

## USDA Resumes Purchasing Of Shell Eggs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will resume the purchase program for shell eggs which was

discontinued last Dec. 6, when enough eggs were on hand to meet requirements through January.

These purchases are designed to help stabilize producer prices and will be limited to eggs that can be immediately distributed for school lunch uses, with purchase rates geared accordingly.

Offers are invited on a weekly basis until further notice.

First offers in carlot quantities should be received by USDA not later than 1 p.m. (EST) Tuesday, Feb. 5, for acceptance by USDA by telegram as soon as possible but not later than 8 a.m. (EST) Friday, Feb. 8.

The USDA request calls for delivery of U.S. Procurement Grade No. 1, large size (45 lbs. average net weight per 30-dozen case) shell eggs. Delivery of eggs under the initial offer must be made during the week of Feb. 18. The eggs must be graded by Federal or licensed State graders at point of origin, and grading at destination will be USDA's option.



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## Soil-Bank Giving Tree Planting Greatest Impetus Since CCC

Tree planting under the Soil Bank conservation reserve program is getting its biggest impetus since the days of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the U. S. Department of Agriculture says.

With states expanding their tree nurseries and arranging with privately-owned nurseries to increase output, nursery seedling production for the Soil Bank program will total 5 billion. This is more than double the 235,000,000 trees planted by the Civilian Conservation Corps between 1933 and 1942.

To date, some 38 state forestry agencies have signed agreements with the USDA's Forest Service whereby they will receive financial aid to provide either nursery stock, technical forestry assistance, or both, for farmers planting trees on conservation reserve lands. These states plan nursery sowing in 1957 for a future Soil Bank production of about 700 million trees. Approximately 400 million of these trees will be available for planting next fall and the spring of 1958.

While nursery production for the Soil Bank is getting started many nurseries will give priority on their regular stock to farmers applying for Soil Bank trees. Forest industry nurseries also are making trees available to farmers participating in the program. It is expected that 250 million trees will have been made avail-

able for Soil Bank planting by June 30, 1957.

Within three or four years nurseries will be producing 1 billion trees per year for the Soil Bank program. This is in addition to trees produced for programs established prior to the Soil Bank. This later production for the year ending June 30, 1956 was 886 million trees. Nursery production for Soil Bank will be correlated with the rate farmers sign tree planting contracts with their county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committees.

To help with Soil Bank tree planting, 35 states have agreed to furnish technical forestry assistance to farmers. Their personnel will provide about 1,000 man-months on such work this year.

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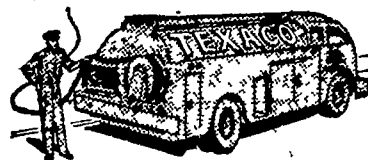
### Southwestern Show

FT. WORTH, Texas (Special) — A trim and bloomy 900 pound Hereford steer shown by a 13 year old Texas boy won the grand championship in the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show held here.

The boy is Bobby Sale of Stanton, Texas. The calf was selected from a commercial herd operated by his father. The family runs 350 commercial cows on 43 sections of land in Martin County.

The show was judged by Herman Purdy of Pennsylvania State University.

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## J. Mowery Frey To Receive Breeder Award

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — J. Mowery Frey, Lancaster, has qualified for the Progressive Breeders' Award — the highest recognition attainable by a breeder of registered Holstein cattle.

The Holstein-Friesian Assn of America has accorded this honor to only 327 Holstein breeding establishments in the entire nation. This is the second time that Frey, one of 36 Pennsylvania recipients, has been so recognized.

To qualify for the Progressive Breeders' Award, a Holstein breeder must meet strict requirements in all phases of dairy cattle, breeding and management, including production, type improvement, herd health and the development of home-bred animals.

The last production test of the Frey herd in the Herd Improvement-Registry program was completed Nov. 30, 1956, with the 38-cow herd averaging 13,020 lbs. of milk and 516 lbs. of butterfat on two milkings daily.

The herd has also been officially classified for type with an average score of 82.2.

The current award is based on a herd of 64 animals of which 43 have freshened. Thirty-six of these were born and developed on the Frey farm.

A certificate of this award has been sent to Frey by the Holstein-Friesian Assn of America, national organization of the Holstein breed representing nearly 47,000 members.

A bronze year plate will be presented to him at a meeting of Holstein breeders from his area to be added to the bronze plaque awarded when this herd first achieved the honor

## Tests Show Third of Flocks in NPIP Are Cross-Mated

Cross mating of chicken flocks amounted to about one-third of the flocks under the supervision of the National Poultry Improvement Plan in 1956

Of the flocks that were pure-mated, White Rocks made up 25 per cent, White Leghorns 18.9 per cent, New Hampshires 6.7 per cent, Rhode Island Reds, 2.4 per cent and Barred Rocks, 8.6 per cent

Four years ago the New Hampshires predominated among the pure flocks, but now the White Rocks are well out in front.

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