

## Farm Prices for Mid-November on An Even Plateau

HARRISBURG — The index of prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for their principal products in mid-November was unchanged from a month earlier, and two points above the same period a year ago, the State Department of Agriculture said today. For all farm products the price index stands at 246 per cent of the 1910-14 base level, Federal-State surveys showed.

The Pennsylvania crop price index was down one point from mid-October, but 19 points above the same date last year. Higher prices received by farmers for wheat and oats were more than offset by declines in corn, soybeans and buckwheat.

Increases for milk and butterfat in cream were the major factors in avoiding a decline in the index. They caused an upward trend in the livestock and livestock products index for the sixth consecutive month. There was an advance of 20 cents a hundred pounds for milk at wholesale.

## \$233 Million Paid Under Soil Bank of Total \$261 Million

Washington — (USDA) — Payments to farmers participating in the 1956 Acreage Reserve program of the Soil Bank totaled \$233,487,151.64 in 45 States and Puerto Rico reporting through Nov. 30, 1956, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced today.

Beef cattle, calves and sheep took a seasonal drop of 30 to 90 cents a hundred pounds live-weight, causing a livestock index decline of 13 points from mid-October.

Live chickens averaged a return of only 17 cents a pound to farmers, one cent below Oct. 15 and more than four cents under a year ago. Eggs were down one cent a dozen for the month and seven cents below Nov. 15, 1955, but feed costs were higher.

Average prices paid by farmers for principal feeds in mid-November showed baled alfalfa hay at \$36 per ton, \$2.50 under a year ago, \$28.50 for other baled hay, down \$1.00 per ton, \$4.45 for laying mash, up 15 cents a hundred pounds; \$4.00 for scratch grain, up 25 cents; and \$3.90 for 20 per cent protein mixed dairy feed, up 15 cents from a year earlier.

This is the tenth weekly report on payments (negotiable certificates) issued under the 1956 Acreage Reserve Program. The ninth report, covering payments through November 23, showed a total of \$228,221,997.52 disbursed in the 45 States and Puerto Rico from which reports were received.

In the report on participation in the 1956 Acreage Reserve program (USDA 2464-56), the maximum amount of payments farmers could earn by remaining in compliance with the program was placed at nearly \$261 million. Since then, the Department has authorized termination or modification of 1956 Acreage Reserve agreements by farmers who misunderstood terms of the program. Consequently, the total amount to be disbursed under the

## Quota Set For Lancaster Co. To Aid Hungary

The Lancaster County Chapter, of the American Red Cross, has been given a quota of \$8,738 in the current national drive for relief of Hungarian citizens according to an announcement made today by Francis L. Cassel, chapter chairman.

The Lancaster County quota represents this area's share of a five million dollar national Red Cross Fund which has been approved by President Eisenhower. All contributions will be channeled through the International Red Cross which has been designated by the Austrian government as the official agency for Hungarian relief.

The Executive Committee of the Lancaster County Chapter met yesterday to map plans for the local drive. Dr. Bala Vassady of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lancaster, and Dr. William Toth, chairman of the history department of Franklin and Marshall College have been named honorary chairmen for the area campaign. Both men are natives of Hungary, but have spent most of their lives in the United States. Dr. Vassady was also chairman of the International Red Cross Committee during the siege of Budapest in World War II.

The critical situation both in Hungary itself, and in Austria which is attempting to cope with the problem of over 100,000 refugees necessitated this action. The American Red Cross is cooperating with forty other Red Cross Societies throughout the world at the request of the International Red Cross which has been named the official agent of the Austrian Government to handle the problem of refugee relief. The International Red Cross established a headquarters staff in Budapest on November 29 and is beginning a mass feeding program. It is anticipated the program will support 200,000 by the end of December.

Until this time the American Red Cross met all requests of the International Red Cross from within its limited resources, having spent over \$300,000 on the refugee relief program. The enormity of the current problem, added to the recent expenditure of \$3,000,000 to Puerto Rico relief, has made this special appeal necessary. Red Cross, the agency officially designated to handle relief for victims of war, views the special campaign as an opportunity for all groups to unite behind a program of assistance to victims of war in Hungary, and to provide continuing assistance to Hungarian refugees arriving in the United States.

Contributions should be addressed to American Red Cross, Hungarian Relief, 430 West Orange Street, Lancaster, Pa.

program is expected to be somewhat under that figure. No reports are available from States to indicate the extent to which farmers who signed Acreage Reserve agreements have modified or terminated them.

### DOG HERO HONORED

EASTON, Md. — Reno, a German shepherd dog, who saved two small children from a rampaging bull, was recently presented a special heroism award from the Talbot County Humane Society. The president of the society, Mrs. John C. Beale, presented a silver tray to Reno's master, Donald Baker, a Negro waiter at the Tidewater Inn. It was Baker's two children who were saved.

### LIVE POULTRY

Philadelphia, Dec. 12—(USDA) — Unsettled. Demand fair for more than adequate supplies of all classes. Buyers were very critical on size and quality. Large White Rock pullets 27-30 cents

Large White Rock caponettes 27-30 cents, medium and small sizes 24-26 cents, Vantress White 25 cents with clearing. Few lots roasters 20-22 cents with bulk unsold Stags 14-15 cents. Caponettes cross fryers 24 cents, White Rocks 21-23 cents, mixed 19-22 cents, Vantress Reds 22-23 cents. Turkeys unsettled. Demand fair for more than sufficient supplies. Few lots Bronze and White Holland fancy quality young hens 37-39 cents, ordinary quality 35-36 cents. Fancy quality young toms 29-31 cents, ordinary quality 25-27 cents.

