

Tobacco Prices Still Poor

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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — Tobacco sales continued Monday and Thursday this week at the Pennsylvania Tobacco Marketing Association Auction.

Sale prices were "poor," said Dennis Hess, auction manager.

Hess noted that Thursday was the better of the two days in numbers of pounds sold and av-

erage prices. Good tobacco ranged from an average of 50-60 cents a pound.

"Monday was a very poor day in here," said Hess. On Monday only two buyers were at the sale at the Orlon Industrial Park. Thursday's auction had four buyers.

On Monday, at the start of the auction, there were 237,299 pounds of old and new tobacco on the floor. The auction sold 72,375 pounds.

On Monday, the old Pa. 41 tobacco averaged 27 cents a pound

and new was 25 cents a pound. The old Maryland 609 tobacco averaged 23 cents a pound and the new averaged 38 cents a pound. On Monday, only about 10 skids brought a bid of 60 cents a pound and more. Most tobacco sold in the 25-35 cent per pound range.

On Thursday this week, there were 189,391 pounds of tobacco on the floor at the start of the auction. The auction sold 142,931 pounds. The old Pa. 41 tobacco averaged 36 cents a pound. No new Pa. 41 tobacco was sold.

The old Maryland 609 tobacco averaged 47 cents a

pound. The new 609 averaged 49 cents a pound, according to Hess.

The same day, 30-40 skids brought more than 60 cents a pound, but most prices were in the 40-50 cents per pound range. Hess said prices remain "very

poor," but most growers sold the tobacco on the floor by Thursday, except for a few that hauled it away.

The auction plans to conduct sales on Monday and Thursday next week, Hess said.

Glickman Fills Vacancy On National Dairy Board

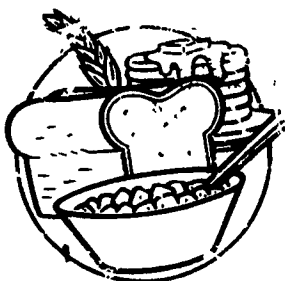
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman recently announced the appointment of Kent Herman, Taylorsville, N.C., to fill a vacancy in region 10 on the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board. Region 10 includes Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Herman will serve the remainder of a 3-year term ending Oct. 31, 2001. The vacancy was created by the resignation of Charles Deputy, Harrisonburg, Va.

The National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, composed of 36 dairy farmers representing 13 regions of the contiguous United States, administers a coordinated program of promotion, research and nutrition education.

The board was established by the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983. It is authorized to design programs to strengthen the dairy industry's position in domestic and foreign markets. The national program is financed by a mandatory 15-cent per hundredweight assessment on milk produced in the contiguous 48 states and marketed commercially by dairy farmers. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service monitors the operation of the Board.

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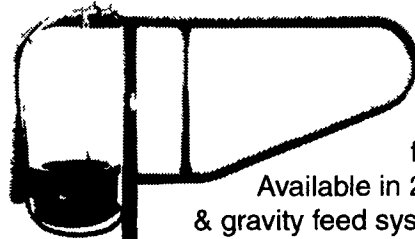
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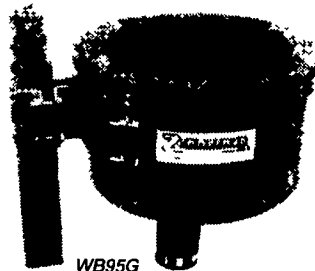


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