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## Summary Information

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|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Repository:</b>               | Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections  |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Maine Dairymen's Association   |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Maine Dairymen's Association Records   |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | SpC MS 0311  |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1934-1979  |
| <b>Date [bulk]:</b>              | 1948-1968 (bulk)   |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 3.5 cubic feet (4 boxes)   |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English  |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | The collection contains records of the Maine Dairymen's Association, a cooperative organization for farmers engaged in dairying and milk production. |

### Preferred Citation

Maine Dairymen's Association Records, SpC MS 0311, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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## Historical Note

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The collection contains records of the Maine Dairymen's Association, a cooperative organization for farmers engaged in dairying and milk production, including records of the Board of Directors and the Executive Secretary of the Maine Dairymen's Association.

The Maine Dairymen's Association was formed in December, 1937, "to enable its members to secure the full market value of their dairy products, to bargain for the disposition of the same, [and] to establish proper checks on weights and tests of products sold..." The need for such an organization arose from the unsettled conditions for selling milk which existed during the 1930s. Collective bargaining between associations of producers and dealers had broken down and various efforts by the federal government to set prices were beginning to be felt. Farmers in the Maine market realized the need for the sort of stabilization provided by a cooperative

association, which would pay its members for milk supplied, market the milk, and return any profit to the farm owners.

The Maine Dairymen's Association was divided into locals and a central organization, with the locals made up of individual dairymen who then elected representatives to form the central organization. The Association became active in promoting the needs of its members at the state and federal level, influencing industry legislation and working to maintain strong markets. It had a field man who worked actively with members in testing milk. Funds were available to help members in case of loss of milk payments or other financial difficulties. A newsletter, the Maine Milk Producer, began in 1941, merging in 1958 with another publication to become the Northern Milk Producer.

By the late 1960s, many members had come to believe that the Association was too small and weak to have sufficient bargaining power for its members. The Board of Directors began to discuss the possibility of a merger with another organization. In February, 1969, a proposal was presented to merge with the New England Milk Producers Association, now Agri-Mark, and on May 9, 1969, the Maine Dairymen's Association ceased to exist.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection contains records of the Board of Directors and the Executive Secretary of the Maine Dairymen's Association.

The collection is organized into two series: I. Records of the Board of Directors, and II. Administrative Records. Series II is further divided into five sub-series: 1. Legal Records, 2. Correspondence, 3. Financial Records, 4. Membership Records, and 5. Subject files. The collection had been re-folded at an earlier date by Library staff; folder headings have been left as found with information added for clarity if needed.

Series I contains minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors from the 1940s through the 1960s. It also contains auditor's reports to the Directors from 1938-1968, providing a financial picture of the organization throughout its history.

Series II contains office records of the organization maintained primarily by executive secretary Douglas Struven from 1958 to 1963, followed by Rosa Prime, who was executive secretary until the organization ended in 1969. It contains a small sub-series of legal records, primarily market and membership agreements with members, followed by correspondence, 1948-1973, much of it to or from the executive secretaries, as well as Association president Philip Andrews. The financial records include records of money received as well as check registers and paid invoices.

The membership records which make up Sub-series 4 contain lists of locals as well as cancelled memberships and folders of membership fees for individual dairies or creameries. The

subject files in Sub-series 5 are arranged alphabetically and include information on various organizations of interest to the Association as well as files documenting the internal workings of the office. Included in this section is a run of the organization's newsletter, the Northern Milk Producer, as well as a history of the organization, The Maine Dairymen's Association, 1937-1969, written by Rosa Prime.

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## Conservation Note

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The collection has been re-housed in acid-free record cartons.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Restrictions on Access

Kept at Fogler Library's offsite storage facility. One week's notice required for retrieval.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. Ralph Prime in June, 1986.

### Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the Library.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Dairying, Cooperative -- Maine
- Dairy farmers -- Maine
- Dairy processing -- Maine
- Maine
- Minutes
- Financial records
- Audits
- Tax records
- Correspondence
- Legal documents
- Membership lists
- Reports
- Pamphlets
- Photographs
- Prime, Rosa

## Collection Inventory

### Series I: Records of the Board of Directors

| Title/Description                         | Instances |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Director's meetings, 1940s-1960s          | Box 1     | Folder 1-4 |
| Auditor's reports to Directors, 1939-1968 | Box 1     | Folder 5-7 |
| Financial statements, 1947-1954           | Box 1     | Folder 8   |

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### Series II: Administrative records

#### Sub-series 1: Legal records

| Title/Description                         | Instances |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Consent forms (Members Marketing Consent) | Box 1     | Folder 9  |
| Memoranda of agreement                    | Box 1     | Folder 10 |

#### Sub-series 2: Correspondence

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| <b>Title/Description</b>  | <b>Instances</b> |              |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| Correspondence, 1948-1973                                       | Box 1            | Folder 11-16 |
| Correspondence, 1979, re 10th reunion                           | Box 1            | Folder 17    |
| Federal tax returns and withholding statements, 1950s and 1960s | Box 1            | Folder 18-19 |
| Social Security, 1940s  | Box 1            | Folder 20    |

