

State Grange Pleased With PMMB Decision

Jersey Shore Livestock Market, Inc.

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at 4:00 p.m.

Jersey Shore, Pa.

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Thursday, April 24, 1997

RETURN TO FARM CALF
50.00-160.00.

GOOD VEAL: 30.00-49.00.
COMMON VEAL: 15.00-29.00.
CHOICE STEERS: 64.00-69.50.
SELECT STEERS: 58.00-63.00.
COMMON STEERS: 48.00-57.00.
COMMERCIAL COWS: 34.00-42.00;
COUPLE 46.00.
CANNERS-CUTTERS: 29.00-36.00.
SHELLS: 20.00-28.00.
CHOICE HEIFERS: 64.00-69.50.
SELECT HEIFERS: 58.00-63.00.
COMMON HEIFERS: 38.00-57.00.
GOOD FEEDERS: 54.00-68.00.
COMMON FEEDERS: 25.00-53.00.
BULLS: 36.00-55.00.
GOOD HOGS: 53.00-54.10.

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables

New Holland, PA

Monday, April 21, 1997

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306 HEAD. MARKET STEADY.
WORK 910.00-1350.00.
DRIVING 485.00-875.00.
RIDING 575.00-1000.00.
BETTER RIDING 1075.00-1725.00.
REGISTERED RIDING
885.00-1300.00.
KILLERS, 6 HEAD 1050.00-1300.00.
HEAVYWEIGHTS 840.00-960.00.
LIGHTWEIGHTS 485.00-700.00.
PONIES 140.00-400.00.
LARGE PONIES 460.00-575.00, 5
HEAD 625.00-875.00.
COLTS 250.00-475.00.

Pennsylvania Livestock

WAYNESBURG, PA

APRIL 24, 1997

CATTLE:

SLAUGHTER COWS: Utility & Commercial
36.00-44.00; Cutter & Boning Utility 30.00-39.50; Can-
ner & Low Cutter 28.00-34.50; Shells 28.00 & down.
BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1500/2000 lbs, 42.00-51.75;
Yield Grade 2 1000/1400 lbs, 35.00-52.50.
FEEDER STEERS: M&L 1 300/500 lbs, 50.00-83.50;
250/280 lbs, 48.00-81.00; M 600/900 lbs, 45.00-71.50;
HEIFERS: M 1&L 300/500 lbs, 40.00-72.50; L 1
400/650 lbs, 38.00-74.00; BULLS: M&L 1 300/620 lbs,
42.00-80.00.
CALVES: Veal: Prime 40.00-85.00; Choice
38.00-62.50; Good 35.00-48.00; Farm Calves; #1 Hol-
stein Bulls 90/120 lbs, few 35.00-65.00; #2 Holstein Bulls
80/100 lbs, few 20.00-40.00; Beef X Bulls & Hfrs/Hd
20.00-100.00.
HOGS: Barrows & Gilts: #1-2 210/255 lbs,
45.00-52.00; #2-3 255/280 lbs, 45.00-47.50; Sows: #1-3
300/500 lbs, 30.00-48.00; Feeder Pigs: 1-3 15/20 lbs,
5.00-17.00/Hd; 1-3 25/35 lbs, 10.00-45.00/Hd.
LAMBS: High Choice 80/100 lbs, 90.00-128.00;
Choice 70/90 lbs, 80.00-150.00; Feeder Lambs: Good
75.00-110.00; Sheep 20.00-58.00; Fat Sheep 40.00 and
down.
GOATS: Large 60.00-85.00/Hd; Medium
30.00-55.00/Hd; Small 10.00-40.00/Hd.
HORSES: Horses 35.00-68.00; Ponies 20.00-44.50.

Indiana Farmers

HOMER CITY, PA

APRIL 24, 1997

CATTLE: 160: Cows: Steady.

STEERS: Choice 1075/1325 lbs, 63.00-67.00 few;
Few Standard 43.25-51.75; Holsteins: Few Choice
1300/1490 lbs, 54.25-57.00; Select 50.50-53.75; Stan-
dard 33.00-45.00.
HEIFERS: Choice 1200 lbs, one at 64.00; Standard
37.00-54.50.
COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial
36.00-43.25; Cutter and Boning Utility 32.00-37.25;
Canner & Low Cutter 25.25-31.25; Shells down to 20.50.
BULLS: Few Yield Grade 1 1675/1975 lbs,
44.00-44.50; Few Yield Grade 2 900/1650 lbs,
39.00-44.25.
FEEDER CATTLE: Few STEERS: L-1 640/715 lbs,
54.50-62.50; M&L-2 425/520 lbs, 42.00-56.50; Few
HEIFERS: M-1 430/570 lbs, 52.50-58.00; M&L-2
250/850 lbs, 35.00-47.00; Few BULLS: M&L-1 325/765
lbs, 53.50-56.50; M&L-2 315/820 lbs, 32.00-52.00.
CALVES: 61: Few Choice 180/320 lbs, 56.00-81.00;
Standard & Good 90/125 lbs, 22.00-36.00; Standard &
Good 65/85 lbs, 21.00-24.00; Utility 50/85 lbs; FARM
CALVES: Holstein Bulls steady to 15.00 higher; No 1
Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs, 70.00-114.00, Mostly
80.00-96.00; No 2 Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs,
36.00-67.50; Beef Cross Bulls & Heifers 80/120 lbs,
55.00-102.50.
HOGS: 30: Barrows and Gilts: Steady to 3.00 higher;
1-3 225/250 lbs, 53.00-56.85; 1-3 275/305 lbs,
46.50-52.75; 1-3 110/115 lbs, 28.00-34.00 few.
SOWS: Few 1-3 375/535 lbs, 43.50-48.00; BOARS:
235/460 lbs, 32.25-33.00 few.
FEEDER PIGS: 17: US 1-3 35/65 lbs, 23.00-46.00;
Utility 15/20 lbs, 9.00-13.00 per head/cwt.
SHEEP: 13: Choice 80/100 lbs, 94.00-113.00; Good &
C 65/85 lbs, 96.00-97.00 few; Slaughter Sheep:
36.00-45.00.
GOATS: 31: Small Kids 2.00-7.00.

