

THE OXFORD FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE PRODUCE CO.
LIMITED

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WOODSTOCK, ONTARIO

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Since the forty-eight hour week came into affect, we have closed at twelve o'clock Wednesday noon. We found that this practice cut into our working week and hampered our production and service. After careful consideration and study, the Directors and Management of your Company feel that it would be better to close at twelve o'clock noon on Saturday, because the business on Saturday afternoon has been practically nil for some time.

Commencing October 22nd, the offices and warehouses will be open all day Wednesday, and will close at twelve o'clock Saturdays. We ask that our customers will co-operate with us in this change.

During the past few weeks, there has been a great deal of dissatisfaction with egg grades. This has been largely due to the extremely hot weather and the fact that many hens have been outside. The quality of the eggs has been inferior. There has been considerable "pencil grading" practised; so the consuming public and the export market refuse to accept anything but standard grades. This is one of the main factors which broke our high prices. The people would not buy eggs unless they came up to grade. The cool weather and the fact that hens are settled in winter quarters should help to hold the egg quality.

Since August 22nd, all Cheese manufactured has been requisitioned for Britain at a price slightly lower than domestic price. However, we are fortunate in having excellent full grass cheese to offer through our retail store. We are processing, and our new product, "Oxford Farms", is available.

The Western feed grain situation is critical. This year's crop is only fair, and the Western producer is holding for higher prices. It is difficult to keep a supply of grain on hand. This condition will exist for some time. Information regarding the grain situation is expected from Ottawa. Protein feeds such as Oilcake, Soybean Meal and certain Concentrates are still hard to procure. Since the controls on manufactured feeds were lifted, the prices on these feeds have increased, in some cases as much as \$29.00 per ton. Careful buying is advised.

Cane Molasses is available in any quantity.