redistribution to the producer plaintiffs. The payment

from the Producer Settlement Fund was ordered by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania in Sani-Dairy et al. v. Yeutter.

A total of 10,220 dairy farmers supplied handlers regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders with 882,337,687 pounds of milk during February 1997. This was a decrease of 8.5 percent (about 82 million pounds) from last year. When adjusted for the extra day in February 1996, the actual decrease is 5.2 percent.

The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$113,823,068.64. This included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not premiums, deductions authorized by the farmer, or assessments.

Regulated handlers used 351,515,816 pounds of milk for Class I, 39.8 percent of the total. This milk is used for fluid milk

products such as homogenized, flavored, low test, and skim milks. For February 1997 handlers paid \$13.76 per hundredweight (29.6 cents per quart) for Class I milk compared with \$15.33 a year ago.

Handlers used 139,869,789 pounds of milk for Class II products, 15.8 percent of the total. Class II products include fluid cream, eggnog, ricotta and cottage cheeses, ice cream, and yogurt. Handlers paid \$11.64 per hundredweight for this milk.

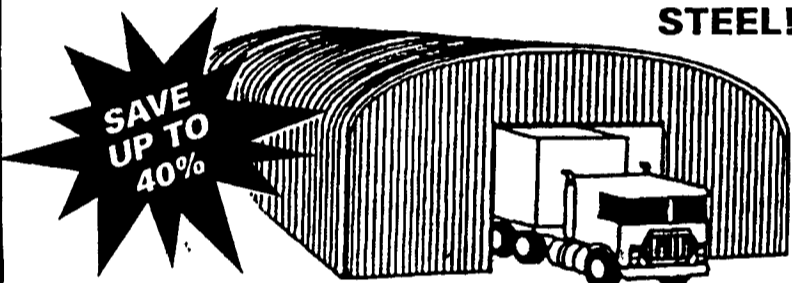
Milk used to manufacture Class III products including butter, cheese (other than ricotta and cottage cheeses), and whole milk powder totaled 369,289,315 pounds (41.9 percent of the total). Handlers paid \$12.48 per hundredweight for this milk.

Milk used to manufacture non-fat dry milk (Class III-A) totaled 21,672,767 pounds (2.5 percent of the total). Handlers paid \$12.38 per hundredweight for this milk.

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