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GRADING FLOORS

CLASS "B" EGG PRICES INCREASED  
BY 10¢ PER DOZEN EFFECTIVE 20TH APRIL 1981

The Board has recently been made aware of individual cases of hardship because of the significant increase in the Class "A" premium effective Monday, 23rd February, which reduced the price of first quality Class "B" eggs by 20¢ per dozen.

While the Board policy to eliminate the subsidy of Class "B" eggs remains unchanged in the long term, the Board has now decided to phase out this subsidy over a longer period of time. Accordingly, the Class "A" premium will be reduced from 30¢ per dozen to 20¢ per dozen effective Monday, 20th April, 1981. This means that the price of first quality Class "B" eggs will be increased by 10¢ per dozen and the price of first quality Class "A" eggs will remain unchanged.

The new advance prices will be as follows:-

		Class "A" (¢ per Dozen) NO CHANGE	Class "B" (¢ per Dozen) Increased by 10¢ per Dozen
First Quality	65 gram	168	148
	60 "	154	134
	55 "	129	109
	50 "	107	87
	45 "	101	81

(Note - These prices are subject to Board and Grading Floor charges outlined in Circular 32/81.)

The Board is anxious that all first quality eggs produced should be Class "A" so that all eggs are suitable for sale on the local shell market.

It will therefore be the Board's continued policy to assist producers of first quality Class "B" eggs to meet the standards required for Class "A" and to gradually phase out the subsidy that now applies between the producer price and the net return for manufactured products.

On the basis of the new Class "B" prices which will be 20¢ less than Class "A", the Board expects to lose 33¢ per dozen on the local manufactured product market. This represents a cost to producers of \$500,000 per year. The Board strongly believes that this discrepancy must be eliminated, if possible by the end of 1981 by a combination of a phased in reduction in the price of Class "B" eggs and a progressive increase in product selling prices.

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