

### Agricultural News

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#### Dairy Forecast

The 1963 farm outlook doesn't hold particularly encouraging news for the Allegany County dairymen. That opinion was expressed recently by C. W. Hebblethwaite, county agricultural agent.

After a two-day conference on the Cornell campus the agent reported that no halt is indicated in the downward trend in the blended farm price of milk. Prof. Robert Story, dairy marketing specialist, doesn't look for the decline to amount to more than 5 to 10 cents per 100 pounds.

Also contributing to the downward are the prices of milk cows and dairy cows sold for slaughter. Cow numbers, themselves, however, are going up on New York farms with the number of cows and heifers two years and over on January 1, 1963 estimated at 1,398,000 head.

Milk production fell below expected levels in 1962, mainly because of the drought in many parts of the State, Story explained. But with normal weather in 1963 production is expected to go up 2 to 3 percent.

Fluid milk sales are expected to be about stable in the New York-New Jersey, Niagara Frontier and the Rochester Markets. The decline in per capita consumption will be offset by population increases.

The Class I milk price in the New York-New Jersey market is expected to decline, Story continued, because of a downward trend in the utilization factor in the Class I price formula. Fluid cream and manufacturing milk prices are expected to be 5 to 10 cents lower in all three major markets. This decline is attributed to the lower support level in effect the first quarter of 1963.

Nor can dairymen expect any relief on the cost front, according to the economist. Prices of most items used in producing milk are expected to increase further in 1963. Dairy ration, a major item in producing milk, is expected to be 2 to 3 dollars per ton higher in 1963.

Further complicating the picture for New York dairymen are the increasing commercial milk supplies in the United States—up nearly 2 billion pounds in 1962. Since the gain in fluid milk utilization failed to keep pace with the growth in supplies, the volume of manufacturing of surplus milk increased sharply, Story noted.

"As a result support purchases of butter, cheese and non-fat dry milk by the government increased sharply. In fact, government expenditures in supporting prices may have exceeded the 1953 record."

Story sees further increases in government purchases and expenditures in 1963 since commercial

milk supplies are expected to increase more than commercial sales again.

"The result of all this," the economist said, "is that efforts are increasing to find lower cost alternatives to the present dairy support program. Regional differences in producer interests, however, are proving to be a stumbling block."

#### General Forecast

Although things are changing rapidly on New York farms the economic outlook for the year ahead is about the same, according to Agricultural Agents Charles Hebblethwaite and Larry Davis.

Reporting on a two-day farm-outlook conference at Cornell, they said that economists are not looking for much improvement in the average farm income in 1963. Profs. C. Arthur Bratton and Kenneth L. Robinson predicted that output of the major livestock products, including milk, beef and hogs, probably will be higher and prices slightly lower in 1963. Costs will continue to creep upward.

Consumer income, on the other hand, will continue to rise but less than last year.

Demand for farm products will grow at about the same rate as the population.

Bratton and Robinson look for government support prices of feed grains and soybeans to keep average market prices for feed at about current levels. Government holdings of wheat and feed grains will continue to decline, however, because of record exports and high rates of grain feeding. Likewise, the large-scale government assistance programs will keep exports close to record levels.

Exceptions mentioned on the exports were grains and poultry to the Common Market countries. Larger production within Europe and recently imposed import regulations favor Common Market producers.

Farmers in Allegany County who will see improvements in income are the ones who keep up with the needed adjustments in their farm businesses Agents emphasized.

The economists urged farmers to elect and put into use the new practices suited to their operations. They cited particularly the mechanization of livestock feeding and card because of high rates. Along the same line they pointed out that many farm businesses still need to be enlarged to keep unit costs in line.

Bratton and Robinson also suggested that farmers keep informed on government programs. Budgeting probable returns may help individuals in considering alternatives provided by voluntary participation in the 1963 feed/grain program, they said.

#### All Aliens Must Register In January

William J. King, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service advised today

that the annual Alien Address Report Program is again under way.

The Immigration official pointed out that the address reports are required by law and willful failure to comply with these requirements may lead to serious consequences.

Forms with which to make the reports are available at all Post Offices and Immigration and Naturalization Service Offices. It is an easy matter to fill out one of the cards and return it to the same office.

Mr. King added that trained personnel will be on hand in all offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to answer any questions the reporting aliens may have regarding immigration and naturalization matters. Sufficient trained personnel are not available to furnish this assistance in all Post Offices.

#### Civil Service Police Examination

The Allegany Civil Service Commission has announced a Police Patrolman examination for February 16, 1963. The examination is for Police Patrolman in Allegany County.

Information and application may be obtained at the office of the Allegany County Civil Service Commission, Court House, Belmont, N. Y.

Last filing date for examination is January 16, 1963.

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