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)
— The Pennsylvania State Grange
is satisfied with Friday's
announcement that the extension
of the 30-cent increase in the over-
order premium will be continued
for one year beginning May 1.

The 30-cent additional pre-
mium had been slated to end on
April 30.

Brenda Shambaugh, Pa. State
Grange legislative director, said
the testimony presented by the
Grange at a public hearing before
the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing
Board (PMMB) on April 9 clearly
showed that the extension was

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needed.

"There was, in fact, no testi-
mony against continuation of the
extension," Shambaugh said.
"The extension gives Pennsylva-
nia dairy farmers a safety net as
they continue to recover from the
crippling fall in prices the last
quarter of 1996. The extension
will alleviate some of the financial
strain felt on the farm and is cer-
tainly a step in the right direction."

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tive action, offering member ser-
vices and participating in com-
munity affairs.

Robert Gabel, chairman of the
Pennsylvania State Grange Dairy
Committee and a dairy farmer
from Newport, Perry County, tes-
tified that his feed and forage costs
have increased 37 percent over the
immediate past 12 months, as
compared to the same months in
the previous year, while his
income has decreased.

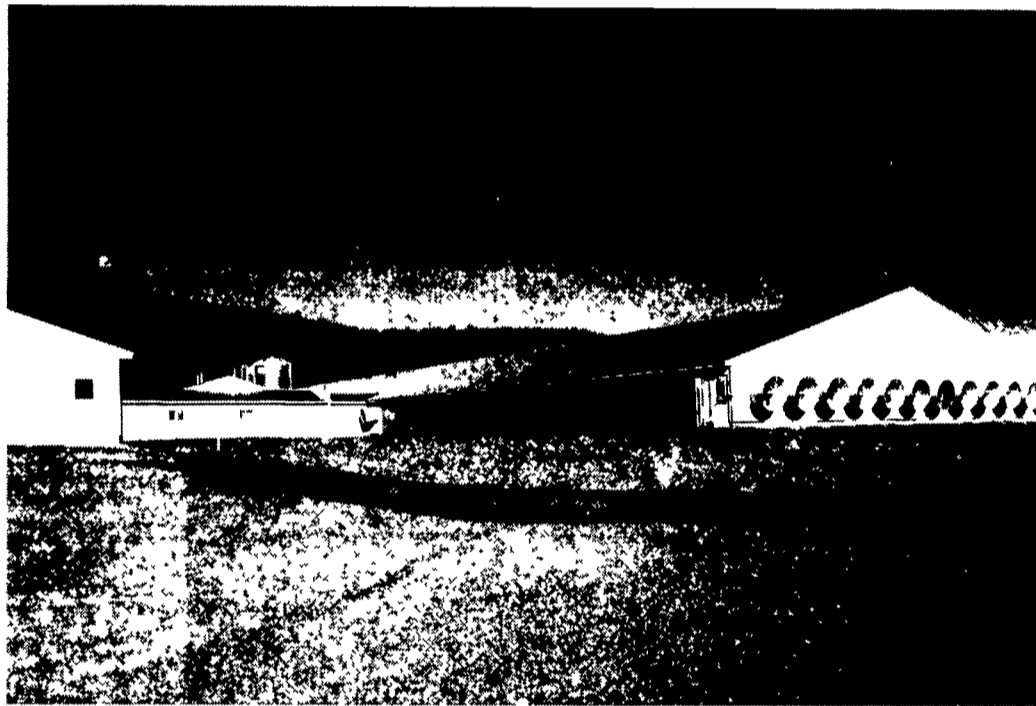
"Because the feed supply was
low, my feed costs have
increased," Gabel told the board.
"I do not believe feed costs will
decrease significantly in the
future."

Other factors have also worked
against farmers, according to
Gabel. Erratic weather, depleted
corn reserves and escalating grain

prices have held down profit mar-
gins, he said.

Gabel, who milks 40 and owns
a total of 100 cows on approxi-
mately 400 acres, said his yearly
feed costs alone increased
\$14,572 between 1994-95 and
1995-96 due to low feed supplies,
which drove up the price of feed
and forage for his herd.

"In addition to feed costs
increasing, other costs have also
escalated," Gabel told the board
members. "Veterinary fees and
services, equipment repair and
equipment replacement costs have
also increased. The bottom line is
this: My farm cost per hundred-
weight of milk for the year ending
on Sept. 30, 1995, was \$5.15. The
following year, however, my cost
per hundredweight of milk
increased \$7.28. Today, this costs
per hundredweight is at \$7.38,
leaving profit margins very tight
and placing a financial strain on
the farm operation."



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