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\$2 Per Year

Prices Lower Receipts Gain At Stock Yards

Cattle receipts on the Lancaster market gained 2.3 per cent last year over the preceding year, however depressed markets, general all over the nation, lowered dollar values. Cattle receipts totaled 269,477 in 1955, an increase of 6,308 for the year. Dollar value was almost \$23 million for all species combined.

Market patrons last year received \$56,760,980.47, or 5.4 per cent under 1954 when \$60,056,424.55 was paid. The all-time peak was 1951, when dollar volume figured \$92,925,649.32.

A total of 543,554 head of livestock came into the Lancaster market last year, compared to 458,935 in 1954, and 465,299 in 1953. For the three years, here are comparative figures: cattle, 1955 — 269,477; 1954 — 263,169; 1953 — 267,743; calves — 1955 — 60,024; 1954 — 63,507; 1953 — 60,454; hogs, 1955 — 97,842; 1954 — 101,821; 1953 — 108,816; sheep, 1955 — 26,211; 1954 — 30,438; 1953 — 28,286.

Hogs during the past year were especially precarious pricewise, but some losses have been recovered in the opening weeks of 1956.

One of the most remarkable increases on the Lancaster market was that shown by stockers and feeder cattle, with 83,425 sold last year, an increase of 18,655 from 1954, and the largest in any year since 1952.

"This concludes that Lancaster still remains the top stock yards east of the Mississippi," John M. Hooper, newly reelected Exchange president, advised Lancaster Farming. "Small stock was off slightly, but this was offset by increases in cattle numbers," he added.

Market Stand \$4025, Setting New Record

A new record in price of stands at Central Market House in Lancaster has been set by R. P. Howry, R7 Lancaster, who paid \$4,025 for a double stand in the public auction Saturday. This succeeds the preceding record of \$1,420 paid in December by a Lutitz Poultry Firm.

Mr. Howry has three other stands in Central Market, and the latest purchase was that of two recently vacated by Harry Becker, 519 Manor Street, Lancaster.

NAMED DELEGATE

Mark S. Hess, R6 Lancaster, Tuesday represented Lancaster County in the quarterly meeting of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Association in Harrisburg. Wednesday he participated in the special Farm Bureau directors' Day at Hershey.

Mellow Earth on Lancaster Farm



This will soon be a common sight on the contoured fields of Lancaster County, when the first earth is turned in spring. But there are still several weeks of winter, a wise time to have farm equipment—tractors especially—overhauled. Shown above is the farm of Warren Buch, R2 Lititz, with one of the Buch sons on the tractor. The Buch Farm is just opposite the new Warwick Union School on the edge of Lititz.

Hooper Renamed Livestock Mart Exchange Chief

John M. Hooper, who will rack up 50 years service in the Lancaster Stock Yards in the fall of 1958, Tuesday was reelected to his 18th consecutive term as president of the Lancaster Live Stock Exchange.

This will make more than 20 terms Mr. Hooper has served in this capacity, as he was in that office a few years prior to what has become his long-term election in 1938.

All other officers were renamed: J. P. Warfel, vice president; W. S. Bixler, secretary; W. M. Dunlap, Sr., treasurer, and W. M. Dunlap, assistant treasurer.

Mr. Hooper came to the Lancaster Yards in 1908, first working with his father, Aaron Hooper. Between 1916 and 1920 he was with the firm of Hooper & Potts, and from 1920 to 1924 with his father in the A. Hooper & Son Commission Co. Mr. Hooper then operated the firm until 1933 under that name, when it was changed to J. M. Hooper, Inc. His father passed away in 1924.

Feb. 15 was set as the deadline when Mr. Bixler will stop receiving entries for the Garden Spot Baby Beef Club, sponsored by the Exchange.

January Sale of Poultry Increases

January sales of poultry at Lancaster Poultry Exchange Rohrerstown, ranged from 18% to 25 on broilers in nine sales. There were 243 lots listed, 237 lots totaling 674,156 birds offered.

Sales totaled 217 lots, 619,816 birds, of which 597,055 were broilers, 14,475 capettes, 4,295 Leghorn fowl, and 1,200 heavy fowl.

Groundhog Sees No Shadow Along Octoraro Creek

Spring is here, according to the Quarryville groundhog, and spring is six weeks away, according to one evoking similar forecasting claims at another station in Pennsylvania.

Divide the difference and you may have some idea of how much more winter we'll have.

