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Lancaster Farming

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FINISHING A FIELD of 1958 corn nearly a month before other farmers in his neighborhood can hope to get in the field, Bob Hess, Quarryville, swings on the last "through" of early season harvest in this field. The picker-sheller can be hoisted from this equipment's power system and a

grain combine dropped on, greatly reducing equipment costs. In operation for the past four years on the Hess farm, this unit is considered a "must" in their operation, greatly reducing labor and expense in harvest.
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PL-480 Contract Signed with India

The U S Department of Agriculture today announced commodity details of an agreement between the United States and India which provides for financing sale of \$238.8 million worth (including certain ocean transportation costs) of U S. agricultural commodities for rupees (Indian currency).

The agreement is the first to be concluded under Title I of the recently extended and expanded Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (Public Law 480).

This agreement will help India meet food shortage problems resulting from a reduced food grain crop brought on by unfavorable weather conditions.

The commodity composition of the agreement is as follows:

Wheat/flour/bulgar (approximately 100 million bushels), \$182 million

Grain sorghums (approximately 200,000 metric tons) \$8 million.

Corn approximately 100,000 metric tons), \$5.1 million

Ocean transportation (estimated), \$43.7 million

Total \$238.8 millions

Sales under this program will be made by private United States agents

Details of purchase authorizations will be announced when such authorizations are issued.

The issuance of purchase authorizations for wheat will provide for the purchase of 600,000 metric tons (about 22 million bushels) of white wheat under the agreement.

Twenty-five per cent of the rupees obtained from these sales will be set aside for loans to United States and Indian private enterprise. These loans will be made by the Export-Import Bank of Washington.

State Farm Prices Show Slight Rise

DURING THE month ended Sept. 15, the index of prices received by farmers rose nearly three per cent according to the Agricultural Prices Report released from Washington USDA headquarters, Sept. 30.

Record high prices for grapefruit, near record prices for oranges, and increases for beef, cattle, eggs, milk and cotton were primarily responsible for the increase. Partially offsetting were lower prices for hogs, chickens, and corn.

On the other hand, the Sept. 15 index of prices paid by farmers for commodities, services, farm wages, etc., was up one-third of one per cent from the month earlier.

Therefore although the price index shows a gain for farmers of two per cent in the parity ratio, the somewhat limited and specialized area of gain, offset by a short supply of some of these commodities and the overall cost increase of farm needs, leaves the farm buying dollar in a position similar to one year ago.

Egg-to-Chick Winners

Co. Birds Shine at NEPPCO

HARRISBURG, Oct. 8 — Hubbard Farms, Inc., Lancaster and DeKalb Hatchery, York made a clean sweep of Grand Championship honors in the 1958 EGG to CHICK Show of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council exposition at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, Tuesday through Thursday.

Hubbard's Cornish Cross (Peterson X # 43 pullet) entry scored 89.43 points in the Meat Production Division to top high honors in the first separate contest for this poultry grouping.

DeKalb York Hatchery won Champion honors in the Cross-bred Egg division with their DeKalb 121 entry, scoring 93.31 points. The 121's went on to edge another Keystone Stater — Burlington's Hatchery, Oxford, Pa., whose entry of White Leghorns scored 92.47 points.

Thirty-eight entries from 19 hatcheries in the northeastern states competed in the contest. It got underway early in September, when entrants shipped hatching eggs to the Mountain View Hatchery, Dillsburg, Pa. There judges checked and scored the eggs on such things as quality and shell texture.

When the entries popped the shells last week, the resulting chicks were scored on vigor, uniformity of size and color, condition and weight. Hatchability was also a judging factor.

Burlington's Hatchery won the White Leghorn Egg class and

Top Hen Crowned

The nation's champion laying hen as determined in the recent Missouri Egg Laying Test, is a White Leghorn owned by Darby Leghorn Farm, Somerville, N.J. The new champion won her title on the basis of her performance and that of members of her team in the tests.

The Darby bird produced 330 eggs in 351 days of the contest year, for a 94.17 per cent laying average. Top birds in all the country's standard laying tests are eligible for competition in this prestige contest.

to take fifth in the tightly grouped White Leghorn egg class. Pa. FB dropped back 4 1/2 points in the Cross-bred egg class from the championship group, while DeKalb York hatcheries followed their first place with a 92.42 score on a group of DeKalb 101's for second. The FB entry was a White Rock New Hampshire cross. FB also won third in the Misc. Egg class with 84.05 points on a New Hampshire egg-to-chick group.

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State Crop Round-up

HARRISBURG — The first killing frost in the Keystone State this year occurred on October 2 and covered most of the northern section of the State, the State Department of Agriculture reported today.

Another killing frost, this one extending into the central portion of the State, occurred on October 6.

A Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service survey shows that haying and vegetable harvest are complete.

Among the farm activities still under way are apple harvest, corn ensilage cutting and buckwheat harvest.

Winter grains germinated and grew well this fall and most fields have good winter vegetable cover.

Statewide temperatures averaged near five degrees below the weekly normal while precipitation was only about 60 per cent of the expected during the week ended Monday. Mild temperatures prevailed the first two days, but a cold snap developed in midweek with another and more severe cold period during the weekend. Dropped temperatures as low as 20 degrees in the usually cold north central area.

Emporium was the cold spot during the report period with a low of 18 degrees. Philadelphia reported a total of 1.40 inches of rain to be the wettest spot in the Commonwealth.