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## April Chick Hatch 13% Greater Than In April 1957

**Broiler Chicks Lead  
Increase; Egg-type Birds  
Gain 10 Per Cent**

The 11,368,000 chicks produced by commercial hatcherymen in Pennsylvania during April was 13 per cent above the 10,043,000 hatched in April last year, according to figures released by the state crop reporting service this week.

A breakdown of the April hatch shows 5,284,000 broiler chicks, 17 per cent above last year, and 6,084,000 egg-type chicks, 10 per cent more than in 1957. Eggs in incubators on May 1, 1958, in the middle Atlantic states were seven per cent above the same date last year.

**NATIONALLY**, commercial hatcheries produced 10 per cent more chicks in April 1957 than they did a year previous. Chicks produced for broiler production were up 15 per cent from April last year. Egg-type chicks were up by five per cent.

Production of broiler chicks in the first third of 1958 totaled 587,702,000 compared with 531,592,000 during the first four months of 1957. This is an increase of 11 per cent.

**BULK OF THE** increase was in broilers as seen from the modest rise of six per cent in egg-type chicks during the first four months of the year.

Broiler demand is strong and a much larger May hatch than a year ago is in prospect. The number of eggs for broiler type chicks in incubators on May 1 was 20 per cent more than a year ago.

The May hatch of egg-type birds will also be larger than in May 1957. The demand for egg-type chicks has improved considerably over that of recent months. The number of eggs for egg-type chicks in incubators on May 1 was 15 per cent more than on May 1 last year.

**TURKEY RAISERS** indicate that heavy breed poult production during April was nine per cent smaller than in April 1957. Light breed production was two per cent smaller. Heavy breed poult production during April totaled 2,131,000 heavy white

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## Four of 21 Pennsylvania Delegates To Holstein Convention from Here

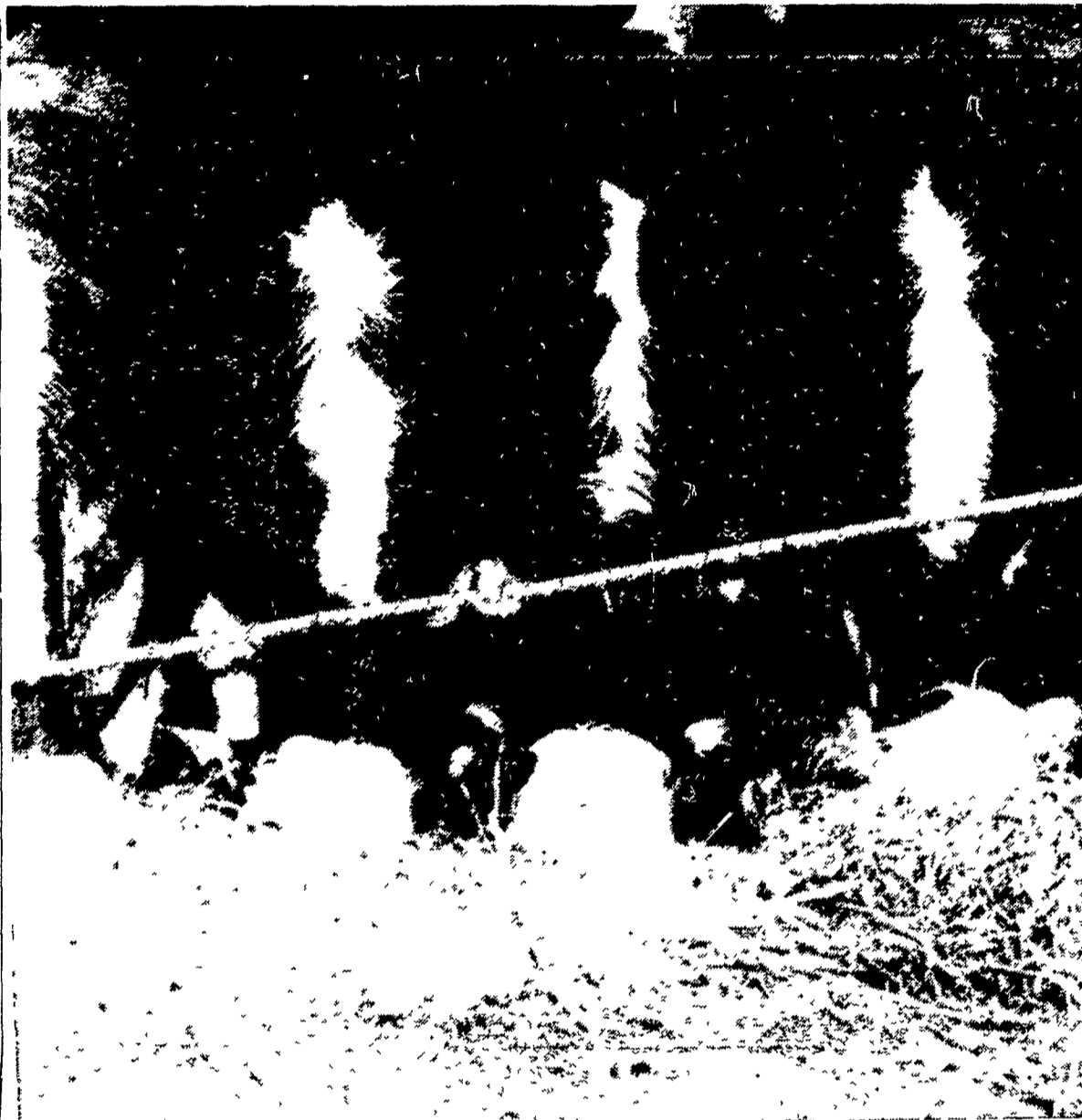
Four of the 21 delegates from Pennsylvania to the 73rd annual convention of the Holstein-Friesian Assn. of America are from Lancaster County.

