

Grains, Spuds Lower Index

HARRISBURG — The index of prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for all their products except dairy dropped six points between May 15 and June 15, the State Department of Agriculture reports

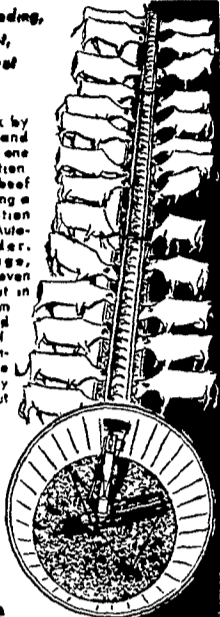
A Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service survey also showed that the dairy products index declined eight points in mid-June, although revised figures showed the average price received by farmers for wholesale milk remained at \$4.45 per hundred pounds

Including dairy, the index for all farm products also showed a decrease of six points in the 30-day period, but it was 21 points higher than a year ago, the Crop Reporting Service report showed

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Poultry Breeders Conference Draws 50 Poultrymen

The 12th annual Poultry Breeders Conference at Pennsylvania State University June 18 was attended by 50 poultrymen and educators.

Max M. Brender, prominent breeder from Ferndale, N. Y., discussed the probable future for poultry breeding. Brender said mortality will be "licked" in future flocks. He claimed most hens will live a full life span of 1½ to two years. Egg laying averages for flocks will be 300 eggs and over, he predicted.

"The egg size of the future will begin close to large eggs and remain large through the laying life of the birds," Brender stated. "Under good management and nutrition practices, fertility and hatchability will approach 100 per cent. The efficient, economical feed converter of the future will weigh somewhere around 4 to 4½ pounds at maturity," he added.

TOMORROW'S FRESHLY-laid egg will be high AA, it was pointed out. Quality eggs will be free of blood and meat spots and will be encased in smooth, hard shells. Nutrition will play an important part, and will also provide a uniform-colored egg yolk.

Brender claimed chick mortality in the brooder can be eliminated. His company had only 186 losses out of 7,148 chicks hatched in tests—an average of 2.6 per cent mortality. Nineteen out of 65 sires tested had less than one per cent chick mortality. Five of the sires had no chick mortality.

"The job is to eliminate families which produce high adult mortality," Brender continued. "We must discover and work with those families which gave little or no losses. Where there is one sire whose daughters will live 100 per cent, eventually we can reach 100 per cent 'liveability' for all pullets housed."

THE PROMINENT poultry breeder said he already has a strain of Holland ducks, called "Khaki Campbells," which lay bigger eggs than Leghorn hens, at a rate of nearly one egg a day

25 Acres of Farm Machinery to Be On Exhibit During Plow Matches

Convenience and comfort are two of the built-in attractions of the mammoth farm machinery show at the 16th National Plowing Contest and Conservation Exposition August 21 and 22 at Hershey, Pennsylvania.

According to David G. Unger, who heads up exhibit arrangements, the farm visitor was given first consideration when the commercial exhibit area was selected.

The area is located in the center of exposition activities, Unger says, and is served by several major roads. Both the contour and level land plowing events will be held within a short stroll of the machinery exhibits. The main station for a shuttle bus line to wagon trains is located on the edge of the exhibit area.

LARGE PARKING LOTS and the Hershey Stadium border the commercial exhibit area. The

world's largest hay show, plus a local dairy show and other Exposition activities, will be staged in the stadium.

"Broad aisles within the commercial exhibit area will prevent pile-up of spectators," Unger says, "while handy food centers and refreshment stands will eliminate long lines and mass starvation."

Exhibits will be ready for the Pennsylvania state plowing matches Aug. 19 and remain in place until Monday morning, Aug. 25 in order to accommodate crowds attending the Pennsylvania Dutch Days (Aug. 21-24) and the Pennsylvania Poultry Festival (Aug. 23).

ALL THE FULL line farm machinery companies have purchased exhibit space as well as most of the other major farm equipment companies. Displays will feature everything from tractors to barn cleaners and such diverse items as fertilizers, seed corn, fencing materials and irrigation equipment.

The equipment exhibition area is already being boomed as the biggest outdoor machinery show ever held in Pennsylvania if not the entire East Coast. It will cover a minimum of 25 acres of meadowland which is ten times the acreage of the farm machinery exhibit space at the world famous annual Pennsylvania indoor Farm Show each January.

These ducks weigh about four pounds

"The Egg Layer of the Future will be a cross between a number of pure strains," he claimed. "This hen will be a healthy, vigorous strain-cross-hybrid. She will be as uniform as if machine produced. Her desirable genes will complement one another and her bad genes will be bred out, or subdued. The strain cross-hybrid is here to stay — unless a 'mutation' or 'sport' pops up to out-perform the hybrid," he predicted.

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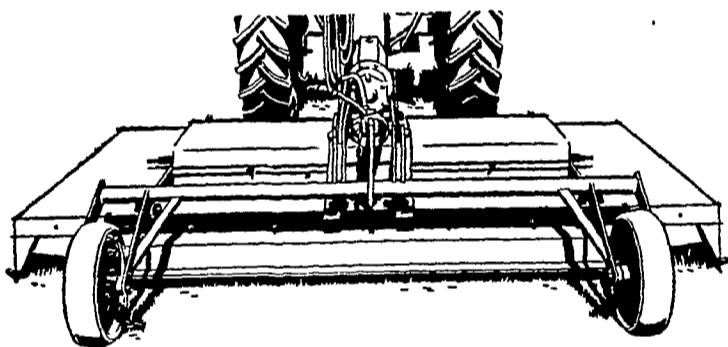
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