

Oregon Denies Plea For More Vitamins In Milk Sold Here

THE STATE Department of Agriculture in July rejected the request of Home Dairies Company, Nampa, Idaho, to add three more vitamins to fluid milk sold in Oregon.

The Idaho concern wanted vitamins B6, E and pantothenol approved in its fortified milks sold in Oregon. This company promotes a Nutri-Seal milk line featuring nine vitamins, six of which are legal in Oregon. Home Dairies markets its milk in several Oregon areas, including Ontario, Nyssa and Burns.

Findings of the June 28 public hearing and the conclusions are contained in the order of the hearings officer, W. E. Upshaw, manager of the department's Portland branch office.

His conclusions in part:

1. Claims of the petitioners that the three vitamins are needed in the diet of milk users are far overshadowed by contradictory evidence and testimony of a long list of nutritional and dairy authorities and officials.

2. The three vitamins are in abundance in many other foods consumed by the average person. Moreover, "with reasonable certainty" there is a serious question that external introduction of vitamins may establish an imbalance in the natural relationships of vitamins.

3. In a few special cases the need may exist for infant feeding of vitamin B6, but this is a matter for medical advice and does not justify the department opening the gates to use of even this vitamin.

4. Evidence submitted, and particularly that of James A. Tobey, milk authority with degrees in medicine and law, showed pure milk is recognized . . . as "undeniably our most nearly perfect food" . . . and possesses all of the known vitamins . . .

5. Finally, the introduction of the three vitamins or any other similar ingredient, could and would seriously affect the economic welfare of the Oregon producers and handlers of milk.

On the last point, Upshaw said Oregon milk producers are "digging deep into their pockets" to raise \$200,000 to promote milk as nature's most perfect food. The petitioners, on the other hand, indirectly indicate otherwise to the public.



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Name and address	County farm is in	Year farm founded
Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis Allen, Route 1, Box 177, Rickreall ..	Polk	1851
Raymond S. Kirk, Route 1, Box 10, Halsey	Linn	1860
Mr. and Mrs. Otto B. Leever, Route 3, Box 168, Scio	Linn	1854
Fay M. Miller, 55 E. Carolina St., Lebanon	Linn	1851
Cecil H. Wheeler, Route 2, Box 795, Creswell	Lane	1853
George H. Bailey, Route 2, Box 451, Junction City	Lane	1852
Mrs. Edna Jane Brumfield, Rt. 1, Box 250, Cottage Grove	Lane	1852
Sidney E. Baker, Route 2, Box 183A, Sherwood	Clackamas	1852
Mrs. Bertha Vaughan Johns, Route 2, Box 539, Molalla	Clackamas	1844
William H. Tucker, Route 2, Box 95, Estacada	Clackamas	1854
Richard G. Palmateer, Route 1, Box 121, Estacada	Clackamas	1853
T. F. Epping-Fate, Route 2, Days Creek	Douglas	1858
Abner J. Rice, Box 46, Dillard	Douglas	1851
Albert K. Williams, P. O. Box 139, Gresham	Multnomah	1853
Mrs. Lorene Sails Higgins, 1209 S.W. 6th Ave., Portland 4	Multnomah	1853
A. J. Smith, Route 1, Box 177, Aurora	Marion	1858
Mrs. Sheila Ammon, Route 1, Box 69, Echo	Marion	1854
Mrs. Emma M. Latimer, 36 S.E. 83rd, Portland 16	Yamhill	1850

Salient Facts About Program

Sponsors—Oregon Historical Society and State Department of Agriculture.

Cooperators—County Courts for application verification, Oregon State Fair, the Governor.

Farms enrolled—1958, 354; 1959, 44; 1960, 18. Total: 416.

Object—To honor farm families who have stayed continuously on the original land for 100 years or more.

1960 Climax—Century Farm program at Oregon State Fair September 6 with parchment honor scrolls presented by Governor Mark O. Hatfield and all enrolled Century Farmers feted at a luncheon sponsored by Oregon State Grange, Oregon Farmers Union and Oregon Farm Bureau Federation.