

Egg Production Continues Low In Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG — Egg production continues to decline on Pennsylvania farms. The State Department of Agriculture today said output for April at 308 million eggs was 17 million under March and 11 million below April 1955.

The consistently cool weather from April 7 to 28 affected rate of lay, limited the usual increase from March to April and, contrary to the usual upward trend, production per layer dropped below a year previous. Federal-State surveys showed

Flock Numbers Dropped

Adding to the upset, Keystone State farm flocks dropped in total numbers during April, the Department said. There was a seasonal decline in number of layers, the 17,116,000 being 709,000 below March and 378,000 under April of last year.

January-April output this year totaled 1,252,000,000 eggs compared with 1,262,000,000 for the same period in 1955.

Prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for eggs on April 15 averaged 45 cents per dozen, unchanged from a month earlier, but two cents above a year earlier.

Average 23.5 Liveweight

The average liveweight price received for farm chickens was 23.5 cents per pound, the same as on March 15 but one cent below April 15, 1955. Broilers at 22 cents were 1.5 below a month previous and down eight cents from April 1955. Liveweight turkeys averaged 38 cents a pound, down one cent from March but up one cent from a year ago.

The relation between the amount farmers receive for poultry and eggs and the prices they

Farm Calendar

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State University College of Agriculture

Kill Weeds Early — You can get a head start on weeds in the corn field by spraying before the corn comes up or at emergence or spike stage. Do not cultivate for two weeks, says George Berggren, Penn State extension agronomist, who explains that the best spray chemical is 2,4-D amine or ester at 1½ pounds in 5 to 10 gallons of water per acre

Train Young Chicks—A small yard fenced off around the brooder house will help train young chicks to go in and out of the house, reminds F. H. Leuschner, Penn State extension poultry specialist. Have a large, easily adjusted chick door, an easy approach to the door; and a good sod cover in the yard.

Short Courses Available — Enrollments are being accepted now for two short courses: Rearing Queen Bees, June 18 to 20, and Rabbit Industry, June 22 to 23, by Dr. David R. McClay, director of Agricultural Short Courses at the Pennsylvania State University

Parasites Are Costly — Internal parasites caused losses estimated at \$550 millions in livestock flocks and herds last year in the United States, reports Thomas King, Penn State extension livestock specialist.

Clip Old Growth — May is the time to clip the winter-brown tips from ground cover, such as paschysandra, euonymus, vinca and other trailing plants, with shears or grass clippers, says A. O. Rasmussen, Penn State extension ornamental horticulturist

pay for feed showed declines in April compared with March, due to increased cost of feeds, the Department said.

New Holland Community Park Changes Hands

New Holland's Community Park has been sold to a non-profit organization which will operate the recreation area on behalf of the Borough and the surrounding communities.

This was announced today, jointly by E. B. Weber, Park Owner, and Ralph Weber, President of the new Community Memorial Park Association, which purchased the Park from Weber.

Purchase Through Proceeds — "Although he had several offers to sell the park to outside groups, Mr. Weber wanted the park to belong to the community. He and Mrs. Weber built and operated the park for the benefit of the community, and he wanted to see that it remained the kind of recreational center he and his family had worked so hard to achieve.

"Mr. Weber made us such a generous offer that, in reality, the Association will eventually purchase the park through the proceeds each year. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Association will pay Mr. and Mrs. Weber an annual sum of \$5,000 until a total of \$120,000 is paid off. The property was appraised by an independent firm and the price was based on this appraisal. There will be no interest paid on the amount owed the Webers at any time. At normal 5% interest over a 24-year period, this would have cost us an additional \$78,000. This really amounts to a contribution of this sum by the Webers."

The land includes a baseball diamond at the east end of the Borough, a swimming pool, large picnic area in a grove of trees, pavilions, bandstand, two tennis courts and a large parking lot. It is considered one of the most popular recreation areas in the County

Open Memorial Day — "We will open the pool as usual on Memorial Day and continue to operate it in the high standards set by Mr. and Mrs. Weber," the Association President said. "We expect to hire a Park Manager very shortly. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weber have agreed to work closely with the Association this year and as long as necessary, to make sure we have properly trained personnel."

In a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Weber, the Association expressed "sincere gratitude for the generous offer which makes it possible for the community to own the Community Memorial Park, non-profit Association."

Other officials of the Association are Clarence B. Mellinger, vice president, H. K. Luttringer, secretary, R. E. Whitmore, Jr., treasurer

Others on the Board are: E. B. Weber, R. L. Ressler, Richard Geist, George Young, Herbert Evans, Dr. Wilson Foust, Betty Stockton, R. E. Whitmore, Richard Brubaker, W. H. Mellinger, Thomas Wentz

Fox Thought Rabid Shot by Farm Youth

John Vannoy, 18-year-old son of W. C. Vannoy at Peach Bottom, Tuesday shot and killed a gray fox believed to have rabies that had attacked the tires of a tractor driven by his brother Robert, 22.

Several incidents have been reported in the southern section of the county adding to the belief several rabid animals may still be found in that vicinity, although reports have tapered off considerably in recent weeks.

NEW YORK MILK PRICE

A uniform price of \$3.55 cwt for April milk deliveries to 393 approved plants in the New York Metropolitan milk marketing area has been announced. The butterfat differential is to be 58 cents for each tenth of a pound of fat above or below the standard 35 per cent test.

Snappy remarks are often senseless utterances

Apple Blossom Time



Apple blossom time in Lancaster County proves from whence comes the inspiration for musicals and poetry. Here is a Lancaster County tree in full bloom early this week, a mass of blossoms that followed the hillside sweep of other flowing shrubs and trees. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Pastors Meet at Pennsylvania State

"New Vistas in Rural Churches" will be the theme of the 18th annual Conference for Town and Country Pastors, June 18 to 22. This event will be held as usual on the Pennsylvania State University campus under the direction of College of Agriculture rural sociologists Dr. S. W. Blizzard will succeed Dr. W. G. Mather as chairman of the conference this year.

The purpose of this conference is to keep rural pastors abreast of developments in Pennsylvania agriculture and to acquaint them with new techniques in handling personal problems of farm people. Modern economic and social trends and their impact on rural life also will be discussed.

All rural ministers are invited to attend. Many return year after year. A separate homemakers' program will be presented for pastors' wives. This will be under the direction of Delpha E. Wiesendanger, assistant dean of the College of Home Economics.

Temperatures Soar, Twisters Kill 12

At least 12 persons were killed and damage was estimated in the millions of dollars last weekend. Thunderstorms struck Lancaster County Saturday night while wind was playing havoc in other sections of the state and nation. Flint, Mich. was hard hit, Cleveland and Duquesne, Pa. also suffered heavy loss

Locally, temperatures jumped to a high of 87, and Monday afternoon a thermometer at Bridge Street in Christiana declared it was 100 degrees.

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