

## Prices Much Higher in Chicken of Tomorrow Sales Over Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG — Spirited bidding brought more than twice as much at auctions May 16 for the second and third place lots of broiler chickens than the grand champion entry in the 1956 Pennsylvania Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest, the State Poultry Federation has announced.

A round-up of the five regional sales revealed the top price of \$6 per pound was paid for the reserve champion lot of 12 dressed 11½ week broilers at Coatesville and the third ranking lot brought the same price at Butler.

At the Franconia auction in Montgomery County the state champion lot entered by George Facht, Kintnersville, Bucks County, was bought for \$240 a pound by Price's Hatchery, Telford. The 12 birds weighed 41.4 pounds and brought young Facht \$99.36.

The reserve champion lot entered by Ronald Shaffer, Dover, York County, weighed 43.58 pounds, netting the owner \$261.75 for 12 birds from the Beacon Milling Company, Cayuga, N. Y. The same price of \$6 per pound went to the statewide third place lot at Butler, entered by Robert Rodgers, Butler RD 2, a total of \$207.05 for ten birds in his lot.

Out of the total of 733 original entries, 688 lots went to dressing plants and were sold on May 16 at 94 per cent the

total sold represents the best record in the ten years of the state contest, officials said.

The average price received per pound for all lots came to 58.66 cents at Coatesville. Total weight of the 688 entries sold was 27,248 pounds and returns to the entrants totaled \$15,520.86. Nearly 200 buyers participated in the auctions.

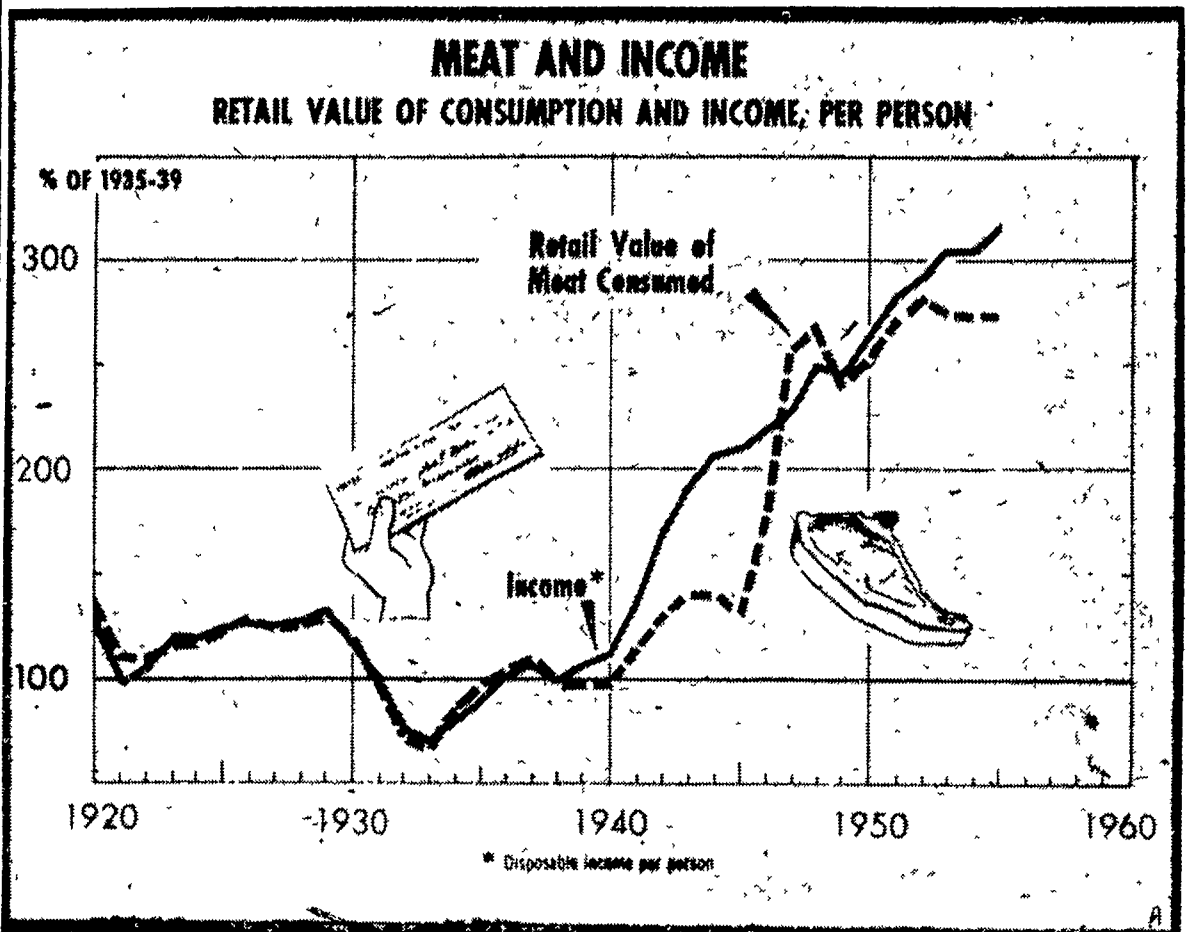
Dr. E. I. Robertson, Lancaster, contest chairman, said officials were highly pleased with results of the contest to interest young people in poultry production and develop improved quality broiler and fryer chickens. He said that the Poultry Federation, on pre-arrangement with the contestants, obtained two broilers from each boy or girl who finished third to 17th inclusive, for public relations purposes. Each of the 15 entrants will be reimbursed by the Federation for these birds, he explained.

