

State Hens Hit High Rate-of-Lay

A record high rate of lay per hen for January, combined with the lowest number of layers in 16 years, resulted in the production of 317 million eggs in Penna. This is less than one per cent less than January, 1958 and fourth highest January production on record. Average number of layers on hand was 18.3 million.

Cost-price ratio for eggs was .43 (.43 dozen eggs to buy one lb. of ration), Broiler-feed ratio was .205 and turkey-feed ratio was .30. The average price farmers received for eggs on Jan. 15 was 43 cents per dozen, compared with 45 cents on Jan. 15, 1958.

Results of a Crop Reporting Service survey of Penna. farmers on Feb. 1, indicate that intentions are to purchase one per cent fewer sexed pullet chicks than last year.

Broiler Placements Jump

Broiler chick placements in Penna. increased 10 per cent over the previous week for the week ending Feb. 11, according to the Crop Reporting Service's latest release.

A total of 778,000 birds were placed on state farms. This remained 17 per cent below the comparable week of 1958. Outshipments during the week were 173,000, inshipments were 48,000.

Indicated number of Penna. broilers for market about 10 weeks from now is 709,000 compared to 740,000 at the same time in 1958.

Total hatchings for Feb. 7-28 will be about nine per cent below last year.

22 State Report
Placements in the 22 important broiler producing

states increased for the fourth consecutive week, totaling 31,573,000. up one per cent from last week.

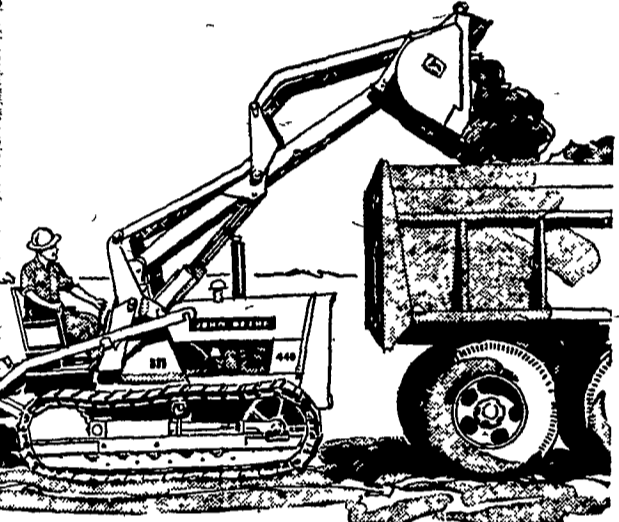
States with the greatest increase were Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama.

Placements for the week were eight per cent above the same week last year. Indicated number for market about 10 weeks from now is 29.5 million, compared to 27.4 million at the same time last year.

The 22 state settings were two per cent above the previous week and 10 per cent above the same week last year. Hatchings of broiler chicks during the period of Feb. 7 - 28 will be about nine per cent above last year.

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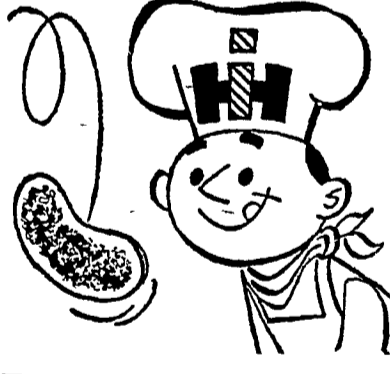
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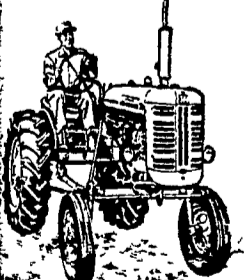
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