

2,200 Acres Added to Pa. Spring Vegetable Crops

The Penna. Crop Reporting Service has released a state vegetable prospect for April 1 plantings, which reports that growers indicate intentions to plant 3,600 acres to summer cabbage this year.

This acreage will go principally into fresh market channels with a small amount going for processing on a non-contract basis.

A spring spinach crop of 22,000 cwt from 500 acres is now in prospect the report says. This is 2,000 cwt. less than last year. Acreage was down 100 acres, but an average yield of 45 cwt. is in prospect, 500 lbs. above last year.

If intentions are realized an estimated 2,300 acres will be planted to Lima Beans for processing this year. Last year's planted acreage was 2,100, resulting in smaller stock carry over which contributed to the 10 per cent increase for 1959 plantings.

Prospective plantings of snap beans for processing in the state amounts to 6,600 acres, 12 per cent more than the 5,900 acres planted last year.

An estimated 10,000 acres of sweet corn for processing will be planted in the state if intentions are realized. This would represent an increase of 15 per cent from the 8,600 acres planted last year.

U. S. Vegetables

Spring vegetable production in the United States this year is expected to total about the same as last year and slightly above average.

Crops with substantially smaller production than last year are tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, snap beans and limas. Less sweet corn, green peppers, beets and eggplant also are forecast.

Combined production of early and mid-spring asparagus is slightly lower than a year ago. These reductions are partially offset by a large increase in celery.

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PCE Directors Study Member Requirements

COATESVILLE — Directors of the Producers Cooperative Exchange are considering the possibility of setting up a marketing agreement for all shippers.

Meeting at the co-op plant in Coatesville, the Board discussed mutual advantages of requiring poultrymen members to ship all eggs, except those taken for home use and hatching, to the co-op.

A plan calling for members meeting certain minimum quality standards also was studied.

According to K. M. Souders, manager, producers attending a series of regional meetings during the past two months expressed favorable attitudes toward such volume and quality regulations. Further member opinion is being sampled

public, with anyone permitted to make purchases, Exchange officials reported. This ruling is made to forego bonding and give local supporters of each of the C-O-T junior poultrymen a chance to participate.

1959 C-O-T Sale Set For May 6-7 At Exchange

The 1959 Sale of Chicken of Tomorrow entries will be held May 6 and 7 at Lancaster Poultry Center officials reported Friday.

The special sale of 15 dressed birds from each of more than 160 contest entries will be conducted at 10 a.m., May 6 in the Exchange Auction Room.

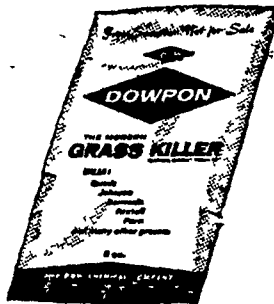
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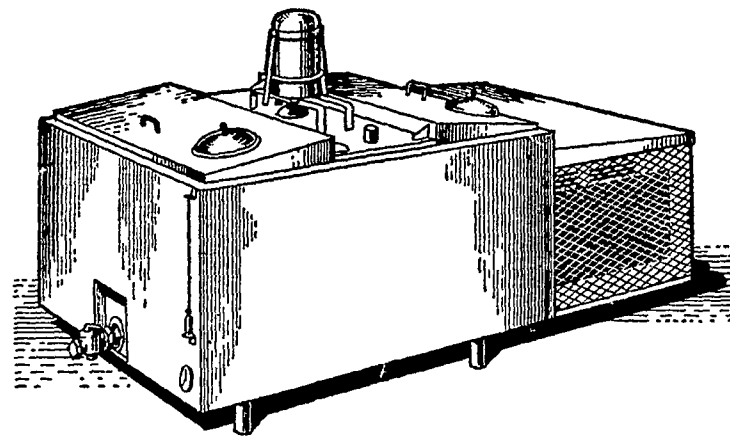


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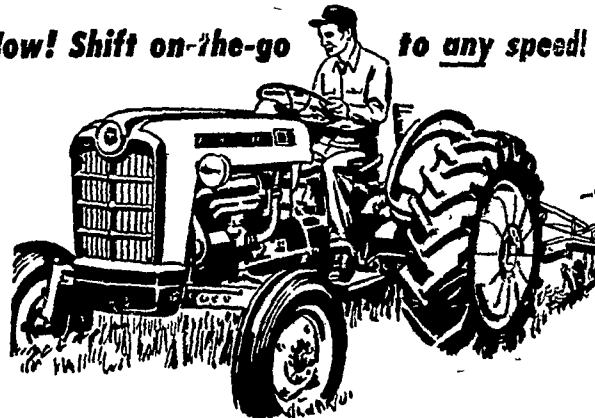
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