### **Sub-series 3: Financial records**

| <b>Title/Description</b>                               | <b>Instances</b> |              |
|--|------------------|--------------|
| Bankbook, 1956-1964                                    | Box 1            | Folder 21    |
| Cash and checks received, 1960-1963                    | Box 1            | Folder 22    |
| Cash received (oversized, located in box 4), 1960-1969 | Box 1            | Folder 23    |
| Record of checks drawn, 1960-1969                      | Box 1            | Folder 24    |
| Check stubs, 1960-1968                                 | Box 1            | Folder 25-26 |
| Paid invoices, 1961-1963                               | Box 1            | Folder 27    |
| Paid invoices, 1964-1968                               | Box 2            | Folder 1-3   |

### **Sub-series 4: Membership records**

| <b>Title/Description</b>                                 | <b>Instances</b> |              |
|--|------------------|--------------|
| Locals: membership, etc.                                 | Box 2            | Folder 4-5   |
| Withdrawals (cancelled memberships), 1948-1951           | Box 2            | Folder 6-8   |
| Brewer's Dairy   | Box 2            | Folder 9     |
| Cote's Dairy   | Box 2            | Folder 10    |
| Fairview Creamery  | Box 2            | Folder 11    |
| Ferland's Dairy  | Box 2            | Folder 12    |
| Franklin Cooperative Dairy Assoc. record book, 1934-1938 | Box 2            | Folder 13    |
| Goodwin's Dairy  | Box 2            | Folder 14    |
| Gosline's Dairy  | Box 2            | Folder 15    |
| Grant's Dairy  | Box 2            | Folder 16    |
| Guimond's Dairy  | Box 2            | Folder 17    |
| Hancock County Creamery                                  | Box 2            | Folder 18    |
| Hunt's Dairy   | Box 2            | Folder 19    |
| Katahdin Creamery  | Box 2            | Folder 20-21 |
| Locust Farms Dairy                                       | Box 2            | Folder 22    |



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|------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Oakhurst Dairy         | Box 2 | Folder 23 |
| Purelac Dairy Products | Box 2 | Folder 24 |
| Riverside Farms        | Box 2 | Folder 25 |
| Titcomb's Dairy        | Box 2 | Folder 26 |
| White Creamery Co.     | Box 2 | Folder 27 |

### Sub-series 5: Subject files

| Title/Description  | Instances |              |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Banks  | Box 2     | Folder 28    |
| Boston Milk Producers of Maine   | Box 2     | Folder 29    |
| Bulk tank calibration tests  | Box 2     | Folder 30    |
| Confidential reports   | Box 2     | Folder 31    |
| Cooperative payment accounts, 1948   | Box 2     | Folder 32    |
| Dairy Development, Inc.  | Box 2     | Folder 33    |
| Dairymen's League Co-op Assoc., 1969   | Box 2     | Folder 34    |
| Field man: reports, etc.   | Box 2     | Folder 35    |
| Food Council (New England Dairy and Food Council)                                      | Box 2     | Folder 36    |
| Maine dairy farming costs index, 1950s   | Box 2     | Folder 37    |
| The Maine Dairymen's Association, 1937-1969  | Box 2     | Folder 38    |
| Maine Milk Producer: advertising, etc.   | Box 2     | Folder 39    |
| Maine Milk Producer: Simonds, Payson, Co.  | Box 2     | Folder 40    |
| Milk Federation (National Milk Producers Federation)                                   | Box 3     | Folder 1     |
| Milk pricing: Maine Milk Commission  | Box 3     | Folder 2     |
| Milk production: USDA statistics, 1950-1958  | Box 3     | Folder 3-5   |
| Miscellaneous reports, articles, etc.  | Box 3     | Folder 6     |
| NEMPA (New England Milk Producers' Assoc.)   | Box 3     | Folder 7     |
| New York-New England Dairy Cooperative Coordinating Committee                          | Box 3     | Folder 8     |
| Northern Farms Cooperative   | Box 3     | Folder 9     |
| Northern Milk Producer (newsletter), February, 1959-September, 1969, 1970, March, 1972 | Box 3     | Folder 10-12 |
| Perrin-Paus Co., advertising: correspondence, etc., 1956-1959                          | Box 3     | Folder 13    |
| Photographs  | Box 3     | Folder 14    |

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|---|-------|-----------|
| Promotion Committee   | Box 3 | Folder 15 |
| Sign project  | Box 3 | Folder 16 |
| South Portland  | Box 3 | Folder 17 |
| Testing lists   | Box 3 | Folder 18 |
| Testing reports, 1959-1966  | Box 3 | Folder 19 |
| United Farmers of New England   | Box 3 | Folder 20 |
| United Farmers of New England: correspondence, 1947-1948                  | Box 3 | Folder 21 |
| U.S. Post Office: correspondence, 1947-1948                               | Box 3 | Folder 22 |
| U.S.D.A.: correspondence, etc., 1940s                                     | Box 3 | Folder 23 |
| U.S.D.A. Market Administrator: correspondence with, reports to, 1940s     | Box 3 | Folder 24 |
| U.S.D.A. Market Administrator: correspondence with, reports to, 1960-1968 | Box 3 | Folder 25 |
| U.S.D.A. Dairy Div.: memos, etc., 1968-1969                               | Box 3 | Folder 26 |
| U.S.D.A. Milk Marketing Orders Div.: memos, etc., 1964-1967               | Box 3 | Folder 27 |
| U.S.D.A.: pamphlets, memos, etc.  | Box 3 | Folder 28 |
| U.S.D.A.: pamphlets, memos, etc.  | Box 3 | Folder 29 |
| Oversized material  | Box 4 |           |

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