

Secretary Benson to Speak at Hershey

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Pennsylvania State Poultry Federation announced today that Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson will be their guest speaker at their Gala Poultry Festival in Hershey, Aug. 25th.

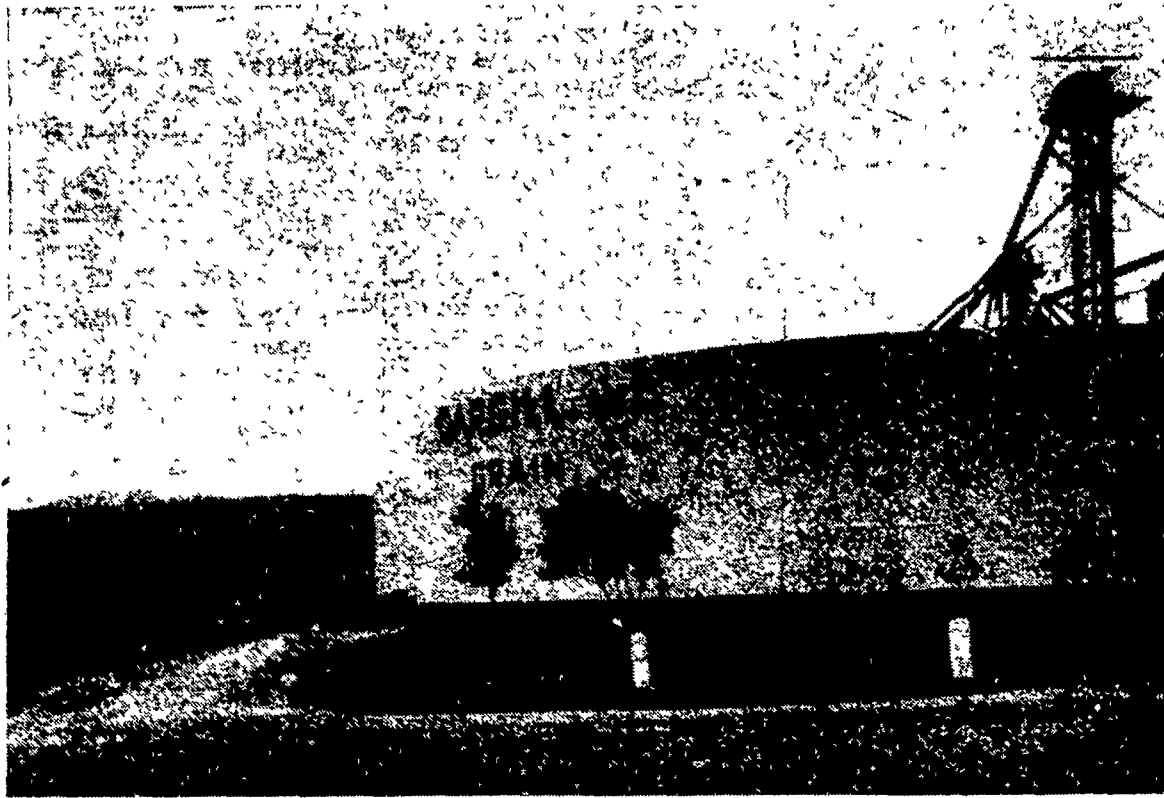
This colorful event is held in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Dutch Days, at the invitation of The Hershey Estates in Hershey Park.

The Festival will be a four-day affair — Aug. 23, 24, 25 and 26.

Secretary Benson's address at 7:45 p. m. on Aug. 25 will climax a busy day for the Poultry Industry. A chicken cooking contest, selection of a Poultry Queen; and a delicious, luscious chicken barbecue dinner will be the featured events of the day — Saturday, Aug. 25.

Because of the keen interest in the agricultural situation, a huge crowd is expected.

Wheat Tanks



Once these tanks contained fuel for Air Force planes, today they are filling with Lancaster County wheat at the Cargill Inc. elevator just outside Marietta. At the left may be seen trucks pulling in to unload the 1956 crop. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

\$4000 Prizes in Penna. Dutch Days Dairy Show

HERSHEY Pa. — Prize money totaling \$4000 will be awarded exhibitors of prize cattle in the annual Dairy Cattle Show to be conducted as a feature of Pennsylvania Dutch Days, Aug. 23 through 26, at Hershey Stadium.

