

Farm Numbers in County Stable;

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creased with 5,627 farms reporting telephones in 1954 and 4,551 in 1950.

Last year there were 903 artificial ponds, reservoirs and earth tanks on 801 farms reporting in Lancaster County.

Tractors jumped from 9,151 in 1950 to 12,248 on Garden Spot farms and automobiles increased from 8,853 to 9,049. There were 1,260 farms with no tractor, using only horses or mules, 120 had no tractor and only one horse or mule, 835 had no tractor and two or more horses and/or mules.

In line with the nationwide trend, numbers of horses and mules on Lancaster County farms continued in decline, although the reduction here was perhaps not as marked as in other sections of the country. In 1950 a total of 2,933 farms reported 10,122 horses or mules, while last year 2,044 farms listed but 7,853 horses and mules.

Commercial farms declined from 6,722 in 1950 to 6,666 in 1954. In value of products sold, in 1950 there were 455 farms in creases over the period to 1954, while the seven between 500 to 999 acres remained the same.

Telephones and electricity on Lancaster County Farms in-

A RUDE AWAKENING

PLEASANTON, Cal. — Louis Koehl, taking a midday nap on the living room sofa of his home was rudely awakened when the 150-pound prop whirled loose from a plane 2,000 feet aloft, crashed through the Koehl roof and into the living room. Koehl, 66, was unhurt.

the class selling products valued at \$25,000 or more, in 1954 there were 615 in this category.

Cattle and calves totaled, 120, 732 on 5,774 farms in 1950 and 146,848 on 5,807 farms in 1954. Cows, including heifers that have calved increased from 55,546 on fewer farms, 4,643 in 1954.

Milk cows also increased in numbers on fewer farms during the reporting period, with 53,857 head on 5,133 farms in 1950 to 58,267 head on 4,719 farms last year. On 3,423 farms last year there were 27,703 heifers and heifer calves, and 59,413 steers, bulls and steer calves on 4,530 farms last year.

Whole milk last year was a \$16,608,707 business on Lancaster County farms, with 3,380 farms producing 394,545,042 lbs. This too follows the greater-production-on-fewer-acres theme that marks Lancaster farming, for in 1949 a total of 332,004,540 lbs. produced on 3,632 farms.

Cream Sold Declines

Cream sold showed a decline, although the 1954 value was \$48,780. From 169 farms reporting in 1949, there was a total of 107,524 lbs of butterfat produced, while last year the sum was 97,765 lbs on 259 farms.

Swine increased, both in numbers and in Lancaster County. Farms producing swine, with 3,183 farms reporting in 1949 they produced 37,369 hogs, while last year these farms produced 41,195 hogs.

Sheep and lambs, unlike nationwide trends, increased in Lancaster County during the census period. The number of farms reporting sheep and lambs increased from 698 in 1950 to 1,079 last year, and the numbers moved up from 9,492 in 1950 to 11,689 in 1954. Wool production in Lancaster County too showed a major advance, from a shorn total of 33,802 lbs. in 1949 to 63,294 lbs. in 1954.

Poultry, Poultry Products

Poultry production marked one of the most significant gains in Lancaster farming during the 1950-1954 period. In 1950 the county total of chickens sold was 5,415,710, while four years later the number was hiked to 8,481,868, while the number of farms reporting decreased from 4,811 to 4,374. For chickens four months old and over, in 1950 some 6,221 farms reported 2,309,825 on hand, while in 1950 the number of farms dropped to 5,753, the number of chickens on hand up to 2,825,047, more than a half-million gain.

Brouler business grossed \$5,353,443 for 6,352,427 birds on 661 farms last year, while hens, roosters, pullets, etc. grossed \$1,726,815 on 4,013 farms reporting 2,129,441 birds.

ICE JAMS



'Here comes another one to blame the weather for his lousy driving!'

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Chicken eggs sold last year yielded an \$11,951,975 business for 4,871 farms, a decrease from the 5,353 in 1949. There were \$0,200,192 dozen eggs produced Lancaster County farms -- or a staggering total of 362,402,304 eggs.

Turkey farms decreased from 290 in 1949 to 285 in 1950, yet the Lancaster farming trend continued with 91,548 produced in 1950 and a remarkable 236,465 in 1954.

Animals Sold Alive

A greater number of Lancaster County farms marketed cattle, hogs, sheep, horses and mules last year on a live basis than in 1949. This phase of the farming business accounted for \$16,482,152 in 1949 and last year, \$20,918,759. As to number of farms, this category included 5,774 in 1949, and 5,819, in 1954.

Here are farms reporting, and number of cattle or calves sold alive for two years: 1949 - 5,314 farms, total 92,263 and 1954 5,475 farms total 125,584. From 4,509 Lancaster County farms last year came 88,788 cattle (excluding calves) sold alive that grossed \$17,825,402. Figures of Lancaster County calves are: In 1954 there were 4,111 farms reporting 36,796 head, sold for \$1,018,146. Hogs and pigs grossed \$1,899,936 last year with 56,277 head sold from 2,314 farms, an increase too from 1949's figures of 45,272 head from 2,772 farms.

Lancaster County perhaps holds one of the nation's records in the horse and mule business, although numbers are still comparatively small. Last year 372 farms reported 743 horses and mules sold alive for \$67,592.

There are some reductions and some gains in the overall report, but Lancaster County still maintains fairly high rank as one of the nation's outstanding agricultural counties.

Field crops here last year had an estimated value of \$34,045,410, fruit crops \$34,603,987 livestock and livestock products \$27,799,000.

Children's Coloring Corner



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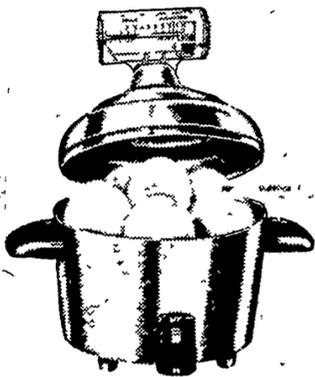
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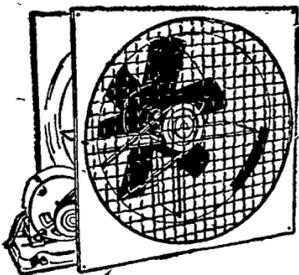
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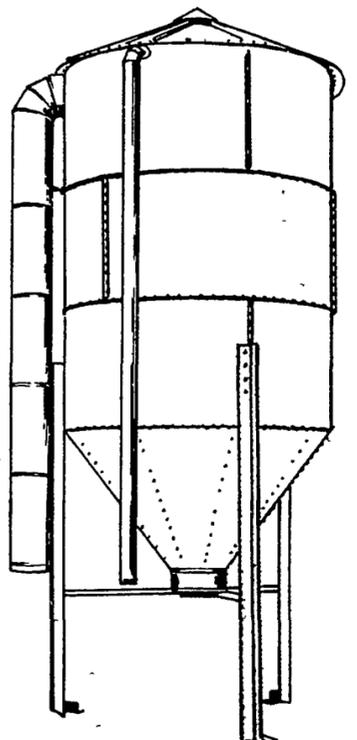
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