

Markets buying non-Michigan beef

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If all the controversy about PBB-infested Michigan meat and dairy products has gotten you wondering about vegetarianism, the area's major supermarket chains say you can put your fears to rest.

Allied Foods, which owns Great Scott and Wrigley's supermarkets, held a press conference last week to assure their shoppers that the beef they buy comes from the western states and is untainted by the fire retardant chemical which was accidentally mixed with livestock feed in Michigan in 1973.

A survey of the beef-purchasing policy of other major metropolitan chains got much the same response. The spokesmen interviewed said their firms buy only non-Michigan beef and have done so for years.

The reason, most-chain representatives said, is more economic than hy-

gienics. Western beef is cheaper than Michigan beef because more of it is produced.

The spokesmen acknowledged, however, that they have no way of knowing what goes into all processed meat, such as hot dogs and Bologna.

Farmer Jack stores, according to spokesman Dan Carpenter, gets its beef exclusively from Iowa and the Midwest, and advertised that fact last year.

Chris Beseler said Kroger procures beef in Cincinnati and maintains its own feeder lots in Kansas and Iowa. All the beef for Chatham stores comes from Colorado, Iowa and other midwest states, according to spokesman William Roberts. He added that pork also comes from the midwestern suppliers.

Duane Custer of the A & P supermarket chain said the largest share of beef sold in the stores come from Greeley, Colorado, with some being supplied from Kansas and Iowa.

Allied Foods had the most to say about the PBB (poly-brominated biphenyl) problem and the ways the chain was attempting to protect consumers.

Since the chemical got into the feed of Michigan cattle more than three years ago, many animals have developed illnesses and died or have been destroyed.

Health problems have also afflicted Michigan farm families whose bodies have been shown to contain high levels of PBB.

Some farmers have complained that state agriculture department regulations on the tolerable level of PBB in Michigan beef are too lax, allowing dangerously contaminated beef to reach consumers. State officials have denied this charge.

Side effects of the chemical may not be detected in human beings for 20 years, according to some scientists.

"We want to put consumers at ease, to reassure them that meat and dairy products sold at Great Scott, and that includes the former Wrigley markets, contain no traces of PBB," said Earl Smith, Allied Foods board chairman.

"Since the disease came to our attention in June of 1974, we have purchased all our beef in the western part of the country."

"The beef is raised and fed in such states as Colorado and Kansas, shipped in refrigerated tractor trucks to our warehouse in Livonia," he added.

"Our specifications and policies call for all fresh beef purchased by our company from meat packers to be filled from cattle raised and fed outside Michigan. This includes beef for grinding," said Joe Harber, general manager for the Great Scott chain.

Smith said that prior to the PBB

problem being brought to light in 1974, Allied had purchased some Michigan beef, mainly for grinding.

"Actually, most of the Michigan cattle are for milk rather than meat. The type we need for steaks and roasts was always purchased out west."

Harber said that since the start of the PBB controversy Allied Foods has asked the Michigan Department of Agriculture to inspect the firm's dairy products for PBB more than a dozen times.

Harber quoted from a letter by Kenneth Van Patten, chief of the dairy division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, last September to Ernst Bachmann, Allied's quality control manager, that "In each case the laboratory reports non-detectable results in samples of Allied (dairy) products."

"Actually, we have only detected PBB in the milk supply of two small plants in Michigan since June 1974, and the levels in both samples were below the guideline tolerance," Van Patten wrote.

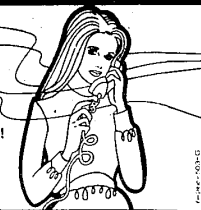
"The consumers in Michigan are receiving dairy products free of PBB," Van Patten's letter read.

In addition to Great Scott and Wrigley markets, Allied supplies the Abner Wolff wholesalers who sell to 91 independent stores throughout the area. Not all of this is meat but does include dairy products.

Harber also referred to a recent letter from Alan L. Hoeting, district director of the Michigan Department of Health, Education and Welfare, public health service, which said that there have been very few violations of PBB limits in marketed meat during the past two years.

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prevented through cooperation of our customers, efforts of our employees, and an effective interchange system with other utilities. Since then, Detroit Edison has been able to help other utilities that are still having problems by selling them emergency power.

Supply and demand.

If you're like most people, you're using a lot more electricity today than ten years ago. In fact, the average Detroit Edison residential customer now uses 41 percent more than in 1966. So far, this has caused no serious power interruptions in Detroit Edison service. But it could happen. Especially in sub-zero weather when everyone is trying to keep warm, or on hot summer days and nights when air conditioners are working overtime. To help

balance power supply and demand, Detroit Edison has developed remote-controlled water heating and is pioneering interruptible air conditioning and heat pump operation. More importantly, to assure our customers a continued supply of electricity, Detroit Edison is resuming its stalled power plant construction program. Work will be started immediately on two partially completed plants, the Greenwood I plant near Port Huron and on the Fermi II nuclear plant near Monroe.

You can help by using energy wisely.
During this January's power shortage, Detroit Edison customers helped reduce demand by more than 400,000 kilowatts by reducing their use of electric power. Detroit Edison would like to thank all of its customers. Their patience, understanding and cooperation during very difficult times helped prevent more severe hardships. Now, here are just a few things you can do during non-emergency times to help save energy and also save money: • Insulate your home with the help of Detroit Edison's Home Insulation Finance Plan • Put up storm windows and doors • Check weather-stripping and caulking • Dial down in winter and dial up in summer • Lower furnace fan settings • Keep electric appliances in good repair.

Prepared for power problems.
We could be in for more severe weather, but Detroit Edison is ready to put into effect tested disaster and emergency procedures which have been reviewed and approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission. The patience and cooperation that Detroit Edison customers have demonstrated in the past will also help relieve abnormal conditions. Our experiences have brought home the importance of America's crusade for conservation—and how it requires a working partnership between those who supply energy and those who use it. Together we can face the future with confidence.

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