

# \$15.52 For September Milk

ALBANY, N.Y. — Dairy farmers who supplied regulated milk dealers (handlers) under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during September 1999 will be paid by handlers on the basis of a uniform price of \$15.52 per hundredweight (33.4 cents per quart); the price for

the corresponding month last year was \$15.98 per hundredweight.

The price was \$14.16 in August 1999. The uniform price is a marketwide weighted average of the value of farm milk used for fluid and manufactured dairy products.

A total of 9,004 dairy farmers supplied handlers regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders with 934,551,043 pounds of milk during September 1999. This was a decrease of 0.2 percent (about 2 million pounds) from last year. The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$146,120,279.12. This included

differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not premiums, deductions authorized by the farmer, or assessments.

Regulated handlers used 386,272,090 pounds of milk for Class 1, 41.3 percent of the total. This milk is used for fluid milk products such as homogenized, flavored, low test, and skim

milks. For September 1999, handlers paid \$16.01 per hundredweight (34.4 cents per quart) for Class I milk compared with \$17.19 a year ago.

Handlers used 155,665,779 pounds of milk for Class II products, 16.7 percent of the total. Class II products include fluid cream, eggnog, ricotta and cottage cheeses, ice cream, and yogurt. Handlers paid \$13.89 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 363,649,061 pounds (38.9 percent of the total). Handlers paid \$16.32 per hundredweight for this milk.

Milk used to manufacture nonfat dry milk (Class III-A) totaled 28,964,113 pounds (3.1 percent of the total). Handlers paid \$12.43 per hundredweight for this milk.

The uniform price is based on milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat. For September 1999, there was a price differential of 12.6 cents for each one-tenth of one percent that the milk tested above or below the 3.5 percent standard.

All prices quoted are for bulk tank milk received from farms in the 201-210 mile zone from New York City.

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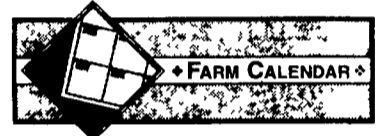
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#### Wednesday, November 10

Chester County Cooperative Extension Annual Meeting, East Brandywine Fire Hall, Guthriesville, 7 p.m.

Bradford County DHIA \$s In Your Pocket, Orwell Community Hall, Rome, 7:30 p.m.

Ag Service School, Oakhurst Tea Room, Somerset.

Dairy Management Conference, Lighthouse Restaurant, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Berks County 4-H Recognition Night, Berks County Ag Center, 6:30 p.m.

10-Point Dairy Quality Assurance and Biosecurity Workshop, Mercer County extension office, Mercer, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

#### Thursday, November 11

Centre/Clinton Holstein Club Annual Meeting, Grange Hall, Pleasant Gap, 7 p.m.

Dairy Management Conference, Leola Family Restaurant, Leola, 7 a.m.

#### Friday, November 12

Dairy Management Conference, Bradford County Office, Towanda, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

#### Saturday, November 13

26th Berks County Farm Tour, sponsored by Berks County Farm Bureau, noon-5 p.m., thru Nov. 14.

#### Sunday, November 14

North American International Livestock Expo, Louisville, Ky., thru Nov. 16.

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