

## Holiday Turkey May Be Scarce; Pa. Crop Down

HARRISBURG —Thanksgiving turkeys may be a little more difficult to find this year.

The Pennsylvania crop is down 23 per cent and national figure has dropped by 4 per cent, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service advised that production of heavy breeds — heavy

whites and bronze — paced the drop at 23 per cent, and light breeds — such as Beltsville small whites, Jersey Buffs, and Royal Palms — declined 22 per cent.

Pennsylvania now ranks fifteenth in the nation in the number of turkeys raised on farms. The state ranked twelfth in the nation in 1957. California, Minnesota and Iowa are the leading turkey producing states. Pennsylvania is the leading producing area in the nine North Atlantic Region States.

Prices received by farmers for turkeys from March through July averaged 9 per cent above the same months in 1957, while feed prices averaged 1 per cent higher



GRAND CHAMPIONS at the Southeastern Pennsylvania FFA Dairy Show at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion last Friday are left to right: Thomas Halladay, Jr. Kirkwood, R 1, Jersey; C. Kenneth Young, Mount Joy R1, Guernsey; Ned Z. Paes, Strasburg R1, Ayrshire; and James Hartranft, Kutztown R3, Holstein. (LF Photo)

## Future Farmers Win Three Grand Championship Ribbons at Dairy Show

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the grand champion to take second in county groups for Lancaster.

Top honors in the Holstein breed went to James Hartranft, a Future Farmer from Kutztown R3 Lancaster county showmen failed to place one animal in the blue ribbon division in the show.

Placing the 94 entries in the show were prominent Pennsylvania cattle breeders and exhibitors. Judges for the show were Jonas Gruber, Thomasville Holstein breeder; Howard Weiss, Myerstown Holstein breeder; and Fred Naugle, Carlisle breeder and exhibitor.

Each of the breed organizations recognized the champions of their breed with plaques or cups. Holstein, Ayrshire, and Guernsey breeders presented wall plaques to the winners. The Jersey breeders presented a wall plaque and a cup to the champion in that breed.

Other showmen and the prizes won are as follows:

**HOLSTEIN**  
 Senior Calf—Red, David Lichty, Gordonville, and Glenn Foreman, Manheim R3; White, John D. Zimmerman, Reinholds R1, and Thomas A. Hess, Lancaster R3. Senior Yearling—White, J. Kenneth Heisey, Manheim R2; and William R. Seibert, Lititz R1.

**AYRSHIRE**  
 Grand Champion—Ned Z. Paes, Strasburg R1  
 Senior Calf—Blue, William R. Seibert; Red, Roy R. Mentzer, Gap RD Senior Yearling—Red, Roy R. Mentzer. Two-Year-Old—Blue, Ned Z. Paes County Group —2, Lancaster

**JERSEY**  
 Grand Champion—Tom Halladay Jr., Kirkwood  
 Reserve Champion—Tom Halladay Jr.  
 Senior Calf—Blue, Tom Halladay Jr.; Red, George Welch, Peach Bottom Three-Year-Old—Blue, Tom Halladay Jr.

**GUERNSEY**  
 Grand Champion—C. Kenneth

## Pa. Red Meat Production In July 13 Per Cent Below Last Year

Pennsylvania's red meat production for the month of July totaled 66,073,000 pounds (dressed weight), down 1 per cent from the previous month, and down 13 per cent from July 1957. All classes were down compared to July 1957 — beef 15 per cent, pork 4 per cent, and lamb and mutton 24 per cent. Beef, and lamb and mutton classes had insignificant increases (less than 1 per cent) over the previous month, and veal showed a 3 per cent increase, while pork had a 3 per cent decrease from the previous month. Total production of red meat in Pa. for the first seven months of this year is 495,163,000 lbs., down 7 per cent from the comparable total of 533,019,000 for the January-July period of 1957.

—Blue E. Laverne Mull, Quarryville R1; Red, Lee Stoltzfus, New Providence. Two-Year-Old—Blue, Jon Timothy Dedoon, Willow Street R2, E. Laverne Mull and C. Kenneth Young. Three-year-old—Blue, Kenneth Garber and C. Kenneth Young. County Group Quarryville R2. Senior Yearling —1, Lancaster County.

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