

Price Index to April 15 Drops Three Points

HARRISBURG — Dr William L. Henning, State Secretary of Agriculture, today reported that the index of prices received by Pennsylvania farmers dropped three points or 1.3 per cent dur-

ing the month ended April 15. Federal-State surveys, he said, showed an increase of three points for the United States.

Pennsylvania's decline, he pointed out, resulted mostly from a seasonal drop of 30 cents a hundred pounds for milk at wholesale and a decline of one cent a pound for chickens. Meat animals advanced but eggs remained steady.

Off 9 Points From Year Ago

The April 15 index for prices received by Pennsylvania farmers stands at 227 per cent of the 1910-14 base level, the survey showed. This is nine points below April 15, 1955. Crop prices showed a seasonal advance during the month. The overall livestock and products index registered a 6-point decline with meat animals higher and poultry lower than on March 15.

There was a 10-point advance in the meat animal index, the Secretary said. All species except calves and sheep contributed to the rise, hog prices averaging \$1.90 higher per hundred pounds liveweight. Beef cattle averaged \$12.80, up 40 cents but \$1.80 below a year earlier.

Feed Costs Higher

The dairy products index was down 15 points as the price received for wholesale milk declined slightly less than the usual seasonal drop. The poultry and egg index declined two points.

Pennsylvania farmers on April 15 were paying more than they did a month earlier for feed, but a little less for alfalfa hay which averaged \$34 per ton, down \$1.50. Other hay was steady at \$29 per ton. Laying mash at \$4.40 was up 10 cents a hundred pounds, scratch grain at \$3.85 was up 10 cents and 20 per cent protein dairy feed at \$3.85 was up 5 cents.

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—When the Congressional Record stated the other day that Representative Yates (D., Ill.) was not on hand for a vote, because he was "homesick," the Congressman had the record changed immediately. Yates said it should have read, "Home sick." In other words, he was ill at home—a slight difference from homesick.

Dallas Traffic Committee hopes to convince motorists that accidents are avoidable. We'll be content if they realize pedestrians are.—Dallas News.

Procedure in Bang's Testing Now Revised

HARRISBURG — A downward change on the percentage of herd owners required to start area testing of all cattle within a township for control of brucellosis or Bang's disease was announced today by Dr William L. Henning, State Secretary of Agriculture.

The 90 per cent of voluntary signers that has been required for about 20 years was changed in an official order to a minimum of 75 per cent of herd owners within a township.

County Rules Stand

No change was made in the long-standing regulation that 90 per cent of herd owners sign the necessary agreements for area testing for an entire county, Dr Henning declared.

"The change from 90 to 75 per cent at the township level will do much to accelerate eradication of this costly livestock disease in Pennsylvania," he emphasized. "We anticipate much wider participation in the program in the 17 counties where area testing is only partially completed and in two counties—Philadelphia and Delaware—where no area testing is underway."

36 Counties Certified

Today's action is in keeping with a resolution adopted by the State Brucellosis Committee at a meeting in Harrisburg last March.

Dr H. A. Milo, director of the Bureau of Animal Industry, said the State now has 36 counties that have been certified as brucellosis-free. Testing has been completed in 12 other counties, some of which may be certified in the near future. He anticipates complete state-wide certification within the next two years.

Approximately 90 per cent or 1,193,418 cattle in 87,750 herds on Pennsylvania farms are now under some form of testing for the detection of animals afflicted with Bang's disease.

BROODER HOUSE BURNS

Fire Sunday morning destroyed a brooder house on the farm of Richard Hackman at Millport. Damage was estimated at \$400 to \$500. Origin was unknown. The fire was extinguished by firemen from Rothsville.

Menu Clip-Ons Suggest Roast Beef or Pork

Two new, attractive, full-color menu clip-ons — one suggesting delicious roast beef and the other suggesting savory roast pork — are now being used in restaurants and other public eating places throughout the country. The clip-ons were developed and made available to the restaurant trade by the National Live Stock and Meat Board, which conducts an intensive nation-wide program of meat promotion, research and education.

The eye-catching clip-ons, when attached to a menu, immediately focus attention on taste-tempting beef or pork. Restaurant operators who have made use of the clip-ons report substantial increases in servings of the featured meats. It is quite possible that the roast beef and roast pork clip-ons have the added effect of spurring orders for other beef and pork products also.

"This type of promotion is one of the many means being used by the Meat Board to keep America's consumers meat-conscious, whether they are eating at home or away from home," said Redman B. Davis, director of the Board's Information Department. "Since 25 per cent of the food consumed in America is sold through public eating places, they represent an important outlet for today's abundant supplies of beef and pork."

Mr. Davis noted that there are more than 200,000 restaurants and 30,000 hotels in the nation, not to mention industrial cafeterias, resorts and other establishments that serve people away from home.

Accidents cause more deaths to children under 14 than the total of the next four leading causes. Major causes of accidents to farm children are falls, motor vehicles and farm machinery.

Five to Plan New Community Center Project

Five Lancaster men have been named to a commission to study planning, building and operation of the community center to be constructed on land donated near Lancaster by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Esbenshade.

Senator G. Graybill Diehm, chairman of Lancaster County commissioners, and Lancaster Mayor Kendig C. Bare made the joint announcement as plans for the 18-acre tract at the intersection of Route 230 Bypass and Roseville Road progressed.

Mr. Esbenshade was named to the commission for a five-year term. Others named were: Robert Chestnut, works manager of the Lancaster office of the Aluminum Corp. of America, four years; G. Theodore Storb, Lancaster, vice president of PP&L, Lancaster division, two years, and Robert R. Shoemaker, co-owner and manager of the Stevens House, one year.

A meeting of the commission will be called soon to formulate a plan of action. The city and county have agreed to provide funds for maintenance of the center if it is built. Cost and fund raising will be first items considered.

Endorsement and cooperation of many Lancaster County farm and farm youth organizations has been received already.

ALBEN W. BARKLEY DIES

Senator Alben W. Barkley, Kentucky Democrat who served as "Veep" under President Truman, died of a heart attack at a mock political rally at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Ky. Monday night. He was 78 years old. He visited Lancaster County several times.

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