

DAIRY INDUSTRY PAYS BIG ON DEL-MAR-VA PENINSULA

SUPLANTS TRUCK FARMING AS LEADER

SALISBURY, MD., March 8.—Monthly milk checks are making dairymen of the truckers of the Eastern Shore.

Five million dollars' worth of such checks were received by milk producers last year and the prospects are that this figure will be exceeded by many thousands of dollars this year.

Cooling stations, where the milk is received from the farmer, iced and shipped to the cities, are being built at several strategic points to take care of increased production of established herds and the production of new herds.

Station At Hurlock

At the cooling station at Hurlock, Dorchester county, \$300,000 in milk checks were paid out in 1926. The result is that in Dorchester, where a few years ago there were nothing but scrub cattle, and where milk records were unknown, many herds of pure-bred cattle have been started and indications are that milk production will go much higher within the next year or so.

In other sections of the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula there are established herds that are nationally known. Such a one is that of the Cosway Farm, in Wicomico county.

B. F. Adkins, owner of the farm, is known to Guernsey breeders all over the country as an expert in this breed. His farm is famed for its heavy producing animals of excellent type.

Senator Jackson's Farm

The Homestead Dairy Farm, owned by Senator W. P. Jackson, also in Wicomico county, is another Guernsey farm of national reputation. All over the Peninsula may be found smaller farms stocked with high-grade Guernseys, Jerseys and Ayrshires.

That the Eastern Shore is capable of producing as high type milk cattle as the Western Shore, where dairying has been a source of excellent profit for many years, is proven by the records of the Department of Agriculture of Washington.

Statistics of the department show that the average yield per cow on the Western Shore is but little higher than on the Eastern Shore.

For instance, the cows of Baltimore county, where dairying is generally practiced among the farmers, the average yield per cow in 1924 was 481 gallons.

In Cecil county, just across the bay, where dairying is practically a new move, the average yield per cow was 464 gallons in 1924.

Harford county, on the west shore of the bay, long known as a dairying county, fell below the record of New Castle county, Del., in 1924. Harford county cows produced 512 gallons per cow in 1924, while New Castle cows produced 521 gallons per cow.

Dairying experts read in these figures that the Eastern Shore, new to dairying and long wedded to truck farming, is proving to be just as excellent a stage for dairy farming as anywhere else.

Milder Climate

Dairying experts give the Eastern Shore a shade the better of the argument where maintenance of herds is concerned. It has been found that the milder climate of the Eastern Shore permits stabling cows in sheds throughout the winter without impairing the milk productivity. This cannot be done on the Western Shore where all dairy farms are forced to count expensive barns as part of the equipment necessary to dairying.

In the matter of pasture the Eastern Shore again has the advantage that cattle can be turned out to pasture early in March, while on the Western Shore the growing period comes much later.

Altogether it has been estimated that the cost of bringing a cow to the time of milk production can be cut almost in half by the Eastern Shore dairymen. It is estimated that the cost of raising a cow to the producing age is \$200.

Conditions Improve

The result of these conditions which make dairying profitable and the milk checks large has been the restocking of numberless farms in the peninsula. A few years ago all Eastern Shore cattle were scrub cattle, without records and giving little milk per cow. The dairying business was almost unknown and the farmers planted truck.

Now the number of cows milked per year argues well for the prosperity of the peninsula. Government statistics show that in 1924 there were 6297 producing cows in Talbot, 9038 in Queen Anne county, 7576 in Kent county and 6398 in Caroline county. In the lower peninsula there were 2120 in Somerset, 2324 in Wicomico and 2879 in Worcester.

Adapted To Grain

The reason that the lower counties have fewer dairy cattle than those to the north is that the lower section of the Eastern Shore has for years been known as one of the great trucking districts of the world. The soil in the northern section is better adapted to grain and pasture crops although excellent forage crops can be raised in the south.