Entries are limited to breeders from Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Perry, Cumberland and Schuylkill counties. Deadline for entries is Aug. 6.

Four breeds will be featured, including Ayrshire, Guernsey, Holstein-Friesian and Jersey.

James E. Bobb, show chairman, has announced that the youngsters will again compete with their elders for the top prize money, in addition to participating in their own 4-H Club Heifer Round-Up. The latter event will be limited to Dauphin and Lebanon County youngsters.

Judging in the dairy show classes is scheduled for Thursday evening, Aug. 23 on the stadium track. Judging of the Holstein breed, the largest class in the show, will begin at 5:00 p. m., with other breeds scheduled to pass before the judges at 6:00 p. m.

Four-H Club judging is scheduled for Friday afternoon, beginning at 1:00 p. m.

May Production of Cigars Sets Record

May production of cigars in the United States totaled more than 500 million, highest production for the month since records were started in 1949. This represents a 2.7 per cent increase from the 491.5 million for the corresponding month a year ago.

Removals to sales outlets also hit a new high point, moving far ahead of production at 559.3 million or 35.3 million, 6.7 per cent above May 1955 removals, and highest for any month since November last year.

SOME NAME!

LOS ANGELES — In helping a man fill out a report about two hubcaps having been stolen from his car, a police department clerk asked the man his name. It was Yosha H. Bausiopezuffbergarizme. She didn't ask him what the H. stood for.

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Elsie Bamesberger, extension consumer information specialist of the Pennsylvania State University, says deep yellow-colored lemons are not so acid as those of lighter color. But they're likely to contain more juice.

FHA Loans Here \$100 Million in Year to Date

Approximately \$100,290,000 or 86 per cent of the production and subsistence loans obtained by farmers from the Lancaster Office of the Farmers Home Administration during the past year were used to purchase equipment, livestock and make similar investments in local farms. A Rudolph York, county supervisor for the agency said today.

Local farmers are making these investments to set up the kind of farming systems that will make the most of their labor, land and other resources.

Maximum Loan \$7000

Production and subsistence loans are also made for fertilizer, seed, tractor fuel, insecticides and other farm and home operating expenses. The loans bear 5 per cent interest and repayments are scheduled in accordance with the borrower's ability to repay. Loans for crop production are repayable when income from the crop is received. Loans for capital investments are repayable over periods up to seven years. The maximum loan is \$7,000 and total indebtedness cannot exceed \$10,000.

Several steps are taken by the Farmers Home Administration to assist farmers in making the best use of their loan funds. Before a loan is made a complete farm and home plan is prepared by the farm family with the assistance of the agency's local supervisor. The plan shows how the farm will be operated, estimated yields and income, and a budget for farm and home expenses. Provision is made for the production of a large portion of the family's food supply and provision is made in the budget for household expenditures and medical care.

Must Repay Debts

No loan is made unless the farm and home plan shows that the farm when properly operated under normal conditions will produce an income that will provide the family a good living and enable them to repay their debts.

Guides have been established with the aid of other agricultural agencies that show desirable combinations of enterprises, the amount of land, quantity of livestock, amount and quality of pasture, and feed crops, acres of cash crops, and the yield per acre and production per animal that are needed for the successful operation of family-type

Milk Production In June Remains At Record Highs

HARRISBURG — Milk production on Pennsylvania farms during June continued the record high performance of previous months and at 610 million pounds exceeded June 1955 by 4 per cent, the State Department of Agriculture announced today.

Production showed the usual seasonal decline from the previous month, down 58 million pounds, a Federal-State survey showed.

Cow numbers at 945,000 compared with 944,000 for May this year and 940,000 for June last year.

Pennsylvania milk production for January through June totals 3,488,000,000 pounds or 4 per cent above the 3,346,000,000 pounds for January-June last year.

In mid-June the average price received by Pennsylvania dairy farmers for milk was \$4.10 per hundred pounds wholesale, 5 cents above May 15 and the same as on June 15, 1955.

Adequate soil moisture favored growth of grasses and legumes but the below normal temperatures of March through May slowed development and cutting was delayed. Wet ground hindered making of ensilage and, in the west, caused some forage harvesters to bog down.

Hay making was especially difficult due to frequent rains during the last half of June. Much hay was damaged by rain.

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