### Three Highest Prices

The three highest prices paid at each of the five auctions follow:

**Franconia** — 58 lots sold, averaging 66.8 cents a pound for 2,086 pounds, a total of \$1,393.38. First, George Facht, second, two lots at \$150 per pound each, Bruce C. Laub, Neffs, Lehigh County, 35.4 pounds at a total of \$53.10 bought by Lehigh Farm Bureau, D. Richard Landes, Fountainville, Bucks County, 39.72 pounds, \$58.58.

## Less Income For Meat



As Americans eat their way through record quantities of meat, they find themselves paying a smaller proportion of their income for it. As can be seen on the above chart, from 1920 to 1938 there was a close relationship between the disposable income per person in the United States and the retail value of meat consumed. During World War II, that balance was upset because meat was in short supply for civilian consumption and the "black market" was dominant. Official retail meat prices were held down as consumer income rose steeply. Controls were removed

in 1946 and, with only limited quantities of consumer goods available, a much larger than normal amount of income went for meat. In 1947, consumer disposable income was \$1,157 per person. The average spent for meat was \$77.30 apiece, or 6.7 per cent. Since then there has been a steady widening in the two lines, with disposable income per person far above retail meat values. Last year, when consumers ate a record quantity of about 26.5 billion pounds of meat, consumer disposable income was \$1,608, of which \$82.10, or 5.1 per cent, went for meat.

**Coatesville** — 233 lots sold, averaging 57.5 cents a pound, 8,928 pounds netting \$5,101.08. First, Ronald Shaffer; second, Shirley Ann Ream, Lebanon RD 2, \$5 per pound for ten birds paid by Miller and Bushong, Lancaster, 33 pounds for \$165; third, James Clanton, Kennett Square, \$4 per pound for ten birds, \$132 paid by L. L. Logan, Kennett Square.

