

Government, Private Loan Agencies Agree on Poultry Credit Stabilization

Acting Secretary of Agriculture True D Morse announced July 11 that governmental and private lending agencies have agreed to cooperate to bring greater stability to the poultry industry in regard to credit that would expand production.

The Acting Secretary's statement follows recent conferences with the agencies on policies for extending credit to the industry. In the conferences USDA pointed out that the poultry industry's

tremendous expansion has from time to time resulted in very low prices to producers. The Department asked the cooperation of officials of the credit agencies, and of the American Feed Manufacturers Assn to bring about a better balance between production and demand.

All institutions that extend credit to the poultry industry can help it regain and maintain a strong position by exercising care when extending credit, Acting Secretary Morse said in last Thursday's statement. He recommended that particular attention be paid to the industry's productive capacity.

During the postwar years and prior to about 1954 the poultry industry experienced an unprecedented growth due largely to technological improvements in production and marketing efficiencies and to rapidly expanding consumer demand for protein foods. The relatively short supply of red meats also contributed to consumer demand.

Since 1954, however, poultry production has generally exceeded this increased consumer demand, resulting in declining prices to producers.

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Corn Yield Expected Down; Wheat, Oats Up

HARRISBURG — Planting restrictions on corn and wheat are reflected in decreased planted acreages this year in Pennsylvania compared with 1956, according to initial Federal-State estimates on 1957 spring crop plantings announced Monday by the State Department of Agriculture.

Acres lost to wheat and corn show up in larger acreages in oats and hay, the July 1 survey showed.

Farmers may expect to harvest less corn per acre, but wheat and oats should be higher than last year.

At 54 bushels per acre, corn yields on July 1 were two bushels under last year and wheat at 28 bushels should yield one bushel more per acre than in 1956. The anticipated oat yield is 41 bushels per acre compared with 38 last year.

The State corn crop is expected to be 67,122,000 bushels harvested from 1,243,000 acres. The expected production is nearly 6 million bushels above the 10-year 61,817,000 bushel average. Last year's production was 71,73,000 bushels.

Required acreage reductions for wheat continued to drop the Pennsylvania production to its lowest in history. Pennsylvania farmers are expected to harvest 15,344,000 bushels from 548,000 acres. This compares with the 1956 crop of 15,579,000 bushels from 577,000 acres. The 10-year production average is 19,425,000 bushels.

This year's tobacco crop, growing on 30,000 acres, the same as in 1956, is expected to produce 48,750,000 pounds, more than 2 million pounds under last year's output and less than 2 million pounds below the 10-year average.

Other Pennsylvania field crops are estimated as follows, with 1956 production figures and acreage yields in parenthesis:

Barley, 8,132,000 bushels, averaging 38 bushels per acre from 214,000 acres (8,550,000 bushels, averaging 38 bushels from 225,000 acres), rye, 576,000 bushels, averaging 24 bushels per acre from 24,000 acres (504,000 bushels, averaging 21 bushels from 24,000 acres), all hay, 3,514,000 tons, averaging 155 tons from 2,270,000 acres (3,466,000 tons, averaging 1.54 tons from 2,249 acres).

Grain Blower System Has Advantages

A blower system for moving grain from storage to a feeding area has several advantages over conventional methods, reports R. W. Kleis, Michigan State University agricultural engineer. The mechanism is simple, only one moving part means little servicing and maintenance. The system is flexible and can include turns. Sheet steel pipe is light, easy to get, and can be suspended overhead out of the way. The system can be waterproofed.

Chief disadvantages of a blower system are its high power requirements in relation to the amount of feed, handled, and the dust problem involved in moving feed.

Canadian Exports Same as Year Ago

Present indications are that Canada's wheat and flour exports during the fiscal year ended June 30 were about the same as the 289 million bushels exported during 1955-56. Exports officially reported by the International Trade Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for July-April amounted to 241 million bushels compared with 210 during the same period a year earlier. Inspection of wheat for export during May and June indicate that shipments abroad during these two months amounted to approximately 50 million bushels.

The four bureaus of the State Department of Agriculture are Foods and Chemistry, Markets, Animal Industry and Plant Industry.

Entries Being Accepted for SPABC Cattle Show Being Held Aug. 1

Entries for the sixth annual Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative Cattle Show are now being accepted, according to Harvey Worthington, West Chester, show chairman. The show is to be held Aug. 1 at the co-op grounds in Lancaster.

Permanent facilities to accommodate 240 head of dairy cattle are being readied before the large tents are erected. A 40 by 100 foot show tent will be placed between the two cattle tents in order to facilitate the showing.

Judging of all breeds will begin at 10 a.m. There will be two rings in operation at the same time. In one ring will be Holsteins and Ayrshires and in the other will be Jerseys, Guernseys and Brown Swiss. Judges will be Dr. W. H. Cloninger, associate professor of dairy husbandry at Penn State, judging Holsteins and Ayrshires, and Harry Poorbaugh, assistant director of extension at Penn State, will judge the other breeds.

The show grounds will be open for exhibitors to bring in their entries at 9 a.m., July 31. The deadline for all animals to be assigned to their stall positions is 6 p.m., July 31.

The public will be admitted to the show grounds beginning at 7 p.m. All entries will be identified and the sire of each animal will be listed. Complete Show Catalogues will be available at this time for better identification of each animal.

For entertainment and educa-

tional purposes, there will be a series of sound films presented.

Along with some comedy, the firm "Farm Family American" and "Miracle in Paradise Valley" will be shown in the show tent area.

The entire SPABC facilities at the Lancaster office and the barns will be open for inspection on Wednesday evening and all day. The first personnel will be stationed throughout the buildings to help familiarize visitors as they tour.

The committee is composed of Worthington, Herman Stebbins, York, and Lester Jacobs, Hanover.

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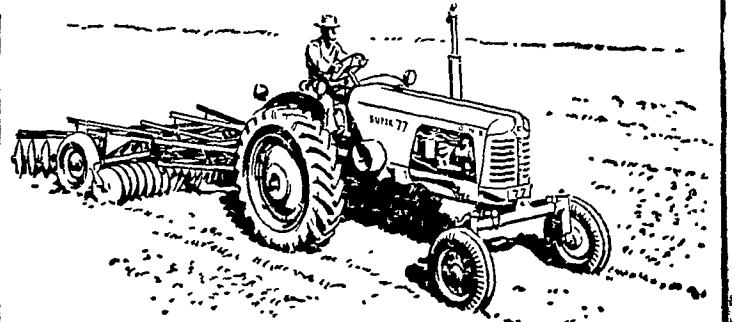


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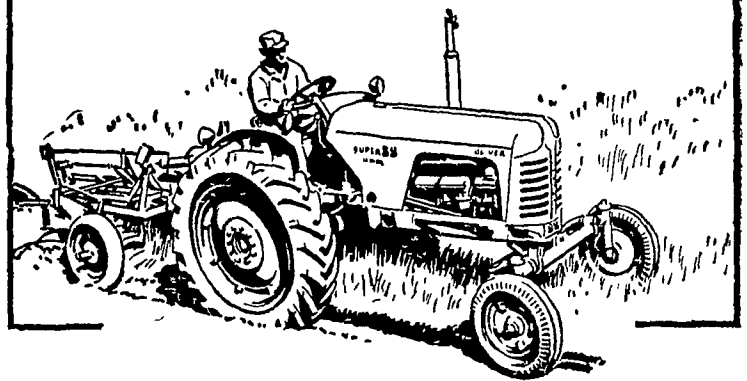
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