Northeast Order Uniform Price For September 2000

BOSTON, Mass. — Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price for September 2000 is \$13.63 per hundredweight or \$1.17 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA (Boston).

The September statistical uniform price is \$13.53 in New York, NY, and \$13.43 in Phila-

delphia, PA. The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Mr. Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for September is \$2.87 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis.

The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant is from Suffolk County, MA.

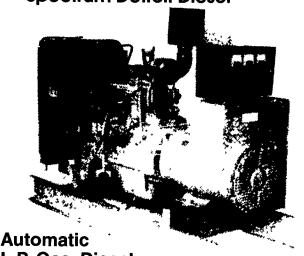
The Class prices for milk pooled in September are as follows: Class I, \$15.09 (Suffolk County, MA); Class II, \$12.58; Class III, \$10.76; and Class IV, \$11.94. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for September 1999 would have been: Class I, \$18.51; Class II, \$13.29; Class III, \$15.60; and Class IV, \$12.67.

The component values for September are protein, \$2.0137 per pound; butterfat, \$1.2707 per pound; other solids, \$0.0502 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8624 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 1.835 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 49.3 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 47.1 percent in September 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 17.8 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 28.8 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 4.1 percent of the total.





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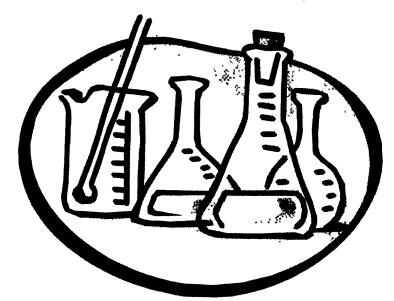
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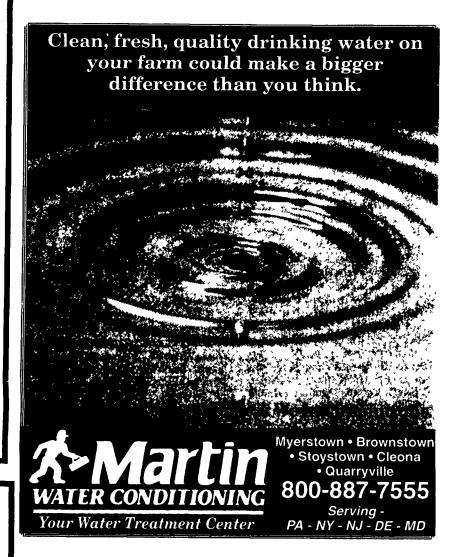
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