

Oregon Standards of Milk Sanitation Rival Federal Rules, Peterson Declares

Oregon state's standards and inspections on milk sanitation and quality are as high or higher than those provided by the U.S. public health service, E. L. Peterson, state director of agriculture, declared Saturday.

The statement was in response to a Portland request for comment on amendments by the 1951 legislature to the state fluid milk code, contained in HB 319.

This bill does not take away from any city the right to inspect its own milk supply if it so desires, Peterson continued, except that the city is required to meet the state's minimum standard of dairy regulatory inspection.

"The standards of milk quality and sanitation over the state of Oregon have shown very marked improvement since 1945 when the state first entered the field of fluid milk regulation in which the state also had authority over city inspection," he said further. "On the initial survey, by the state under that law, no city in Oregon was meeting fully the level of the state sanitation and quality standards."

All cities having their own milk inspection service were approved under the 1950 survey conducted by the department. These are Portland, Eugene, Salem, Medford, Klamath Falls, Astoria and Pennington.

Backed by Dairymen
This bill was sponsored by the Oregon Dairymen's association and the Oregon Dairy Manufacturers association to do four things: strengthen the authority of the state in the field of milk sanitation; bring more uniformity in interpretation of fluid milk regulations; eliminate duplication of inspection of dairy farms and milk plants; and define clearly and permit better enforcement of provisions already in the act.

Point one amounts to whether the state or the U.S. public health service shall call the turns on milk sanitation in the state of Oregon, said O. K. Beals, chief of the state department of agriculture division of foods and dairies.

On another angle, Beals says that because of the complicated pattern in the movement of fluid milk, it is unlikely that a city in western Oregon could physically inspect all the milk entering that city. As a matter of fact, the city of Portland is not now inspecting all milk entering that city. At present seven milk plants (from The Dalles, Forest Grove, Aloha, Oregon City, Deer Island, and McMinnville) are sending over one million pounds of milk per month from 106 shippers, inspected by the department, into Portland for processing and packaging. This milk is returned to milk plants in the six cities for distribution in those centers. But in the Portland processing plant it is co-mingled with Portland inspected milk destined for distribution in Portland.

Permit Movement
Amendments permit movement of fluid milk anywhere in the state, regardless of systems of inspections at origin and destination, provided any city may inspect, on a permanent basis, dairies anywhere in the state supplying milk to that city. When a producer is selling fluid

milk to two or more cities with their own milk inspection the department of agriculture, after conference with authorities of all cities concerned, shall determine which city shall carry on the inspection of the dairy farm and milk produced and shall make provision for interchange of inspection information between the affected cities.

In case of emergency creating a milk shortage, the department may permit the free movement of milk anywhere within the state.

A new section provides for yearly instruction and examination of milk inspectors employed by the

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department or any city having its own milk inspection service. Inspectors now on duty are blanketed in for the first year; after that all inspectors must complete the course.

Beals said maximum bacteria count per milliliter allowed by the Oregon regulations for milk for pasteurization is 80,000 while 200,000 is the maximum for the USPHS standard ordinance which the city of Portland was operating under

prior to 1945. Milk delivered to the consumer under Oregon standards must be under 20,000 per milliliter while the maximum allowed by USPHS is 30,000.

CARR PURCHASES

HUBBARD—Ted Carr has taken over the "Snack Bar" here and has remodeled the interior. He will open, for business Monday, May 7, with meals and short orders.

Crown Zellerbach Borrows Money For New Pulp Mill

The Wall Street Journal in its Friday issue reported that Crown Zellerbach corporation has borrowed \$20,000,000 from institutional investors to use in the construction of a new pulp mill in

the northwestern part of the United States.

As reported in The Statesman ten days ago, Crown is considering in Clatsop county if an agreement can be made with the state for a cooperative agreement on timber of state forest lands there. Completion of the financing indicates the corporation is planning prompt action in connection with this pulp mill.

Tires Supply Said Sufficient

Tires will be in ample supply to meet all essential civilian needs, it was predicted in Salem Saturday by Robert H. Bolanos, local B. F. Goodrich store manager, on his return from a two-weeks company

merchandising clinic at Akron, Ohio.

Bolanos said his company called attention to the increasing supply of synthetic rubber from American plants and expressed the belief that all cars essential to owners' livelihood will be "kept on the road" despite the present shortages caused by booming tire demand and heavy government stockpiling.



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