



Selected as the nation's outstanding young farmer among 380,000 members of Future Farmers of America, Wesley Patrick of Brooks County, Ga., was named Star Farmer of America at the 29th National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Wesley farms 130 acres near Quitman, Ga., and specializes in purebred Duroc hogs.

Third of Farm Game Hunters' Bag Taken At Season's Opening

About one-third of the farm game that hunters bag in Pennsylvania is taken on the opening day of small game season. This and other findings were revealed in the recent report of Robert L. Snyder. For four years Snyder has conducted studies of game populations, hunting success and the effects of land management on wildlife in the Conemaugh River Reservoir in Indiana County. The total area within the reservoir is 7,410 acres. It is a dry bed reservoir, with 300 acres covered by the minimum pool. The reservoir area contains many fertile farmlands. Here are the results of some of Snyder's research in the area:

Small game hunting surveys were conducted on the Conemaugh Reservoir from 1950 to 1955. Results of these surveys reveal that a large percentage of the season's hunting pressure is expended by the end of the second week.

Hunting pressure is high on the Conemaugh Reservoir. It

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was measured at 106 man hours per 100 acres in 1950, and this increased to 142 hours per 100 acres in 1954 and 1955. The highest pressure on record was that expended in the Cokeville tract in 1950 — 287 man hours per 100 acres. In 1950, 161 cottontail rabbits were taken from the 462-acre tract. In 1955 the number was 200. This would indicate that cottontails will continue to produce shootable populations in spite of intensive hunting pressure. Also, no stocking was required to produce this kill in 1955. Sixty-nine percent of the total game bag in 1955 consisted of cottontail rabbits.

The percentage harvest of game animals on the Conemaugh Reservoir was rabbits, 22.6%; gray squirrels, 16 to 28%, and quail, 8 to 12%. The percentage kill of cock pheasants, including crippling losses, during 1950 and 1951, ran between 80 and 85%.

USDA Publishes New Egg Grading Booklet

Washington — (USDA) — Basic information on the grading and inspection of eggs and egg products is provided in a new 24-page bulletin issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The publication, prepared by the Poultry Division of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, explains the need for nationally uniform standards and grades for these products. It points out the specific benefits of marketing eggs according to uniform grades from the standpoint of the producer, the processor or wholesaler, the retailer and the consumer.

Included also is up-to-date information on the growth and extent of use of the Federal-State grading program.

Single copies may be obtained free from the Office of Information, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C., by requesting Agriculture Information Bulletin No. 159, "Grading and Inspection of Eggs and Egg Products."

Trainees Move Into Field Over State to Work in Game Season

The 20 Student Officers, in training at the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Ross Leffler School of Conservation since June 30, have been assigned to field duty prior to and during game season. This is one of the practical phases of the comprehensive training course these men receive.

Going to the field each student officer will come under the guidance of an experienced Game Protector. In pre-season work and during the small game season the trainees will work in areas where hunters concentrate. Later they will be transferred to other localities where the bear and deer hunting is heaviest. In the move they will profit, also, from association with other experienced Game Protectors.

All of the members of the present Student Officer class were deputies with considerable experience prior to qualifying through a series of competitive examinations to attend the School. Experiences they will have in game season and things they will learn from seasoned officers of the Commission will augment knowledge gained in the classroom. These experiences, plus further instruction at the School early in 1957, will amply qualify the Student Officers as State Game Protectors when they graduate from the course next spring.

Nearly 95 P. C. Of Farms in U. S. Now Electrified

Washington — (USDA) — Farm electrification in the United States is approaching 95 per cent, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today. Estimates made by the Rural Electrification Administration indicate that on last June 30 the percentage of farms and ranches with electric power stood at 94.2. On June 30, 1955, the estimate was 93.4 per cent.

These figures compare with 10.9 per cent that were electrified in 1935, start of the REA program, and 54.3 per cent that had electricity 10 years ago.

In 1946 five States had 90 per cent or more of farm electrification; today there are 39 States where more than nine out of 10 farms have power. For some areas the increase has been swift. In North Dakota, for example, the 1946 figure was 10.4 per cent. Now it is 84.4. For South Dakota the comparable figures are 13.5 per cent and 86.7 per cent. In Mississippi the 10-year increase was from 24.8 to 87.2 per cent.

Nine States have reached or passed 98 per cent of farm electrification. They are: Connecticut, 98.8 per cent; Indiana, 98.4; Iowa, 98.1; Massachusetts, 98.5; Michigan, 98; New Hampshire, 98; New Jersey, 99.2; Vermont, 98.2; and Washington, 98.4. Pennsylvania was up from 23.6 in 1935 to 96.5 in 1955.

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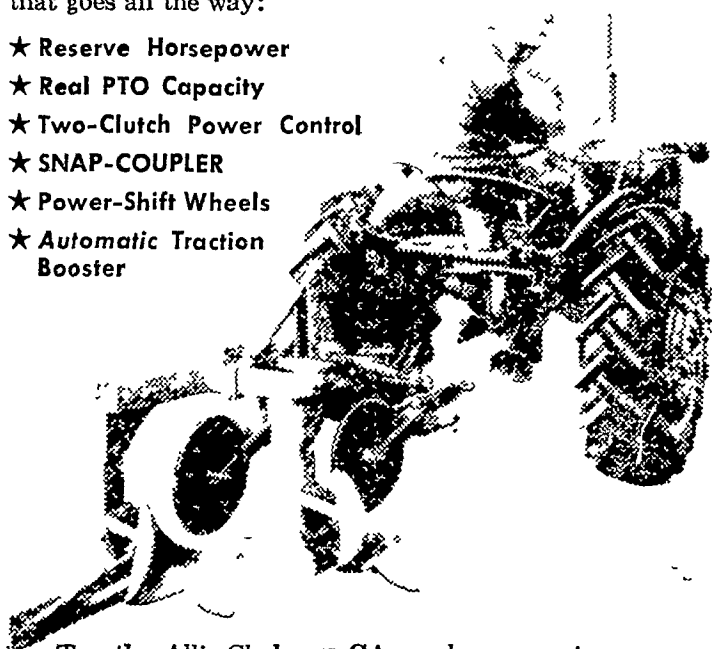
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