

The Dairy Compact: A Broad Look At What People Are Saying

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U.S. Department of Agriculture. (Differentials are the premiums paid for milk uses above a standard base price set according to formulae that take into account dairy commodity prices and production commodity costs. The Class I differential is set to pay farmers more for the milk they sell that gets used as drinking milk.)

After the Midwestern federal judge Doty ruled that the secretary of agriculture exceeded authority by unsatisfactorily justifying the setting of the Class I differentials, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman requested and was granted a stay of Judge Doty's order.

The stay was granted to allow the Class I differentials to be paid for milk used for drinking purposes, until the appeals court can rule on Judge Doty's decision. If Doty's decision is allowed to

become effective, it would mean a total disruption of the farm price for milk, and threaten most producer incomes in most states, except Pennsylvania, which has the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board to fall back upon to set an appropriate Class I price.

The ruling by Doty was the result of a civil case brought by some dairymen in the upper Midwest, where Class I prices are paid on about 15 percent of their milk. The ruling on the USDA's appeal of Judge Doty's decision is expected soon, since the deadline

for oral arguments in the case was Feb. 15.

In the meantime, the PMMB had scheduled hearings for Thursday and Friday in the state Department of Agriculture Building.

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Lancaster DHIA Sets PCCART Sessions

MANHIEM (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster DHIA has set the dates for several PCDART Workshops. They are, Thursday, March 12, and Thursday, March 19, to be held at the office/lab northwest of Manheim. It is possible that there may be overflow sessions on Tuesday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 17. The sessions will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. A light lunch will be provided.

March 12 will be an introductory session aimed at users who are relatively new to the system, or feel that they have not been using the system fully. It is also open to any who are not currently using the program, or would like to see a demonstration of its capabilities.

March 19 will be a seminar for experienced users. A focus will be using the program for herd analysis. Any input from users on how you are using the program will be useful. There may be some who want to attend both seminars to make sure that you are not missing any basics, and yet want to know some of the advanced features.

Due to the number of new users, there will be some repeating of information from last year, but there will be an attempt to avoid overlap between the two 1998 sessions.

Reservations are required, so we have an idea of how many are coming. For reservations, questions, or suggestions, please call the Lancaster DHIA office at (717) 665-5960.

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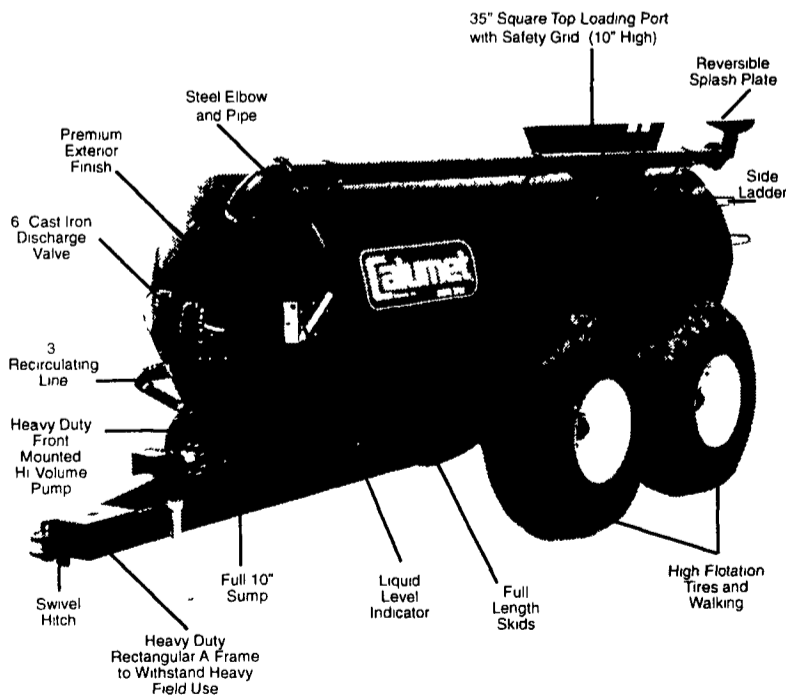
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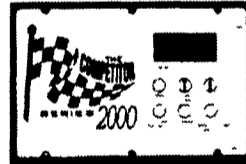


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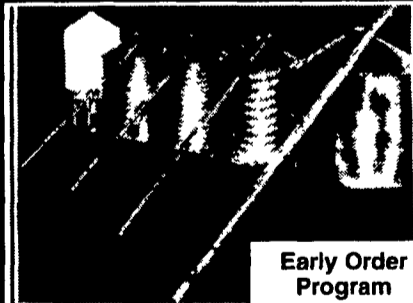
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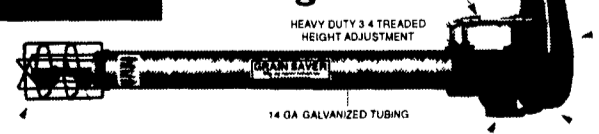
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