

Four Lancaster County Poultry Merit Win Champion Egg Producer Awards

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. — Nissley Bros., RD 1, Washington Boro; Robert E. Kulp, RD 1, Manheim, LeRoy M. Martin, RD 1, New Holland; and Abram T. LeFever, RD 1, Millersville, have won Champion Egg Producer awards for the unusually high production records made by their poultry flocks, the Awards Committee of the Hy-Line Poultry Management Assn. announced today.

Champion Egg Producer trophies are awarded to owners of Hy-Line poultry flocks which make an average production of 250 or more eggs per hen housed in 12 months or less.

Three Others Named

At the same time, the committee announced Master Egg Producer awards to three more Lancaster County farmers: E. Earl Walton, Peach Bottom; James M. Garber, RD 1, Elizabethtown; and Aaron K. Riehl, RD 4, Lancaster. Master Egg Producer trophies are awarded to owners of Hy-Line flocks which reach an average production of 225 to 249 eggs per hen housed in 12 months or less. Most of the winners

completed 12 months of records at the end of October. Nissley Bros. and Abram LeFever completed 12 months of records at the end of August but their scores have not previously been announced.

12-Months Production

The 12-months hen housed production figures reached by the seven Lancaster County flocks were as follows:

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| Nissley Bros. | 267.7 |
| Robert E. Kulp | 262.2 |
| LeRoy Martin | 255.7 |
| Abram LeFever | 250.0 |
| E. Earl Walton | 247.8 |
| James M. Garber | 239.8 |
| Aaron K. Riehl | 234.1 |

Since the Champion Egg Producer trophy was first announced in October, seven Lancaster County farmers have qualified for the award. York and Franklin Counties are tied for second place with three Champion Egg Producers awards each to date.

Record Keeping Plan

Winners of the awards are all members of the Hy-Line Poultry Management Assn. which has about 250 active members in several Eastern states. They are all cooperators in a unique poultry record-keeping program whose aim is to raise production levels by providing a basis for more efficient management. It differs in that it cooperates in a unique poultry program in that the cooperators send each month's records to the Wallace Hy-Cross Hatcheries here. At the hatchery the records are computed and tabu-

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lated, and each cooperator gets back a report comparing his flock's performance with a number of other flocks of the same age.

This comparison enables the cooperator to tell at a glance how his flock is doing in relation to the production goal he has set for himself for the year. It often enables him to spot weaknesses in his management and to take steps to correct them. Awards are offered for high scores simply as incentives to keep accurate records and make full use of the comparative reports, the committee pointed out. But it added that the real incentive is the effectiveness of the program and the added profits it is earning for the poultrymen who take part in it.

Mail Now to Be Sure of Delivery By Christmas Day

"It's time to start those Christmas mailings!" Postmasters warned today, launching their 1955 "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign.

"On the calendar it's less than a month away, but here in the post office it's Christmas today—and every day until December 25," they said. Extra mail carriers and office help have been secured, the delivery trucks serviced, and in fact everything is ready for the mammoth flood of Christmas mail that is expected to smash all records.

The post office has already dispatched a tremendous quantity of gift packages headed for members of the armed forces overseas. In the United States, smart people are now mailing gifts to friends and relatives living in other states.

Calls On Housewives

Postmasters especially call on housewives to help in his effort to deliver every package and Christmas card before December 25. "The lady of the house," he emphasized "is really in charge of each family's Christmas mailing program. She selects the Christmas cards, buys most of the gifts and sees to it that the mailing list of friends and loved ones is up to date.

"Actually, success in having all Christmas gifts and greeting cards delivered on time is largely a matter of advance planning and preparation which should be done this week," Postmasters pointed out.

Steps Advised

He urges that the following steps be taken at once: Get the Christmas card list and carefully check through it. Make sure that each address includes the full name, street and number, city, zone and state. Then, pay a visit to the post office, stock up on stamps (use three-cent stamps on your Christmas cards for first-class mail service) and ask any questions you may have about mailing regulations.

