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## March Milk Production Breaks All Records for Month, State Reports

March milk production on Pennsylvania farms in March broke all existing records for the month, the state crop reporting services says.

Seven per cent above March 1957, 593 million pounds of milk were produced. This was nearly a 100 million pounds more than was produced last month.

Milk output in March last year was below normal due to effects of low quality roughage.

Average dairy production per cow in herd on April 1 at 24.6 pounds was sharply above the 22 pounds of a year earlier and indicated high output for April of this year.

Feeding rates advanced to 9.6 pounds per cow on April 1. This, too, was a record high and half a pound above April 1 of last year.

Production of milk during January through March totalled 1,628 million pounds or seven per cent above the 1,517 million for the same months last year.

Grain prices showed a slight rise from a month ago, but the price of hay fell off somewhat. Baled alfalfa is now quoted at \$41 a ton and other hay at \$32 a ton compared with prices of \$42.50 and \$32.50 a month ago.

However hay prices are still much above the 1957 level when baled alfalfa was \$35 a ton and other hay \$28 a ton.

The milk-feed ratio, the number of pounds of concentrate ration equal in value to one pound of whole milk sold, is 1.45, down slightly from 1.52 a month ago. In March 1957 the ratio was 1.39.

## Oak Wilt Most Dangerous in Mid-April

HARRISBURG — A six week period beginning in mid-April is the time that oak trees are most susceptible to oak wilt disease infections, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

Wounds on oaks occur more frequently during this spring period because of stepped-up activities in lumbering, highway and fence construction, storms, and public utility line clearing and construction work. On many occasions, bark cuts and bruises are caused when machinery and equipment scar trees, making an open wound that is the selected home of sap feeding beetles that carry the oak wilt fungus.

## 'Doc' Nixon. Potato Wizard, Honored on 75th

STATE COLLEGE, April 21 — In celebration of the 75th birth day anniversary of Dr. E. L. Nixon, long known as the Pennsylvania "potato wizard," more than 200 of his friends and associates assembled today at his farm west of here.

Tribute was paid by agricultural and business leaders to 'Doc' Nixon for his long service to the Pennsylvania agriculture which began in 1917. When he came to Penn State the average yield of 275 bushels per acre was reached in 1956.

Nixon founded the Keystone 400 Bushel Potato Club in 1918 making any farmer eligible for membership who could grow 400 or more bushels on an officially measured acre. It is the oldest agricultural production club in the United States and now has 1,374 members.

In 1922-23 'Doc' Nixon led a campaign among potato growers for erection of the student infirmary at the Pennsylvania State University. Later he was instrumental in establishing an experimental farm for development of new varieties of potatoes adapted to Pennsylvania growing conditions, located at what is now Potato City. He originated the Potato Blossom Queen program and sparked a drive for erection of Potato City Hotel by the Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers, Inc. The growers built him a greenhouse there for his potato breeding work.

Others paying tribute to the Pennsylvania Chain Store Council agricultural consultant included Fred Jackson, and Loyal D. Odner chain store executives, R. F. Benjamin, New Cumberland; Mrs. Hugh McPherson, Bridgeport, York County; and Ivan Miller, Coar, president of the potato growers association.

## Party Time to Be Summer Project Of Donegal Club

'Party Time' will be the summer project of the Donegal 4-H Club which re-organized April 17 at the home of Mrs. Paul Witman.

The 17 girls elected Judy Gindler as president.

Other officers are: Vice president, Jo Ann Bivler, secretary, Joyce Hawthorn, treasurer, Jo Ann Martin, game leaders Rachel Bolt and Dorothy Hitz, song leader Carol Cupper and reporter Helen Musser.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. May 22 at the Donegal Club House.

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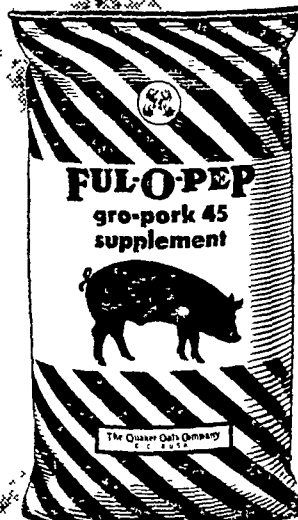
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