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consumer radio briefs

Beef Prices

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A University of Minnesota economist says consumers will never again see retail beef prices as low as they are now. Paul Hasbargen says a U-S Department of Agriculture report indicates that cattle slaughter will remain high through 1976.

Beef consumption per person in 1976 will set a new record at over 128 pounds of carcass weight per person. This will be seven percent more than 1975.

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Hasbargen says cattle numbers are being cut back because of large losses to cattle producers and feed shortages due to the drought. This results in excess beef supplies now, but a smaller cattle herd to produce beef during the next several years.

His recommendation to consumers is to buy extra beef now because the odds are ten to one that retail prices will never again be this low.

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Milk Marketing Conference Planned

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Dairy farmers and consumers will join the U-S Department of Agriculture in a two-day conference on milk marketing December 14th and 15th in Washington, D. C.

Sponsoring the conference along with U-S-D-A are the National Milk Producers Federation and the Community Nutrition Institute.

Registration for the two-day conference is seventy-five dollars. A limited number of scholarships will be available. For more information, contact: Conference on Milk Marketing, 1910 K Street, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D. C. (202) 833-1730.

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