



Topping the Eastern Polled Hereford Association sale at Lancaster last week was ING Lady Larry 13th. Shown here with the sale topper are Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Simpson and their Ingleside farm manager, from Falmouth, Va. (Lancaster Farming Photo).

Seeking Rural Host Families

Armed with a back-log of requests for places to stay and a staff of county fieldmen, a Pennsylvania Farm Vacation organization has started combing fields and woods of the state for rural families to play host to vacation-minded city folk.

The vacation organization, operating out of New Holland, Pa., and with fieldmen in most counties, isn't overlooking any possibilities either.

Last year, an organization spokesman said, there seemed to be an endless number of city folks who wanted to return to Pennsylvania's open country to enjoy the old swimming hole, the woods, big farm meals fresh air and sunshine of childhood days.

Many Turned Down

Many of the requests for rural Pennsylvania vacation places had to be turned down because we just didn't have enough places in the area, the spokesman said.

The Farm Vacation organization operates like a club. Farms or county places are inspected by fieldmen, pay an enrollment and monthly membership fee and a commission on guest business. These payments go toward seasonal catalogs that list

the vacation spots and advertisements in major big city papers that get the requests for the catalogs.

Guest contact the vacation hosts directly to insure that both parties are desirable to one another.

Fees range from \$30 to \$45 a week per adult, depending on the value the host puts on his housing and fun facilities of the countryside around him.

Fieldmen for the Pennsylvania Farm Vacation organization point out that the city guests don't look for more than the rural fare and activity. And they enjoy being able to share in the every day living as the host family normally goes about it.

The plan seems to be doing the rural hosts a lot of good. They seem to enjoy making new friends to teach canning, take fishing, and just to talk to. **Some from Washington State**

Some members hosts and their guests of last summer have been getting together every other month for Sunday dinner in the country.

And it seems to be doing the guests a world of good too. One doctor in the Pittsburgh area even recommended that his over-worked patient try the plan. The patient went for a week and stayed a month.

The plan is paving off for both parties. One member place made over \$900 in one month alone last season. And a Pennsylvania

Farm Vacation, unlike most vacations, usually sends the guest home with not only some money left in his wallet, but a whole load of farm and village bought products to boot.

Last year the biggest share of guests came from New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and Washington, with some coming from as far away as Washington State.

Precipitation in March over Norm

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sky, on the weather outlook as spring work gets underway. This edition of Lancaster Farming carries weather maps, giving reviews and long-range forecasts.

The April outlook, issued by the weather bureau in Washington calls for temperatures to average below normal in states along the Atlantic Coast, Pacific Coast and in the northern plains. Temperatures near seasonal normals are expected in this section, with above normal temperature indicated in the Southern Plains, Southern Plateau and west Gulf States.

Precipitation Near Normal

Precipitation is expected to exceed normal in the Pacific Northwest and Missouri Valley, to be close to normal in the Middle Atlantic States, Great Lakes region, Ohio Valley, and lower Mississippi Valley. In the remainder of the nation, subnormal amounts are anticipated.

Some neighborhoods in the middle west are still in dire need of moisture, with gloomy prospects for the crop-planting season.

Wholesale selling prices: No. 1 and fancy quality broilers or Fryers, heavy type under 3 lbs, 23, 3 to 4 lbs 23 to 26, roasters 26 to 31. Pullets, 4 1/2 lbs and over, 32 to 35. Hens, heavy type, 25 to 30 light type 15 to 22. Old Roosters 12, Ducks: Pekin 28 to 30.

Broilers Lower On Big Supply Here Tuesday

Lancaster Poultry Exchange (Rohrestown, Pa.) (Sales Report, Sale 139, Tuesday, April 3, 1956)—Heavy supplies and a prospect of a 20 per cent increase in marketings this month sent broiler prices lower here Tuesday, following a three-cent decline in the dressed market Monday.

A total of 11 lots, 26,375 birds were listed, 10 lots totaling 24,575 offered, and eight lots totaling 18,875 birds, all broilers, were sold in a range of 20 to 23 1/2, averaging 20.98.

For the corresponding day a year ago, the average was 31.1, with 13 lots of broilers, 45,250 head, selling from 30 1/2 to 32 1/2 cents on Tuesday, April 5, 1955. On that day, 13 lots of broilers, 45,250 birds; six lots of turkeys, 3700 head; one lot of 350 capettes, and one lot of 205 fowl were offered.

Tuesday Sales

Here are Tuesday sales by lot number, seller and grower, amount and breed, age by weeks and days, buyer and price (each lot number preceded by 3-):

- 1, O. Kenneth McCracken, (Jacob Fisher, Jr.), 1250 White Vantress, 9-4, to Meader's Poultry, 21 cents; 2, Robert Noll, 2675 Red Vantress, 12 wks, to Roy E. Ream, 21, 3, Robert Noll, 2675 Red Vantress, 10 wks to Daniel K. Good, 21 1/2; 4, Noll 1325 Barred Cross, 10 wks, to Carl B. Risser, 21 1/2; 5, Levi M. Weaver, 1050 White Vantress, 9-6, to Roy E. Ream, 20;
- 6, Miller & Bushong, (Mervin Graybill), 1800 White Cornish Cross, 11-3, withdrawn prior to sale; 7, Donald Landis, 2900 White Vantress, 10-2, no sale, 19 1/2 bid; 8, Donald Landis, 2800 Red Vantress, 10-2, no sale, 19 1/2 bid; 9, Indian River Poultry, (Harry Boyer), 5000 Leghorn pullets, 10-5, to Victor F. Weaver, Inc., 20 1/2; 10, Glenn H. Herr, (James R. Barley), 3900 Indian River pullets, 11 wks, to Carl B. Risser, 21; 11, Miller & Bushong, (Samuel Blank), 1,000 White Vantress, 10-2, to Martin M. Brendle, 23 1/2.

TURKEYS

Philadelphia Apr. 4—(USDA) Turkeys: Frozen (ready-to-cook) about steady, demand fair. Supplies adequate.

Wholesale selling prices: (Grade A & U.S. Grade A quality)

Fryers-roasters 4 to 10 # 47 to 49, Young Hens 8 to 10 # 50 to 51, 10 to 14 # 55 1/2 to 56 24 to 28 # 56 1/2, 28 and up 57 1/2 to 58

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