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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator:	Maine Dairymen's Association
Title:	Maine Dairymen's Association Records
ID:	SpC MS 0311
Date [inclusive]:	1934-1979
Date [bulk]:	1948-1968 (bulk)
Physical Description:	3.5 cubic feet (4 boxes)
Physical Location:	
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	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

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

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

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

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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
- Maine Dairymen's Association
- 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

Title/Description	Instances
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

Title/Description	Instances
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

Title/Description	Instances
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

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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

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	Folder 38
Maine Milk Producer: advertising, etc.	Box 2
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Maine Milk Producer: Simonds, Payson, Co.	Box 2
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Milk Federation (National Milk Producers Federation)	Box 3
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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
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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
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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
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