They are: Earl L. Groff, Strasburg; Clarence E. Lyons, Lancaster; Harvey Rettew, Manheim; and Paul G. Longenecker, Strasburg.

An all-time high of 182 delegates will represent the membership of the association in Boston. This compares to last year's high of 179. Total attendance — delegates, members and guests — is expected to exceed 2,000.

**THE NATIONAL** organization has more than 48,000 members. Each state is allowed one delegate plus one for each 150 active members or major fraction.

Under this plan, Tennessee and



**IT USED TO BE THAT** cattle were turned on pasture during the summer. But now the trend seems to be changed to bring the pasture to the cattle. These steers at

Musser Farms near Mt. Joy are feeding on grass silage made this spring. This allows all the grass to be utilized, thus increasing the pasture capacity of a farm. (LF Photo)

## Revised Standards for Potatoes Effective July 15 Issued by USDA

Revised standards for potatoes were announced today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to become effective July 15.

There were objections by a majority of the potato industry to several provisions in the proposed revision published on Nov. 8, 1957. These proposed changes — relating primarily to size requirements, cleanliness, and tolerances for defects — are eliminated.

As a result, the primary change in the U.S. No. 1, U.S. Commercial, and U.S. No. 2 grades consists of modifying definitions of damage and serious damage by certain factors in order to clarify and improve the standards

**THE U.S. EXTRA** No. 1 grade name is dropped and this grade and the former U.S. Fancy grade will actually no longer exist. The new standards provide for a new U.S. Fancy grade which is similar to the former U.S. Extra No. 1 grade except for the following differences:

1. Higher requirements for maturity, shape, and cleanliness.
2. An increase in the minimum diameter from 1 3/4 inches to 2 inches, unless otherwise specified.
3. A change from the tolerances of 6 per cent for external defects and 5 per cent for internal defects to a total tolerance of 5 per cent for both internal and external defects.
4. A reduction in the restricted tolerance for southern bacterial wilt, ring rot, or late blight from 3 per cent to 2 per cent and a reduction in the tolerance for soft rot, wet breakdown, or frozen potatoes from 1 per cent to one-half of one per cent.

