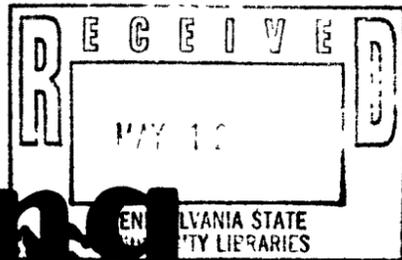


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Farm Organizations Call To Renew Over-Order Premium

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board (PMMB) heard testimony to renew the over-order premium paid for

Class I milk at a hearing held this Wednesday in the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture building.

Three organizations representing Pennsylvania dairy farmers testified to renew the

over-order premium established by PMMB, which expires on June 30. All three groups, which include the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB), Pennsylvania State Grange, and Middle Atlantic Cooperative Milk Market-

ing Association (MACMMA), called for a new over-order premium to be established that would expire in six months.

The current over-order premium is \$1.20 per hundredweight for all Class I milk produced, processed, and sold in Pennsylvania. Both PFB and MACMMA called for the new over-order premium to be established at \$1.00, while Pennsylvania State Grange requested that the current premium of \$1.20 be continued through the end of the year.

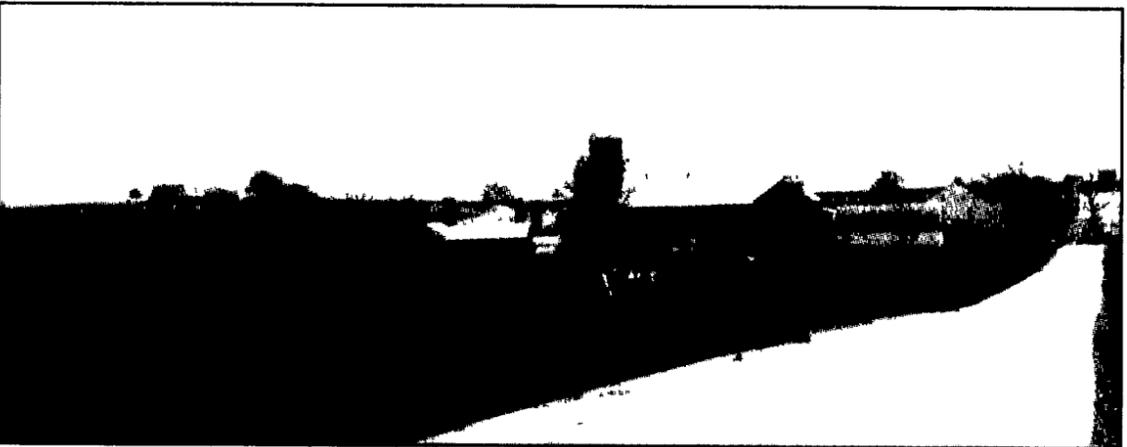
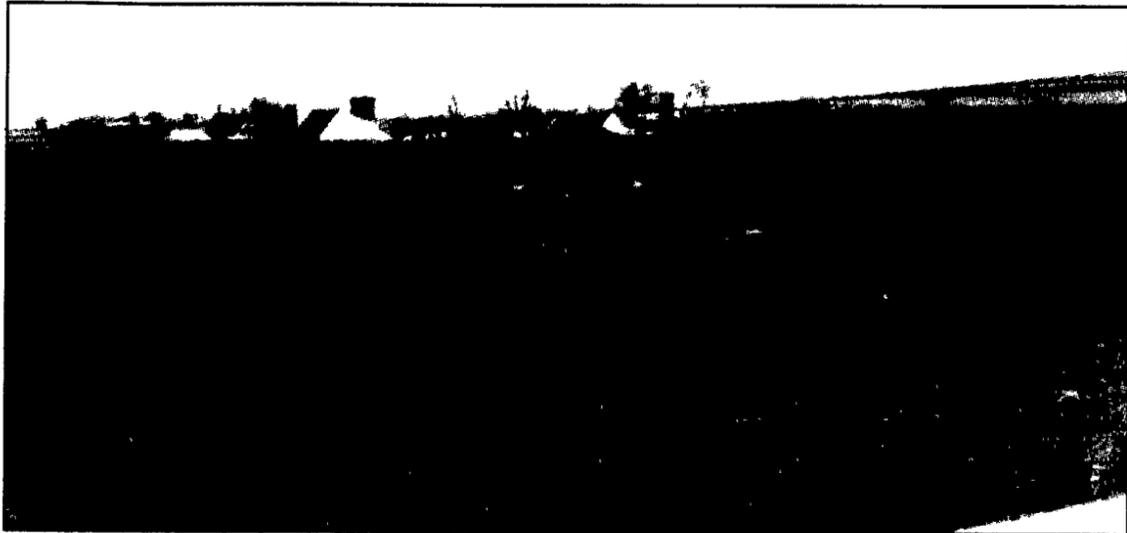
Joel Rotz testified on behalf of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. According to John Bell, who works with Rotz at the Farm Bureau, an over-order premium

