

Farm Price Index Shows No Change From Month Ago

HARRISBURG — A sharp increase in prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for meat animals and a smaller increase in poultry products receipts more than offset the lower milk and field crop prices for the month ended June 15, the State Department of Agriculture reported Friday.

The Pennsylvania index of prices remained at 230 per cent of the 1910-14 average, unchanged from a month earlier. The national index was 244 per cent, one point higher than on May 15.

A gain of seven points in meat prices from mid-May to mid-June held the Pennsylvania index steady. Beef cattle and hog prices both showed up well for the month. Beef cattle averaged \$15.90 per hundred pounds live weight, the highest since June 1953. Hogs averaged \$19.20 per hundred pounds, the highest since July 1955.

As hay prospects looked favorable, hay prices went down an average of 80 cents a ton, but dairy products took the biggest dip at four points because of the seasonal increase in milk output. Milk production during the month of May was 675 million pounds, the largest for any month of record.

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Q. I have a tenant who owes me seven week's rent. On paydays he goes on a drinking spree and then has no money left. I don't want to evict him but need the rent money. Is there any way in which I can attach his wages? E. F.

A. Wages of a tenant cannot be attached for payment of rent. A landlord may recover rent arrearages from a tenant in an action of assumpsit as debts of similar amounts are recoverable by law. A landlord also has the right to distrain or levy upon the tenant's personal property for non-payment of rent, but only as to that personally found on the leased premises. It is suggested that you consult a lawyer for advice as to which of these legal remedies should be pursued.

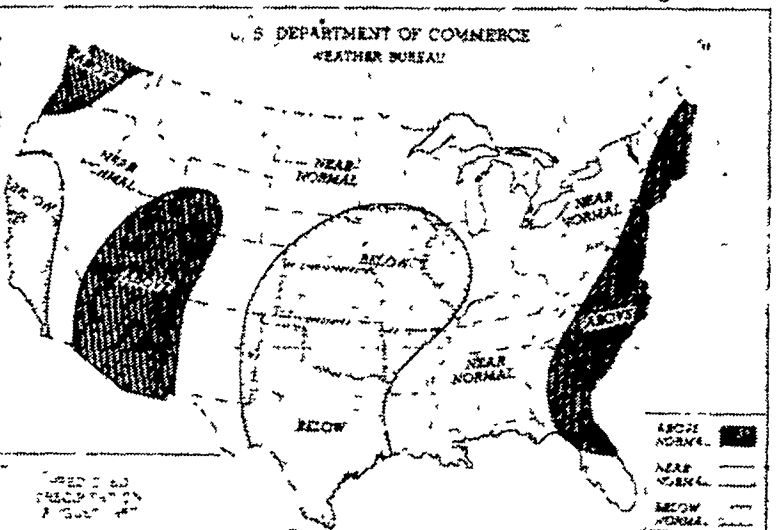
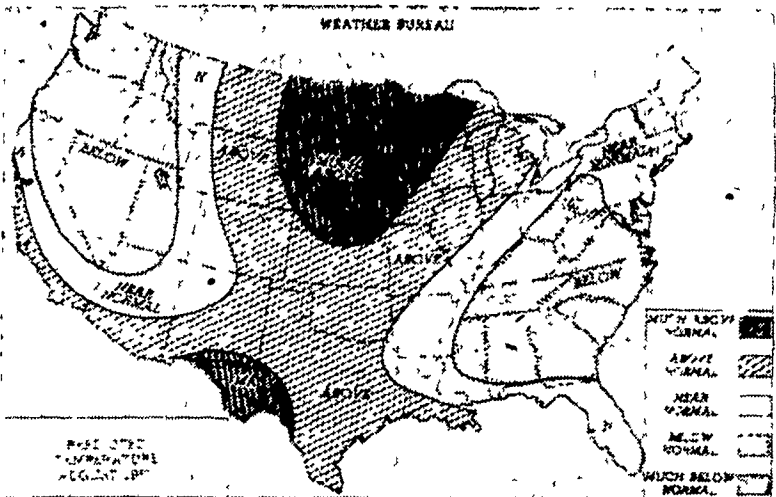
Q. At what age does one stop paying for a child's support in Pennsylvania? My wife and I are divorced. — H. P.

A. It is the natural and legal duty of a father to support, maintain and educate his children. This duty ceases when the child reaches 21 years, unless he is unable physically or mentally to support himself. Whether the duty ceases at an earlier age depends on whether the minor child can be classified as being "emancipated."

This is a question of fact which only a court of law can determine, after consideration of such factors as whether the child is self-supporting and whether the necessity for parental control over the child's actions has ceased to exist. It is suggested that you present the facts to an attorney for his opinion.

Q. What State license or permit, if any, is required to enter the automobile graveyard business? J. S. Z.

A. There does not appear to be any State regulation of the automobile graveyard business. Local municipalities are given power to regulate the storage of junked automobiles, and local ordinances and regulations should be consulted before you enter such a business.



IT'S GOING TO RAIN! At least that is the prediction of the U. S. Weather Bureau in the predicted August precipitation forecast. Temperatures should average near normal in the New England and mid-Atlantic States, according to the forecast. (U. S. Weather Bureau Map)

Agricultural Exports Past Year Break All Existing Records in Value

United States agriculture exports climbed to an all-time high of 4.7 billion in the 1956-57 fiscal year, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The total is estimated to be 16 per cent above the previous record of \$4.1 billion in 1951-52, and 35 per cent above the 1955-56 total of \$3.5 billion. The quantity of exports also set a new record, surpassing 1919, the previous high year, by 31 per cent, and soaring 39 per cent over 1955-56.

Cotton and grains made the largest gains over the preceding year, 1955-56. Cotton alone accounted for 61 per cent of the total 1956-57 export valuation gain, with shipments off 77 million bales, the largest export volume since 1934 and three and one-half times the 1955-56 exports. The sharp rise resulted from sales of CCC cotton stock at competitive world prices.

Wheat exports set a new record of 535 million bushels, accounting for 30 per cent of the increase. The 1956-57 wheat shipments compared with 340 million bushels during the previous year. Principal factors in the wheat gain were the smaller European crop, much of which was of inferior milling quality greater buying power of many importing countries, and U. S. Government export programs. Records also were set in 1956-57 for rice, soybeans, tallow and

edible vegetable oils. Exports of tobacco and feedgrains dropped moderately from the extraordinarily high levels of 1956.

Export figures for 1956-57 show this country not only exported greater value and quality of agricultural commodities during the year, but also that it shipped substantial amounts of such commodities to more countries than ever before.

This greater flow of farm products to more markets was accomplished, however, without disrupting the agricultural trade of other exporting countries. Agricultural exports of other countries continued to grow at about the same rate as in the past several years.

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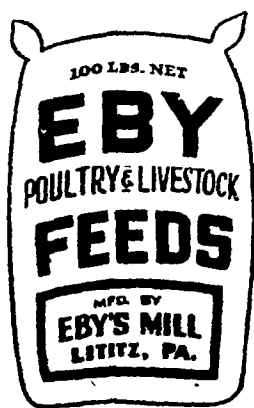
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