**OTHER CHANGES** in the standards include changing the Size B classification from a range of 1 1/2 to 2 1/4 inches, and adding a Size C classification with a range 1 to 1 1/2 inches. The tolerance for oversize is reduced from 15 per cent to 10 per cent.

The scoring of defects, in all grades, is based solely upon the extent to which the individual potato is affected. The standards no longer provide for considering the general appearance of the potatoes in the lot in determining damage.

## Farmers Finally Get Full Week Of Good Weather

The past week saw the first full week of farming weather uninterrupted by rain during the 1958 crop season.

Lancaster County farmers, caught short in their field work by the extended cool wet spring, worked both day and night to get corn ground ready and to get the crop into the ground.

Tomato plants are arriving in volume from the South and planting for processing is underway in south and central sections of the state.

**TOBACCO SEED** beds are growing, but need warm weather to stimulate their growth. In many areas the setting out of the plants is expected to be a week to 10 days behind schedule.

Pastures and hays are making excellent growth. Prospects are good for a heavy hay crop. Cattle have been turned on pastures and grazing is very good. In some cases, the forage is more than the cattle can clean up, and some farmers are converting the excess into grass silage.

Barley is in head and rye is being cut for silage. Corn planting is now about 30 per cent complete, but if the weather holds, the bulk of the planting should be accomplished before the beginning of next week.

**CHERRIES AND** strawberries are taking on size. Prospects for strawberries are good, but warm weather is needed for plants to mature fruit. Apples are in bloom in the extreme northern part of the state.

An occluded weather front ex-

## Poultry Industry Combines Queens; Contest June 7

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Of This Issue**

There's not going to be a Pennsylvania Poultry Queen this year. Instead the fortunate young lady is going to be known as "Miss Pennsylvania Poultry Industry."

The State Poultry Federation changed the contest this year and dropped the titles of "Turkey Queen" and "Poultry Queen" to make the contest more representative of the poultry industry.

However on the local level things will work about as before. This June 7 a new county queen will be selected at the Poultry Association's annual barbeque at Lititz.

**QUEEN CONTEST** chairman, Claud F. Smith, Lancaster, this week announced that applications are being received from interested and eligible young women.

To qualify as "Miss Pennsylvania Poultry Industry" the contestants must be a resident of Pennsylvania, must be single and from 17 to 24 years of age as of Aug. 23, 1958.

To keep the contest in the industry, she must be a daughter, sister, niece or in-law of a turkey grower (300 bird minimum), broiler grower (minimum annual production of 1,000 broilers), egg producer (300 layers minimum), hatcheryman or processor.

All contestants will be screened before the county contest.

**SMITH POINTS** out that this is more than a beauty contest. It is to give recognition to the young ladies who so unselfishly give their labor and inspiration to agriculture.

"It also help develop leaders from our talented and deserving young ladies by furnishing an opportunity for experience in public appearances, and gives the young people a position of importance in agriculture to encourage them to remain on farms as our future agricultural leaders.

"For the industry the contests make a very effective avenue for public relations. There is no substitute for the pretty girl approach for advertising our Pennsylvania poultry," Smith said.

The county queens will compete for the state title at Hershey on Aug. 23.

While beauty counts in the contest, half the score is given to personality and a record of achievement in hobbies, activities and honors.

tending across Pennsylvania south to Texas was expected to cause fairly widespread precipitation the beginning of the week. However only minor rainfall was reported in the Southeastern Counties, although the front did bring cooler weather.

The weather station at Safe Harbor reported only .05 inches of rainfall during the last week, making a total of 7.32 inches since April 1.

**THE MAXIMUM** temperature reported at Safe Harbor was 73 degrees, reached on five days of the past week. The minimum was 48 reported on May 14. The average high was 71 and the average low was 54 degrees.