

● Poultry Survey

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In 1956, late season government purchases resulted in a strong end-of-season price. It is not known whether the government will purchase turkeys this year and if so, when.

Broilers

U. S. farm broiler prices for the July-September quarter will average between 18 and 19 cents per pound — about one cent higher than a year earlier.

Marketings for the period are expected to be about five per cent smaller than during the corresponding quarter of 1958.

Tris third quarter price is improved over earlier predictions because the industry cut placements below those expected.

Prices for the October-December quarter are expected to average lower than last year's 15.6 cents.

Improved July - September prices are expected to result in broiler chick placements again exceeding year earlier levels by late summer. Thus, marketings in the final quarter of 1959 will exceed those of the same period in 1958.

Despite several months of depressed conditions, there has been no change in the basic factors supporting the growth pattern of the broiler industry.

These factors include economies of large and closely coordinated production and

marketing units, continuing extension of the industry into new production areas, and continued availability of capital to finance expansion.

In addition, many broiler processing plants recently were enlarged when they were remodeled to meet federal inspection requirements.

The resulting combination of unused processing capacity and increased overhead costs has added to processors' incentives to increase volume of broilers handled.

CORN FIELDS packed with a wheel tractor when soil moisture was high yielded only 66 bu. per acre, in an Ohio test. The same land packed with the same tractor after the ground had lost some six to seven per cent moisture produced 92 bu. This difference points out the danger of working land that is a little too wet. When a crawler tractor was used on wet land in place of a wheel tractor, yields rose from 66 to 112 bu. This shows that equipment can be operated on wet land without bad effects so

long as the load on the soil is not too great. The wheel tractor exerts 40 lbs. of pressure per sq. in., while the crawler exerts only four pounds.

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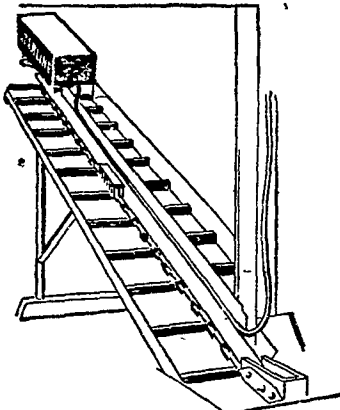
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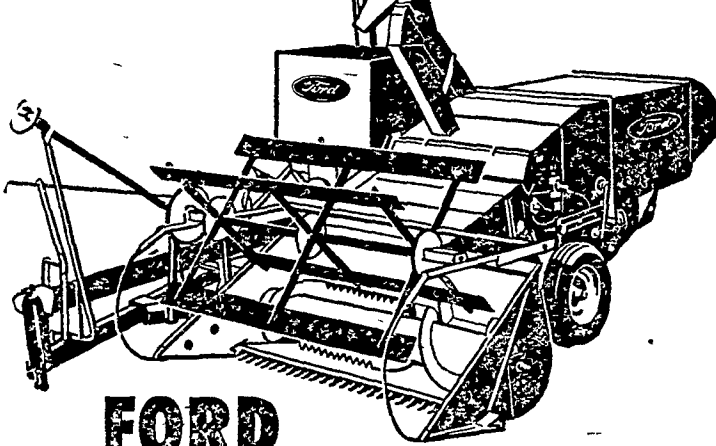
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