Keen interest has been displayed by the several Peninsula Fair As-

sociations in the exhibition of live stock with a result with one exception the fairs have had more and better live stock on exhibition during the last three years than ever before.

Illustrating this it is mentioned that in 1926 the secretary of the Kent-Sussex Fair Association, at Harrington, Del., was forced to refuse a large number of entries because of lack of space, although the preceding year that Association doubled the housing capacity for dairy cattle.

Exhibits Increase

The Salisbury Fair up to 1924 had practically no dairy cattle exhibit, but since that time the livestock buildings have been remodeled, the capacity increased and every inch of available space has been occupied during fair week with pure-bred Guernseys, Ayrshires and other breeds.

School Attendance

Elementary pupils who have been present and not tardy every day in the month of March:

MILLINGTON—Ringgold Comegys, Jesse Bates Walls, Wilbur Godwin, Thomas Godwin, Medford Turner, Nellie Turner, Ralph Turner.

MASSEY—Raymond Freeman, Franklin Long, Olin Long, Stephen Hickman, Eva Waeker, Mary Maslin, Christina Bramble, Sarah Boggs, C. Ezra Paswater, Wm. B. Maslin, J. Harry Gardner, Frances Benton, James Antone, John Cain, Herbert Maslin, Harry Waeker, Helen Maslin, Lillian Connors.

SASSAFRAS—Ernest Bailey, Irene Gailey, Helen Caulk, Edna Everett, Kathryn Haley, John Thornley, Miriam Blackiston.

GALENA—Alice Cruickshank, Margaret Mulford, Virginia Naylor, Elizabeth Scott, Margaret Williams, Charlotte Woodall, Roy Freeman, Harvey Freeman, Ethel Boyles, Teresa Dunn, Florence Hicks, Helen Mulford, Anna Crew, Anna Stradley, Elwood Fowler, Margaret Taylor, Margaret Crawford, Blanche Fogwell, Price Stradley, Margaret McCauley, Irwin Beaton, Louis Justis, Covington Scott, James Woodall, Henry Crawford, Robert Fogwell, William Moore, Henry Caldwell, Jr., Franklin Newnam, Betty Duhamel, Dorothy Fogwell, Pauline Johnston, Adelaide Powell, Carl Dill, Jr., Henry Berry, Harvey Camp, William Ford, Hazel Bolton, Mariah Colgain, Ella May Hicks, Florence Jones, Virginia Moore, Frances Newnam, Catherine Powell, Virginia Spry.

GOLD—Carroll George, Clyde Johnston, Nelson Tibbett, Paul Lewington, Mahalia White, Evelyn Stevens, Pauline Walsh, Elizabeth Stevens. **CHESTERVILLE**—Madeline Hollett, Helen Lockwood, Laurence Walmaley.

LOCUST GROVE—Russell Miller, Edgar Rodgson, Wilson Sutton, Arthur Gary, Bradford Haley, Oliver Sutton, Erma Long, Frances McGuire, Audry Long, Mabel Miller, Margaret Sutton, Bertha Baaston.

KENNEDYVILLE—Wilmer Jones, Linwood George, Robert Spencer, Edward Weer, Theodore Dempsey, Howard Johnston, Albert Downey, Nelson Spencer, Kathryn Atwell, Alice Kennedy, Juanita Boyles, Edna Comegys, Frances Stanley, Nola Hill, Mary Olive, Harry Stanley, Robert Comegys, Julian Hill, Billy Stanley, Joe Weer, Medford Hague, Bedford Groves, Edward Miller, Anna Belle Groves, Frances Cole, Dorothy George, Anna Olive, Mary Eva George, Marie Miller.

TURNER'S CREEK—Elizabeth M. Groves, Louise Groves, Pauline Hopkins, Eva Hilditch, Mary Hilditch, Baynard Harper, Jr., Joe Harper, Charles Harper.

MORNEC—Albert Bartz, Ludwig Bartz, Franklin Leverage, Martha Bartz.

