

'Pros' Out-talk 'Cons' at Beef Club Debate

The "pros" outdebated the "cons" in two debates at the monthly meeting of the Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club held at East Lampeter High School.

The subjects under debate were "keep youth on the farm" and "extra steers should be shown at local fairs and farm shows."

Arguing in the first debate were Jean Miller and Samuel Long, affirmative, and Lorraine Hachman and Wayne Miller, negative.

Thelma Cassel and Donald G. Herr were the affirmative team on the fair debate Glenn Bushong and Harold Frey took the opposing view.

Judges were Mrs. Fred Linton, Melvin Rohrer and Robert Heilman, assistant county agent.

Victor Longenecker, R3 Elizabethtown, club leader, delivered a humorous account of his recent trip to Switzerland.

Other entertainment included a violin and clarinet duet by Paul and Joseph Schantz and a piano solo by Virginia Winell.

Turkey Hatching Decrease Urged By Sec. Benson

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson today urged the turkey industry to sharply curtail the hatch of turkey poults during the remainder of the season to avoid production of a crop in excess of consumer demand at reasonable prices to producers.

The poult hatch through April was up eight per cent, and eggs in incubators May 1 indicate the May hatch will likely be up about three per cent. It so, the hatch during the first five months of 1957 will be up about 3.6 million birds more than during the same month last year.

The turkey industry experienced a relatively unprofitable year in 1956. The Department came to the assistance of producers by purchasing approximately 26 million pounds of surplus ready-to-cook turkeys. These turkeys were subsequently used in the school lunch program. Even with this assistance, prices received by producers were the lowest in several years, and averaged only 70 per cent of parity during the major marketing season.

The Secretary again cautioned that "the turkey industry cannot count on Government buying in every year as a part of its market outlet. Instead, all operatives in the industry—breeders, hatcherymen, and turkey growers—should make every effort to avoid over-production for better returns in the open market. This could be done," he said, "by sharply reducing the setting of turkey eggs by early June."

Lancaster Markets

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few lots No. 3 of these weights at \$20.75. Small lots No. 1 and 2, to local small killers \$21.50-21.75, these mostly 200-220 lb. weights. A few lots 160-180 lbs. mixed 1-3; 19.50-21. Sows mixed US 1-3, 270-550 lbs. \$13.50-16.50.

SHEEP: Supply mainly native spring lambs grading mostly good

Poultry

PROCESSED POULTRY

PHILADELPHIA — Processed poultry, ready-to-cook (ice packed) young chickens—market about steady with prices unchanged. Offerings moderate but fully adequate for a fair to slightly decreased demand.

Prices paid delivered warehouse, Philadelphia (cents per lb.) grade A & U.S. grade A, 2-3 lb. 34-36, mostly 34½-35½.

Hens, ready-to-cook (ice packed) steady with supplies light but generally adequate of a light demand.

Prices paid delivered warehouse, Philadelphia (cents per lb.) grade A & U.S. grade A 4-5½ lb. 33-34.

Receipts 394,000 included other than turkeys: Maryland 172,000, Delaware 62,000; Georgia 24,000; North Carolina 88,000 lbs.

LIVE POULTRY

PHILADELPHIA — Market unsettled. Supplies light but generally ample to slightly in excess of a light demand. Heavy type hens 19-22 small lots 23-24, yearlings 20-23 but not clearing, rough and bareback 17-18. Large light type hens 16, small sizes 10-12 but not clearing. Pullets few 27-28 occasional lot fancy 29. White Rock caponettes 25-28 but not clearing. Few pekin ducks 28. Turkeys, few young hens selling slowly and generally clearing. Breeder hens in light supply but pressed for clearance.

Receipts 85,000 included Maryland 5,000; Delaware 37,000.

Wholesale selling prices No. 1 and fancy quality broilers or fryers heavy type 3-4 lb., 24-25; hens, heavy type 19-23, light type 10-16. Ducks, pekin 28. Turkeys young hens 25-26. No. 2 quality breeder hens 20-22.

and low choice. Lambs steady to weak compared with last Wednesday. Bulk good and choice native lambs \$22-25, utility and low good \$20-21.75, some culls down to \$16 or below Aged sheep scarce.

Survey of Christmas Tree Numbers Being Started by State Crop Service

HARRISBURG — The first survey to determine the number and variety of Christmas trees grown in Pennsylvania has been launched by the Crop Reporting Service in the State Department of Agriculture, Secretary William L. Henning announced Monday.


Approximately 2,500 producers of Christmas trees are being contacted in cooperation with the agricultural service of the Pennsylvania State University.

Each known grower of Christmas trees in the state is being asked to report numbers and varieties of trees grown, their ages, where they are marketed and marketing intentions for their 1957 crop.

Brooke Althouse, who recently joined the Crop Reporting Service as a statistician and who is in charge of the Christmas tree survey, said the results will be used to help growers in planning orderly marketing programs.

Pennsylvania reportedly grows 30 million Christmas trees annually and is recognized as the leading production State in the nation.

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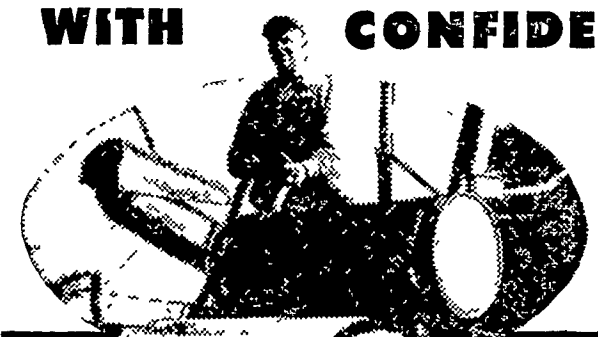
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