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new contracts, sig-
last fall, include
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will be in the program for the first time in 1959.

The Conservation Reserve is a program under which farmers voluntarily sign contracts for periods of up to 10 years to shift land from crop production to conservation uses.

After farmers filed applications for contracts last fall cropland included in each approved application was inspected by representatives of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee to determine:

That the land was eligible for the program;

Exact acreage of the land; and that land offered was of average quality for the farm.

All the work related to approving land for the 1959 contracts has now been completed and the newly signed contracts are in effect.

Crop acreage in Lancaster County on which Conservation Reserve contracts are in effect for the current season now totals 2228 acres including land covered by contracts signed in 1956, 1957, and 1958, as well as 1959.

U.S. Broiler Placements Off 4%

Broiler-type chicks placed by commercial hatcherymen in Penna for the week ending May 16 totaled 850,000, up 16 per cent from the previous week, but down 12 per cent from the same week of 1958. The previous week.

Broiler type chicks shipped into the state during the week totaled 32,000 and 151,000 were shipped out.

Indicated number of broilers for market in about ten weeks is 763,000, down 13 per cent from the same period last year.

22 State Report

Placements in the 22 important broiler producing states were 342 million for the week ending May 16, practically unchanged from

Total placements during the week were four per cent below the same week for '58, the greatest decline shown since early 1957.

Indicated number of U. S. broilers for market in about 10 weeks is 329 million, very little changed from the comparable period of 1958.

Total hatchings of broiler chicks during the period of May 16 - June 6 will be about six per cent below the same period of last year.

**Receive Less
For More Food**

Heavier food supplies and slightly lower retail prices this spring and early summer are foreseen in a Department of Agriculture report on the national food situation.

Indications for the near future, the Department said, point to heavier supplies of pork and higher grade beef than a year earlier, but less lower grade beef.

There will be more eggs, poultry, and lard. Less dairy products will be available because of reduced stocks, but milk production will be at the season's peak and supplies will be more adequate to maintain consumption at the rate of last spring and early summer.

The slight decline in food prices, the report indicates, will be the result mainly of lower prices to farmers. 6




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