

USDA to Push Meat

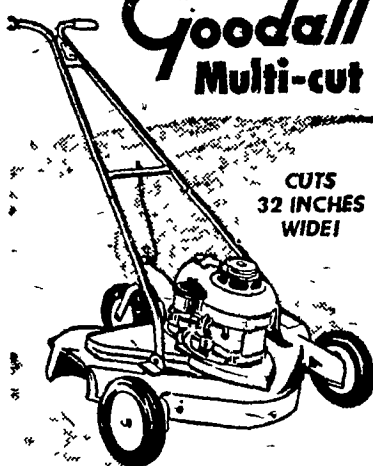
Starting April 7

Beginning April 7 the USDA will give an extra promotional push to meat. A week later eggs will get the limelight.

Other foods on the list are milk and other dairy products, turkeys, potatoes, canned sweet corn, dried prunes, peanuts and peanut butter and rice.

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Light type broilers under 3 lb. Offered at 18 cents were unsold.

Turkeys: Unsettled. Demand light for more than ample supplies. Few lots Bronze and White Holland Young hens 38-40 cents. Undergrade whites were unsold.

Total receipts March 26 — 104,000 lbs. included Delaware, 26,000 lbs. Maryland 4,000 lbs.

Wholesale selling prices No. 1 and fancy quality. Broilers or fryers heavy type 3-4 lb. 22-25. Roasters 22 Pullets 4-1/2 lb. and over 33-38. Hens heavy type 18-24, light type 12-15. Old roosters 13. Ducks Muscovy 26, Pekins 30-32. Turkeys: Young hens 38-40.

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Dysentery Can Drop Production Of Dairy Cows

A seasonal warning against the dangers of winter dysentery in cattle herds has been issued by the American Foundation for Animal Health.

This condition appears to be growing more serious each year. The Foundation reports, with the next two months marking the peak season for outbreaks, especially in cattle which have been housed most of the winter.

While this disease is seldom fatal, the Foundation points out that severe economic losses in the form of reduced milk production often occur.

In a typical outbreak, the first sign of trouble usually is mild scours in one or two animals. However, within 24 hours, a majority of the herd may be affected and milk production may drop by one-half.

An immediate diagnosis is needed, the Foundation says, because winter dysentery may be easily confused with other conditions such as coccidiosis. If proper veterinary treatment is provided, the course of the disease may be limited to three to seven days. Untreated outbreaks often last two weeks or more.

Preventive and control measures should include avoiding sudden changes in ration, reduction of feed intake at the first signs of trouble, and barring visitors from feed alleys. Good success in combatting winter dysentery has been reported by many veterinarians, especially when treatment is started early in the course of the disease.

Meat-type Hogs Efficient Feeders Iowa Test Shows

The raising of meat-type hogs can mean a substantial saving in feed costs per pound of gain, according to animal husbandman Ralph Durham of Iowa State College.

Based on test records of 600 pigs, Durham says that for every one-tenth inch less backfat, each pig, on the average, used 4 1/2 pound less feed for 100 pounds of gain.

In the Iowa tests, boar pigs and their barrow brothers were fed the same Corn Belt fattening ration and records were kept on the carcass yield of the barrows as well as on feed conversion efficiency, rates of gain and backfat measurements.

It was found that the backfat probe of the boars correlated with the feed conversion rate of the boars and barrow brothers. Thus, Durham says, as backfat is reduced, feed efficiency is increased and on this basis breeding stock can be selected for low backfat thickness plus rate of gain, resulting in a hog that is both fast-gaining and an efficient meat producer.

Durham further points out that all 600 pigs used in the tests weighted more than 200 pounds at six months of age.

3 Pennsylvania Counties To Be DDT Sprayed

Parts of Wayne, Pike, and Monroe Counties will be sprayed with DDT by air this summer in an effort by the state and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to wipe out gypsy moth infection in that area.

In addition an estimated 2,540,000 acres will be sprayed in New York and five New Jersey counties will be sprayed. The program is expected to cost approximately \$5 million.

The destructive insects attack oak, poplar, willow, birch and apple trees while in the larvae stage. A Federal quarantine to prevent spread of the pest has been in effect in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, most of New Hampshire and Vermont and in many counties of Maine and eastern New York for years.

A Missouri woman contracted tularemia from a cat bite. The cat became diseased, but without symptoms, by killing and eating infected rabbits.

Acreage Reserve Agreements Total 919,000

Latest figures from State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation offices show that up through March 15 a total of 919,000 agreements had been signed placing 20,354,344 acres in the acreage reserve part of the Soil Bank.

By crops, the signup covers 4,497,483 acres of corn, 2,985,394 acres of cotton, 178,668 acres of rice, 78,102 acres of tobacco and 12,614,697 acres of wheat, including water wheat.

Preliminary reports also show that as of Feb. 15, a total of 38,636 contracts had been signed by farmers putting 3,523,287 acres in the conservation reserve part of the Soil Bank.

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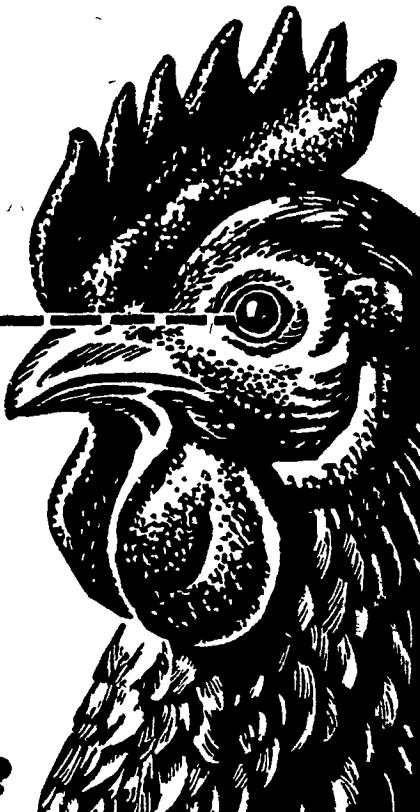
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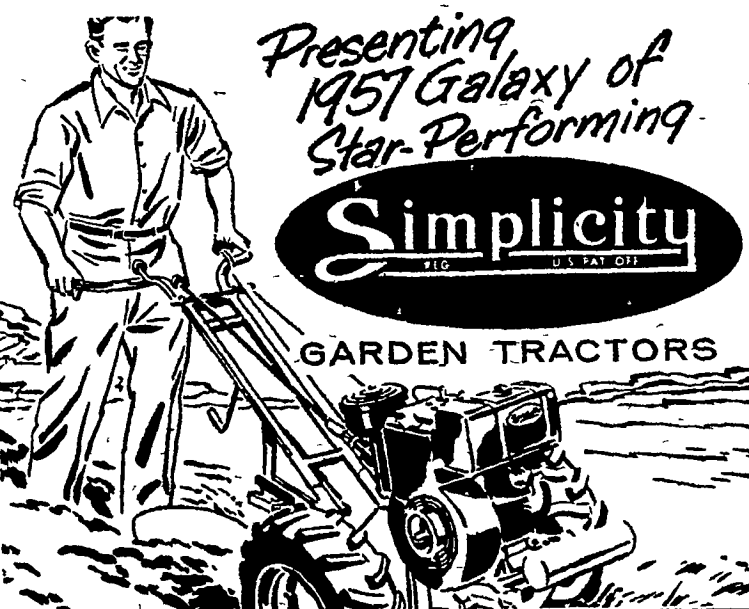
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