

## Red Meat Output Gains 11.6 Pct. During March

Red meat production in Pennsylvania totaled 73,468,000 pounds for the month of March, up 11.6 per cent from the February production of 65.8 million pounds.

Beef production totaled 39,085,000 pounds in the Keystone State up 16 per cent from the previous month. Veal production in March was 13.6 per cent higher than the month before.

Meat production as a whole in

the United States in March was down nine per cent from a year ago. It was, however, five per cent above February production.

**TOTALS FOR THE** first quarter of the year show that production has shrunk by nine per cent from 1957. Broken down, veal took the greatest decline, down by 18 per cent; mutton and lamb production was down 11 per cent, beef 10 per cent, and pork down only six per cent.

Beef production in March totaled 986 million pounds, three per cent above the February output but 10 per cent below the output of March 1957. Cattle slaughtered in March was 1,841,900 head —

four per cent more than in February, but 10 per cent less than the number slaughtered in March a year earlier.

March slaughter cattle averaged 978 pound per head live weight, eight pounds lighter than in February, but 10 pounds heavier than the average for March 1957.

March veal production was 92 million pounds — seven per cent above February, but 18 per cent below March a year ago. The number of calves slaughtered in March totaled 867,200 head — 12 per cent above February but 15 per cent below March 1957. Calves slaughtered averaged 190 pounds per head live weight, 11 pounds

lighter than February and six pounds lighter than in March 1957.

**PORK PRODUCTION** for March 1958 totaled 774 million pounds — nine per cent above the output in February, but seven per cent less than March 1957. The hog kill for March was 5,792,500 head. This was seven per cent above February, but nine per cent below March a year earlier.

The average live weight of hogs slaughtered during March was 230 pounds per head live weight — two pounds heavier than February but two pounds lighter than the March 1957 average. The amount of lard rendered per 100 pounds live weight of hogs was 13.3 pounds in March, 13.7 pounds a month earlier and 14.6 pounds in March 1957.

**OUTPUT OF LAMB** and mutton in March was 56 million pounds — six per cent above February and the same as the output in March 1957. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered during the month totaled 1,116,600 head.

This was six per cent above the February kill of 1,051,700 head, but two per cent below the 1,142,400 head slaughtered in March 1957. Sheep and lambs slaughtered in March averaged 103 pounds per head live weight compared with 104 pounds a month earlier.

and 101 pounds in March 1957. Poultry meat output in March 1958 totaled 330 million pounds, ready to cook basis. This was nine per cent above February and four per cent above March a year earlier.

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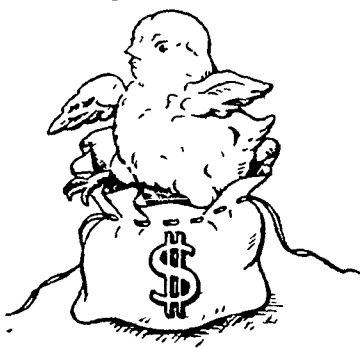
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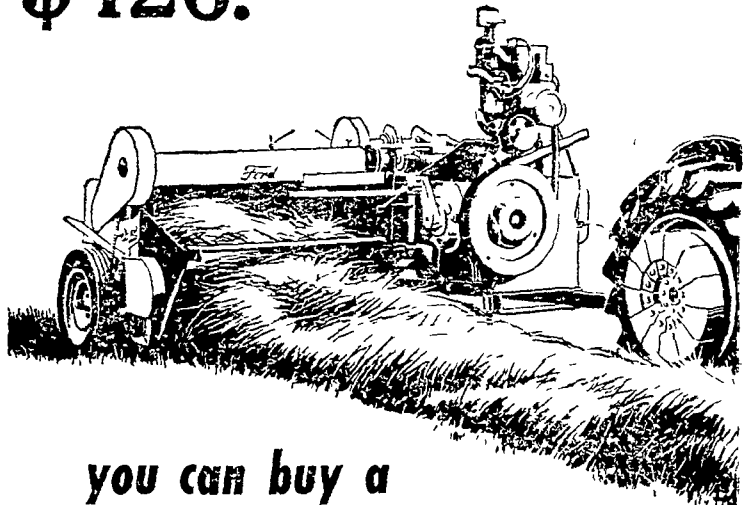
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