



A COLLECTION OF OLD CLAY pipes is one of the exhibits in the recently established County Store at the Landis Valley Farm Museum. Showing his wares to two "customers" is Fred Ward, Linglestown.

The "customers" are Mrs. Paul Eshelman, Rohrerstown, and Mrs. Wilbur H. Oda, Ephrata. Looking on in more modern dress is Marjorie Reid, Lansdown, and Reed Barber, Philadelphia.

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Monroe C. Babcock

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- SIZE OF BIRD:** At First Egg — About 3.5 lbs.
At One Year of Age — 4.4 to 4.7 lbs.
- DAYS TO FIRST EGG:** This varies with time of year hatched. Bessies are a little slower to mature than some other strains.
- RATE OF LAY:** Under ideal care Bessies will peak at 88% to 93%. Flock averages for 12 months of lay run 235 to 270 eggs per bird housed.
- PERSISTENCY:** Very long winded layer — 14 to 15 months continuous high lay. Production gets down to 60% to 55% at end of 15 months.
- EGG SIZE:** Excellent. First twelve months of lay will usually run 82 to 85% large and extra large. From fourth month of lay on egg size will run 92% to 95% large and extra large. Very few double yolked eggs at anytime.
- EGG SHAPE:** Just about right in our opinion
- SHELL COLOR:** Chalk White.
- SHELL STRENGTH:** Good.
- BLOOD SPOTS:** Low — very satisfactory
- ALBUMEN QUALITY:** Good.
- PERCENT "A" 'S AND "AA" 'S:** As shown by egg grading stations, usually over 95%.

PLEASE NOTE: No bird that has laid heavily 12 to 15 months will lay a beautiful, strong shelled egg with high interior quality Babcock Bessies will lay a fine egg for about 12 months, but after that their egg quality will go down hill

HOW TO ORDER: Either write for prices or phone us collect

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Farmers Using Local Markets Not Using News

Farmers who patronize a given livestock market because of convenience and habit may not be obtaining the most useful type of market news or using that which is available to best advantage.

Doubts of this kind have been expressed by C. T. Trotter, agricultural economist at the Agricultural Experiment Station, University Park, since completion of a survey in which he interviewed 376 farmers in 20 Pennsylvania counties.

Auctions were the principal markets patronized by the majority of farmers. Two items which would benefit both farmers and auctions, as well as other markets, are adequate market information and improved transportation facilities. Under market information Trotter includes reports of availability, type and quality of animals, particularly dairy, as well as prices received.

Between 1945 and 1955, volume of sales at Pennsylvania auctions more than doubled and business done by such selling agencies still is growing. Auction facilities usually are used only once a week a factor which has a definite bearing on selling costs and kinds of facilities which can be afforded.

Only about 25 per cent of the livestock sold was transported to market in farm-owned vehicles. Most animals were sold in small lots. Nearly 50 per cent of the sales reported in the survey were of one or two animals. At the same time, about 65 head of dairy stock were sold annually per 100 mature cows.

Production Per Cow Sets New Record

On Oct. 1 of this year, milk production per cow in crop reporter's herds averaged 17.81 pounds, two per cent above Oct. 1 last year, 16 per cent above the average for the date and a new record high.

Total milk production on farms in September also reached a new high of 9.611 million pounds. This is one per cent above the previous high set last year and five per cent above average for September.

In the first nine months of this year milk production amounted to 99.4 billion pounds, nearly one per cent more than the previous high of 98.5 billion pounds produced in the first nine months of

State Redivides BAI Districts Due to Advance in Bang's Program

A redivision of Bureau of Animal Industry Department of Agriculture was announced today by Secretary William L. Henning who said he move will provide better services for many Pennsylvania farmers.

Offices at Sunbury, Northumberland County and Montrose, Susquehanna County, are to be closed and a district will be added in Tunkhannock, Wyoming County.

"Recent progress made by the Department's accelerated bovine brucellosis Bang's disease program is the principal reason for the change," he explained. Last week Lebanon County became the last of the 67 counties in the State to complete initial testing for brucellosis.

District veterinarians are assigned to nine areas in the State to carry out department livestock programs and enforce State laws. Sunbury office, jurisdiction in Col-

a veterinarian was not assigned. As a result of the closing of the Sunbury office, jurisdiction in Columbia, Montour and Northumberland counties was transferred to Tunkhannock. The responsibility of Union County is now that of the Wellsboro, Tioga County office, and Snyder, Mifflin and Juniata counties have been added to the Harrisburg district.

Dr. B. B. Farr, district veterinarian in Montrose, has been assigned to Tunkhannock. Bradford and Sullivan counties have been added to this district. They previously were the responsibility of the Wellsboro office.

With the redivision of the veterinary offices, the Department of Agriculture can now assign trained personnel to new programs for the control and eradication of animal diseases, especially brucellosis and leptospirosis in swine, Secretary Henning said.

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