set at \$1 would be sufficient to maintain current marketing conditions.

"We looked at the projected prices for the next six months derived from BFP future prices and at the current trend in which both Pennsylvania milk production and cow numbers are increasing," said Bell. "Based on the projections and the increasing trend, we felt a slight adjustment downward would be appropriate."

Bell cautions that farmers should remember Class I milk price is only one factor that figures into what the farmer sees on his or her milk check.

"If Pennsylvania is out of line
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Pastoral Lancaster County

The quaint feel of spring in Lancaster County can be found everywhere you go. Cows rest in the meadows, streams flow gracefully, and Amish farmers with their teams work in hope of another good growing season.

The Pennsylvania Ag Statistics Service said farmers are actively plowing, and planting oats, potatoes, field corn, and sweet corn. In addition, many farmers were fixing fences, getting machinery ready to run, ordering supplies, spreading lime and fertilizers, hauling manure, spraying herbicides, and pruning trees.

Oats are emerging in many districts and are in good to excellent condition. Corn and potato planting began, but it was too wet to plant in most areas. Barley is heading ahead of the norm and alfalfa and other hay crops are growing well with some weevil problems reported. Pasture growth is slow in many areas and prohibits intensive grazing.

Fruits and vegetables continue to progress around the state. Much of the fruit crop is now in full bloom. Vegetable farmers are beginning to plant sweet corn, cabbage, onions, lettuce, peppers, radishes, and tomatoes. Many farmers are still waiting for soil to dry before beginning the planting season.

In the photo, the pastoral scene includes the Weaver farm along South Farmersville Road, just south of Farmersville. The team scenes were pictured along Musser School Road, southwest of New Holland. Photos by Everett Newswanger, editor

Myers Named SCPCA Cattleman Of The Year

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DOVER (York Co.) — Dal-
lastown beef producer John
Myers was recently named Cattleman of the Year by the South Central Pennsylvania Cattle-
men's Association (SCPCA).

Myers received the honor during the association's annual dinner and business meeting at the Dover Fire Hall. About 200 members and guests of the beef industry organization attended the event, which included a beef industry trade show.

"Cattleman of the Year is awarded annually to one of our members or associates who shows leadership with our different organizational functions through the year," said outgoing SCPCA president Terry Shearer, Abbottstown. "John marinates all the meat for our three annual beef-sandwich fundraisers held through the year."

Shearer said, "Since we sell about 10,000 sandwiches at the three events, preparing the meat is a vital part of the fundraisers' success."

Myers was unable to attend the award presentation, but accepted his recognition plaque at a later date.

A rotating memorial trophy which is awarded in the name of Myers' late father, Jack Myers, went to Hope Long, Airville, who exhibited the supreme champion beef heifer at the York Fair. The Jack Myers Memorial Trophy is presented each year to the exhibitor of the York Fair youth division who wins this honor.

Also recognized during the meeting was Southern School District elementary teacher Crystal McGhee. The SCPCA sponsored McGhee to attend the

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The Gettysburg Battlefield FFA was one of 31 youth programs to receive grants as part of Pennsylvania's Agriculture and Rural Youth Grant Program. FFA Adviser Ron Sollenberger, along with agricultural students Cardace Flickinger and Bobbi McCollough, will use the grant money to develop an environmental/earth center on the 125-acre school property. Turn to page A30. Photo by Jayne Sebright.