This can be done in a leisurely way by coming to the post office before 10:30 a. m. or between 1:30 and 3:30 p. m. thus missing the rush hours. On the way home pick up a supply of heavy wrapping paper, sturdy empty cartons, strong cord and kraft paper adhesive tape. A modest investment in these necessary items will pay big dividends in safe delivery of cherished Christmas gifts.

After gift wrapping and packing is complete plan mailings so that those for the most distant long-distance mailings into the points go first. Try to get all post office before Dec. 5 and those for nearby points should be mailed by Dec. 10.

Applications for Wool Payments Still Available

Applications for incentive payments for shorn wool marketed after April 1, 1955, are still being accepted at the local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office.

Payments are designed to bring the average return for wool up to the support levels of 62 cents a pound. No payments will be made until March 31.

Applicants must have the original sales slip signed by the purchaser and must have owned the sheep at least 30 days during the period for which application is made.

In the case of lambs or yearlings sold for slaughter farmers must also have certification that the animals have been sold for slaughter.

Dairy Herds in Pennsylvania Up Sum Now 960,000

HARRISBURG — The number of cows in dairy herds throughout Pennsylvania is up some 12,000 over a year ago, to a total of around 960,000.

It was noted that while cow numbers were the main factor in increased production of milk during the past month, fairly good grazing prevailed in some southern areas of the state.

For the second straight month the hay situation has shown improvement — and the limited grazing conditions helped conserve hay supplies which are considered fairly adequate in general.

During October dairy farmers were averaging \$4.85 per hundred lbs for milk at wholesale, up about 25 cents, compared with a month earlier and 11 cents higher than a year ago.

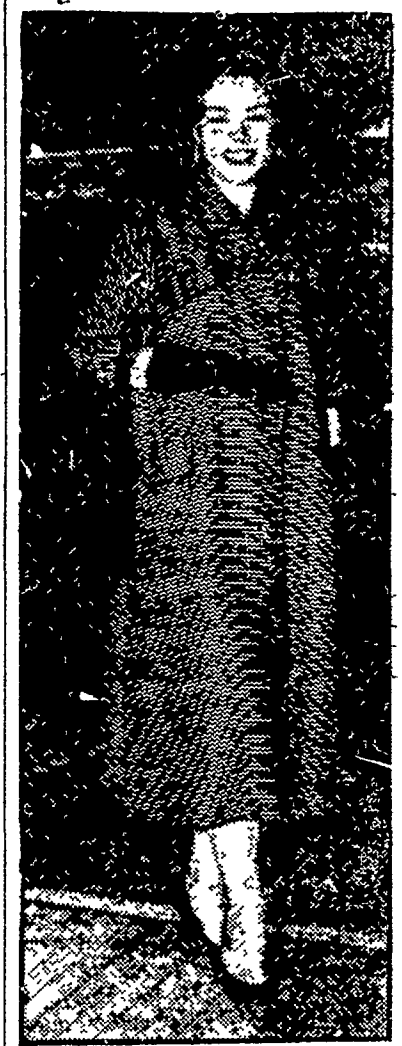
Milk cows were averaging about \$185 per head, according to the Department of Agriculture — or about the same as a month earlier and year previous.

On the other hand, production of milk per cow averaged 535 lbs, as compared with 542 in the previous month and 506 lbs a year ago. Dairy feed prices were changed little from a month ago, although perhaps slightly lower.

FREAK ALARM SAVES 5

Huntington, W. Va. — A faulty transformer which caught fire, caused a freak short circuit in the doorbell of the home of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Francis. The short circuit set the doorbell to ringing, awakening the family and allowing the Francis, and their three children to escape their burning home. The blaze caused damage estimated at "thousands of dollars."

Israel has asked the United States to provide her with as much arms as Egypt receives from the Soviet bloc.



STYLED FOR SAFETY — Raincoat modeled by Betty Richter at Department of Agriculture's Beltsville, Md., experiment station is of cotton fabric in which is woven a light-reflecting thread. Fabric turns wearer into a walking danger sign at night. Called "cat's eye" fabric because of its reflective quality, it is already being put to widespread use by the children's clothing industry.

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