Total receipts Dec 11 132,000 lbs, including Delaware 6,000 lbs, Maryland 12,000 lbs

Wholesale selling prices No 1 and fancy quality Broilers or fryers heavy type 3-4 lbs 19-24, roasters 20-22, pullets 4 1/2 lb and over 27-30. Hens heavy type 16-22, light type 10-15. Old roasters 10-12. Ducks: Muscovy 20-26, Pekin 30. Turkeys: young hens 85-99, young toms 25-31.

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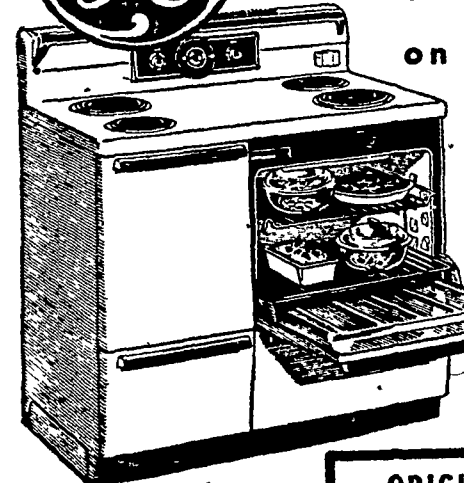
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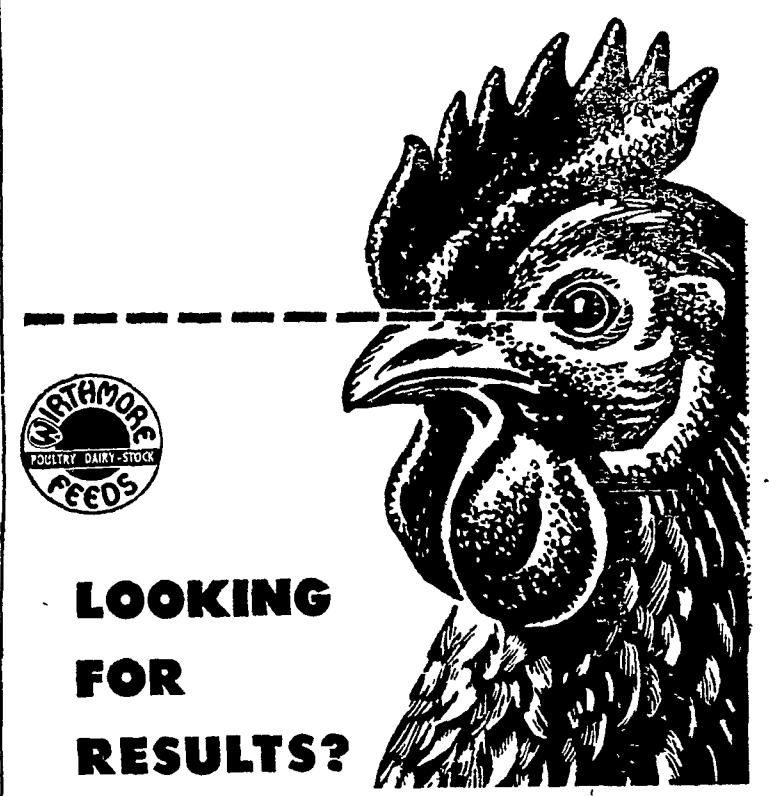
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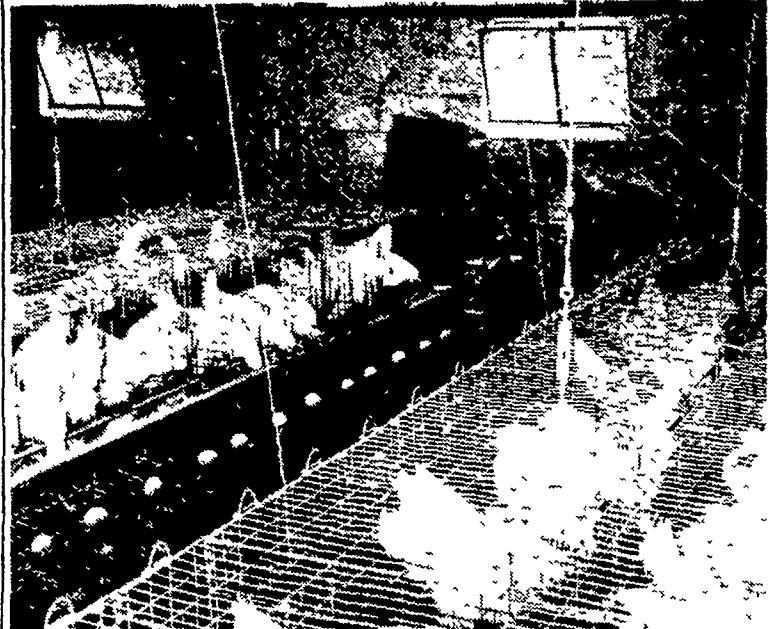


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