This year the slumbering lodge along the banks of Octoraro Creek jumped into the field of nutrients and came up with a man-sized groundhog that had been gently fed saprozoic vitamins, produced from a contraption that beggars description.

There was no shadow there. There couldn't be. Even the patient observer, who was soaked to the skin by dripping rain while his feet chilled in sloppy snow, could not see his own.

But come what may, the Quarryville Groundhog again came through to ease the dignity of the work-day world one day at least.

124 ACRES \$24,400

James and Ruth Bucher, Palmyra, purchased the 124-acre Milton Herr Farm for \$24,400 in the auction at the farm near Palmyra Saturday. Paul E. Sanger was auctioneer.

Guernseys Set Records for Two Area Herds

PETERBOROUGH, N. H. — Jerome H. Rhoads, Kirkwood, Pa., is the owner of two registered Guernseys that have recently completed Herd Improvement Registry production records according to a report from the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Milked two times daily while on test, Cadet's Vera of Rhoadsacres, a seven year-old, produced 10,583 lbs of milk and 570 lbs of fat in 305 days, and met calving requirements. This production represents approximately 5100 quarts of high-quality milk.

Cadet's Chi of Rhoadsacres, a junior four year-old, produced 11,577 lbs of milk and 513 lbs of fat in 305 days, and met calving requirements. She was milked two times daily. This production represents approximately 5500 quarts of high-quality milk.

Rutter Bros., York Penna., just purchased the Guernsey sire, Ideal's Patty's Superior, from Jacob Tams, Augusta, New Jersey, according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

This richly bred bull is out of the high-production cow, Ideal's L. D.'s Patty that has two production records of 14,448 lbs of milk and 718 lbs of fat, made on three times daily milking for 365 days, as a junior two-year-old, and met calving requirements, and 21,139 lbs of milk and 1,114 lbs of fat, made on three times daily milking for 365 days, as a senior three-year-old. He sired by Ideal's Superior.

\$340 HOLSTEIN TOP

In the auction of livestock and implements held on the Simon S. King farm-south of Atglen Tuesday, 22 Holstein cows sold up to a high of \$340.

Benson Given Half Hour on CBS for Reply

Washington, (USDA) The U. S. Department of Agriculture today made public the text of a letter which has been sent by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson to Mr. Frank Stanton, President of the Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.: Dear Mr. Stanton.

A few days ago I appeared briefly on Mr. Edward R. Murrow's "See It Now" program. I felt that the few minutes allotted to me for comment were inadequate to clear up what I distinctly feel was a distorted impression of farm conditions given by sections of Mr. Murrow's presentation.

In fairness to farmers, to your metropolitan audiences and to the Department of Agriculture which I have the honor to serve, I respectfully request an early opportunity to set the record straight on several important points.

Although the Murrow show occupied a full hour, I believe half of that time would be sufficient for the presentation I have in mind. I would hope that time could be allotted at approximately the same hour as the Murrow show was staged and on the same day of the week—Thursday. I believe you would agree this would best permit me to reach the same audience.

I would be most happy to discuss further details with you or other members of your staff if you are agreeable to this request.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ E. T. Benson

(The Secretary was granted the 10:30 to 11 p. m. EST spot on CBS last night).

Heads Poultry Exchange Again

Levi H. Braubaker has been reelected president of the Lancaster Poultry Exchange for his second term at a meeting Monday night at Rohrerstown. He has been temporary chairman of the Exchange since it was instituted more than 18 months ago.

Nominated by Dr. E. I. Robertson of Lancaster, Mr. Braubaker has long held a high position in activities and promotion of the Exchange. Dr. Robertson said, "The Exchange may be faced with the problem of moving in the year ahead and should retain its present leadership" thus overriding a request from Mr. Braubaker that he be relieved.

Others named were Noah Kreider, R3 Manheim, vice president; Daniel K. Good, R1 Columbia, secretary; Howard Martin, R2 Lancaster, treasurer, and directors reappointed Glenn Herr, R1 Manheim, as exchange manager, and Mrs. Clara Kopf as office clerk. Mrs. Kopf is from R1 Columbia.

Earl Reeves, who leaves soon to reside in the midwest and work for a west coast firm, was recipient of a resolution of appreciation. He was instrumental in organizing the Exchange and has had much to do with work on the proposed new Exchange.

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Rural Boxholder
New Holland, Pa.