

Spring Pig Crop 12 Pct. Less Than Year Ago; Smallest Since 1941

HARRISBURG — The 1957 spring pig crop in Pennsylvania was 12 per cent less than a year earlier and the smallest since 1941, according to Federal-State surveys announced Friday by the state Department of Agriculture. The 468,000 pigs saved in the

six month period ending May 31 compares with 530,000 for the same period of 1956. The 10-year average for Pennsylvania is 545,000 head. Sows farrowing this fall are expected to number 52,000 or 12 per cent under the 1956 total.

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Broilers Hit Normal High At Lancaster

LANCASTER — The normal seasonal broiler price high hit the Lancaster Poultry Exchange Friday, when 230,700 broilers averaged 23.60 cents a pound.

The highest price was 24 cents a pound, paid to Enos Buckwalter, 2352 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, for 3,500 White Rock and White Cross cockerels. The buyer was Daniel K. Good, R1 Columbia.

Records of the Exchange show that the yearly high is usually reached at about this time. The price has usually stayed steady for a few weeks, and then starts a steady gradual decline.

The bottom is usually reached in September.

However this year's records show that broiler prices, although low, have been steadier than usual. The high is not so great as other years, although it equals the high of last year.

In the past six weeks, there has been a variation of only about a half a cent in the weekly sale average.

Flying Farmers Enjoy Picnic At Milton, Pa

More than 80 Flying Farmers from New York and Pennsylvania arrived in more than 30 aircraft at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller, Milton, Pa., last Saturday. A few additional members and friends nearby came in by automobile.

Of course, there was the usual airplane talk when pilots get together and it was an opportunity for the members of the New York and the Pennsylvania Associations to become better acquainted and to work together for the interests of rural aviation.

A buffet style picnic dinner was arranged on the spacious lawn of the Miller home on the east bank of the Susquehanna just below Milton.

Bathing, water skung, and boating were enjoyed and of particular interest was Miller's air boat powered by a Lycoming 150 horsepower airplane engine with regular airplane propeller. It reached speeds of 50 miles per hour on the river and everyone had their turn for the trip toward Lewisburg and back.

Committees reported on the plans for making a bid for the National Convention in 1958 for New York City. A regional air tour is being planned under the direction of L. L. Logan, NFFA director of Kennett Square. The regional tour will begin at Niagara Falls, N.Y., at 1 p.m., Oct. 11 with a stop at Corning, N.Y., and arrival at Mt. Pocono, Pa., for an evening program and overnight. The next morning the group will fly to Princeton, N.J., and tour the Walker Gordon Farm's Rotary Milker. After lunch at Princeton, the group will fly on to Bader Field, Atlantic City, where a program will be arranged for the evening of Oct. 12. Those interested should make reservation through the office of L. L. Logan, Kennett Square.

Several Chester and Lancaster County folks attended the picnic at Milton's including Amos Shenk, Manheim; Mr. and Mrs. David Huber, Peach Bottom, Warren Wetzler, Mrs. Galen Wetzler and Arthur Wetzler, Coatesville; Marshall Jones, West Chester; Victor Leto and Harry Breneman, Kennett Square; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beiler and daughter, Honey Brook; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kolb, Phoenixville; Dan Crouse, Chatham; and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Logan, Kennett Square.

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