

Poultry Cost-Price Squeeze Eases Some During November

The number of layers in Pennsylvania continued seasonal increase during November, although at a lower rate than usual. The increase was less than one per cent, according to the State Crop Reporting Service.

Average October to November seasonal increase for the period 1950 to 1957 was about three per cent. The number of layers in state flocks during November was 18,030,000, lowest since 1946.

Partially compensating for the reduction in layer numbers is the increase in rate of lay per hen. This year, rate of November lay was 16.25 eggs per layer, compared with 15.81 for November, 1957.

Total production was still below the month's total in 1957, with this year's 293 million eggs edged by the 295 million total in the previous November. Total production for the first 11 months of 1958 was approximately the same as for this period of 1957.

Cost-price ratios for all segments of the state's poultry industry improved slightly over October, but were less favorable than during November last year.

Following are average prices paid and received by poultrymen in the state and nation as of Nov. 15.

In the state: Chickens, live - 16 cents, Broilers, live - 19, Turkeys, live - 31, and eggs per doz - 45 cents. In the nation: Chickens - 12.1; Broilers - 15.9; Turkeys - 23.1, and eggs per doz - 38.3.

In the state laying mash - \$4.40 per cwt; Scratch grain - \$3.75; Poultry ration

mash - \$4.75. In the nation: Laying mash - \$4.38; Scratch grain - \$3.87; Poultry ration - \$3.29, and Broiler growing mash - \$4.88.

The various ratios, figured at pounds of feed that can be bought by one pound of live-weight poultry or one dozen eggs were as follows:

In the state: Chicken - feed - 3.7; Turkey - feed - 7.0; Broiler - feed - 3.4, and Egg - feed - 11.6.

U.S. Peanut Stocks Hit 20-Year High

On October 31, a total of 956 million pounds of equivalent farmers' stock peanuts were held in off-farm positions, according to latest USDA figures. This is the largest October 31 holdings since 1938.

The current peanut-supply figures also show that more than 73 million pounds of shelled raw peanuts were used during October in making candy, salted confections, peanut butter and other edible products. This is about 13 per cent above September and six per cent more than October a year ago.

4-H Box Social



THOSE LONG FACES in the inset belongs to Don Herr, Refton, and Margaret Hoar, Gap, members of the Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef Club. Reason for the woeful expressions were unrevealed, but it could have something to do with the price Don paid for Margaret's box, during the club's "box social" auction at this week's meeting. He topped the market at the auction for the privilege of sharing the sandwiches they're munching.

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32.2-Cent Support Announced For Type 46

An average price support level of 31.2 cents per pound for 1958-crop, type-46 Puerto Rican cigar filler tobacco was announced this week by the USDA.

The loan support level represents 90 per cent of par-

ity prices, as of Oct. 1, 1958. Average loan price for the '57 crop, also based on 90 per cent of parity, was 32.5 cents per pound.

This year's average loan level was determined under year



Robert McKelvey (left) and Raymond Barr happily display part of their 147.45 bushel yield.

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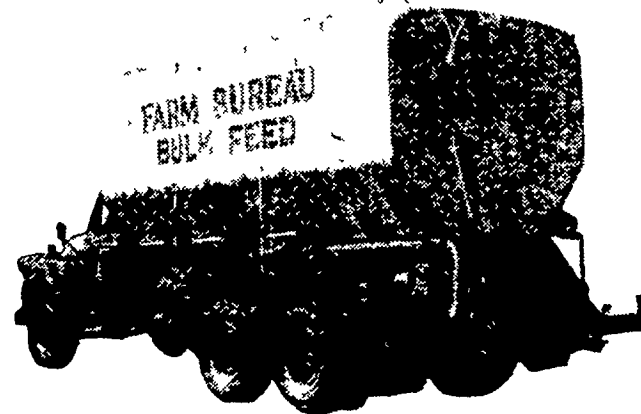
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