STILL POND—Howard Gosman, Robert Thompson, Galen Clark, Thomas Norris, Godfrey Gosman, Godfrey Gosman, Elvise Hepbron, Helen Jarvis, Clara Jones, Dorothy Jones, Avis Clark, Virginia Gosman, Kathryn Ford, Margaret Anthony, Lelia Anthony, Louise Clark, Helen Jones, Sel inoGa shrdlu cmfwp shr Jones, Selina Gosman.

CHERRY LANE—LeRoy Simpier, John Wesley States, Pearl Powell.

FLATLAND—Herschel Carroll, William Carroll, Elwood Morris, Jas. Morris, Jas. Newcomb, Earle Mench, Catherine Mench, Cora Mench, Helen Ford.

HANESVILLE—Ethel Dill, Wright Dill, Siphers Plummer, Hyland Smith.

WORTON POINT—Lois Kendall, Naomi Kendall, Paul Myers, Annelb Fogwell, Catherine Fogwell.

WORTON—George Rasin, George Hewett, Bertie Meekins, Elizabeth Morris, Olive Seward, Anna Wallis, Ida Meekins, Mary Worth Moffett, Edna Rasin, Betty Hadaway, Mary Beulah Hadaway, Betty Moffett, Maxwell Wallis, Emily Sue Matthews, Nova Nichols, Billy Beck Matthews, Carter Rash, Robert Wallis, John Loud Morris.

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bert, Ruth Harris, Anna Hepbron, Clara Wasserman, Isadore Wasserman, Hanson Smith, Pauline Crew, Wilson Campbell, Isabel Brice, Catherine Bradford, Evelyn Brice, Beatrice Walbert.

SKINNER'S NECK—Billy Boulter, Freddy Reihl, Vernon Kendall, Walter Reihl, Lenox Kendall, Walter Watson, James Kelley, John Dickel, Melvin Boulter, Amy Higgins, Margaret Reihl, Clara Kelley, Kathleen Kelley, Dorothy Kelley, Elizabeth Heinefeld, Bernice Kendall.

PINEY NECK—Ashley Joseph, Bryden Vernon, Short Robert, Edwars Helen, Maryland Mench, Ida Staats, Levi Ashley, Preston Ashley, Carter Bryden, Doris Edwards, Earle Glenn, Albert Strong.

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QUAKER NECK—Grace Brown, Margaret Brown, William Faulkner, Gilbert Ingersoll, Emma Knight, Robert Knight, E. Morgan Knight, Laurence Omeara, Clarke Stoops.

CLIFFS—Thomas Legg, Frank Hadaway, Dorothy Hadaway, Margaret Taylor, Mary egg, Alice Kirby, Doris Legg.

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POMONA—Ellen Coleman, Anna B. Coleman, Mary Lucht, Doisy Starr.

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Joyner, Leonard Leary, Wilson Moffett, Arthur Urie, Thomas Warner, Mary Hadaway, Anne Brice, Betty Coleman, Lorraine Coleman, Lillian Donnelly, June Francis, Gertrude Hague, Nora Mench, Medeline Rich, Virginia Rodney, Julia Willson, Leslie Clark, Frank Ford, Randolph Jacquette, Harry Middleton, William Stevens, William W. Thompson, Alpheus Urie, Alfred Walbert, William H. Thompson, Evelyn Harmon, Mildred Hague, Marjorie Hague, Ivah Myers, Madge Urie, James Willson, George Coleman, Anna DeFord, Myrtle DeFord, Anna Hadaway, Dorothy Harmon, Erma Jacobs, Rose Ella Leaverton, Clara Parsons, Hilda Rich, Beatrice Walbert, Myrtle Walbert, Virginia Willson, Louise Joiner, Bessie Urie, Miriam Ford, Dorothy Glenn, Jean Leary, Mae White, Walter Rodney, Jack Thompson, Leona Carter, Dorothy Hague, Grace Schmidt, Anna Wachowiz, Miriam Walbert, Leon Donnelly.

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