**Mandata**, sold at Susquehanna Lockers, Sunbury — 111 lots sold, averaging 52.5 cents a pound, 4,948.5 pounds netting \$2,575.34. First, Ernest B. Hartzler, Mechanicsburg, \$2.50 per pound for ten birds, 33.5 pounds for \$83.75 paid by American Stores Company, second, William Haines, Middle Creek, Snyder County, \$1.26 per pound for 35.75 pounds or \$45.05, bought by Weis Stores, Sunbury, third, Stanley C. Moyer, Milton RD 1, 94 cents a pound for 38 pounds, \$35.72 paid by Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

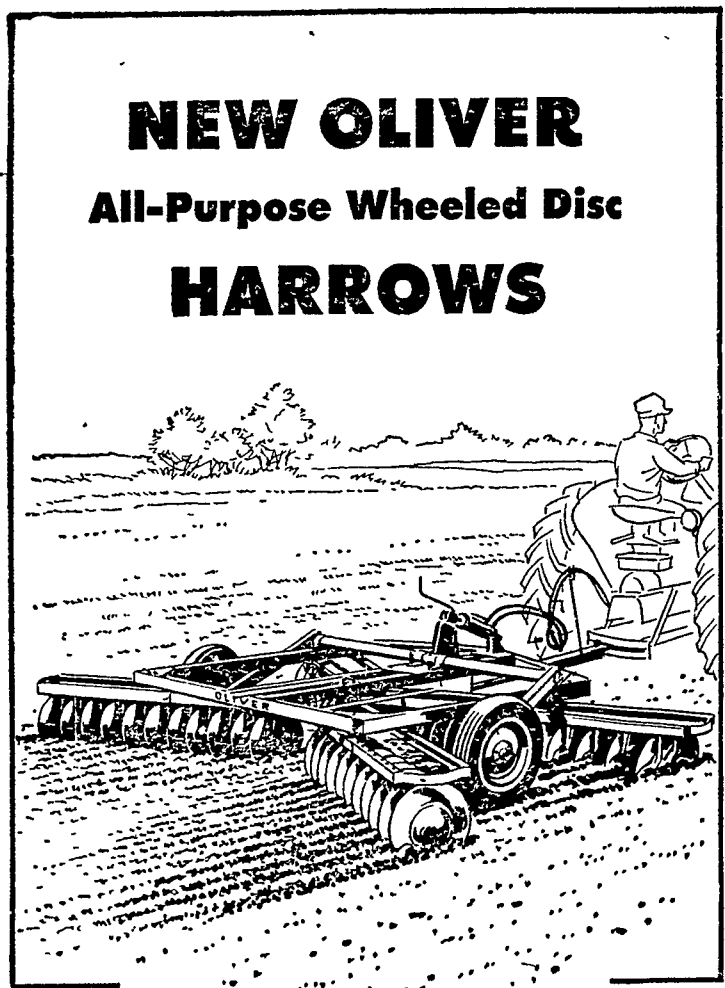
**Holidaysburg** — 154 lots sold, averaging 53 cents a pound, 6,739 pounds netting \$3,571.56. First, Edwin Sell, Woodbury, Bedford County, \$1.25 per pound, 52.75 pounds for \$65.94 from Dr. Salsbury's Laboratories, Charles City, Iowa, second, James Harclerode, Bedford RD 2, 65 cents a pound for 42.5 pounds, \$27.63 paid by Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, third, tie at 60 cents a pound among Richard Heltzel, Martinsburg, Vincent Hines, Holidaysburg and Carl Johnson, Altoona RD. Buyers were Villa Restaurant, Tyrone, A & P Food Stores, Altoona and H. B. Price, Holidaysburg.

**Butler** — 132 lots sold, averaging 63.5 cents a pound, 4,547 pounds netting \$2,889.50. The three top prices for ten birds each went to Robert Rodgers at \$6 per pound from P. G. Osterling Feed Company, Butler; Charles E. Delu, \$1.70 a pound from Mrs. Delu, and Robert Wagel, Valencia, \$1 a pound from Mellon National Bank and Trust Co., Butler. These three lots ranked third, fifth and

fourth, respectively, in the statewide judging at Holidaysburg on Tuesday.

Last year's winner of the Pennsylvania COT contest, Sara Ann Herr, Rohrerstown, Lancaster County, received \$6.50 a

pound for her entry. This year she finished 10th in statewide judging and at Coatesville received \$3 per pound. The average for the first 20 lots of birds sold at the spirited Coatesville auction was \$1.85 per pound.



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