

More Eggs, Less Feed Cuts Cost Per Dozen

A chicken requires about 5½ pounds of feed per month to stay alive and only about 1½ pounds of additional feed for each dozen eggs she produces.

The easiest way to cut the pounds of feed required to produce a dozen eggs is to get more eggs per bird. Out of a random sample test in which 33 flocks completed production ranged from 173.9 eggs per bird in the poorest producing flock to 251.7 in the best.

The best flock produced a dozen eggs on an average of 4.3 pounds of feed, and the least efficient required 5.5 lbs. of feed. A difference of 1.2 lbs. of feed per dozen eggs is a substantial saving in the cost of producing a dozen eggs.

FEWER COWS—MORE MILK

The number of cows to be milked in 1960 is expected to be 19,116,000, a decrease of approximately 1 per cent compared with 1959. The number of heifers and heifer calves to be raised for replacement is estimated to increase about 0.5% over '59.

Total milk production of 125.8 billion pounds is an increase of slightly more than 1% over 1959 and is the result of a 1% decline in cow numbers coupled with a 2.5 per cent increase in yield per cow. The rise in yield will be due to heavier grain feeding to better cows.

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LANCASTER COUNTY ASSOCIATION FFA OFFICERS as they appeared after their election last week. Seated left to right are treasurer Clyde Kreder, son of Mr. A. Clyde Kreider, Quarryville R1; secretary Wilbur Hosler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Hosler, Manheim R3; president H. Lee DeLong, son of Mr. Howard E. DeLong, Quarryville R2; vice president Donald Musser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Musser, Mount Joy R1. Standing left to right are sentinel H. Lynn Hess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hess, of Intercourse; reporter Kenneth Eshe man, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. shelman, Mount Joy R2; and chaplain Elwood Hese y, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Z. Hese y, Manheim R2.

'Potato Growers Feel Cost-Price Squeeze', Nixon

When the price of potatoes drops—as little as one tenth of a cent a pound Pennsylvania spud growers stand to lose nearly \$700,000 on the total 1959 crop, Leland W. Nixon, president of the Pennsylvania Co-operative Potato Growers Association, said today.

A State College area commercial potato grower, Nixon has been advocating study of the devastating cost-price squeeze experienced by the industry during the past 3 years.

His plea has reached national proportions and will form the basis for a full half day discussion period this week at the annual meeting of the National Potato Council in Chicago.

Latest U. S. Dept. of Agriculture production reports estimate the Pennsylvania fall potato crop at 6,820,000 hundredweight.

since harvest has been at prices favorable to consumers in view of costs of production, packaging and distribution, the potato grower president said. Quality of Pennsylvania potatoes this year is good to excellent, he added.

Many growers, unable to provide adequate storage for all their potatoes, have been forced to sell many from the field without a fair margin of profit above production costs.

"Every time the price paid to farmers advances as little as 10 cents a hundred pounds—which is one tenth of a cent for one pound—it means a return of \$682,000 to the state potato industry based on the total crop," Nixon explained. "By the same token a drop of 10 cents a hundred weight represents the loss of a similar amount to the overall industry."

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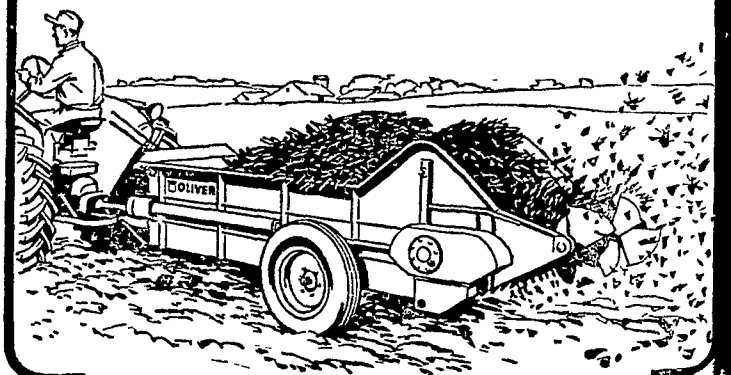
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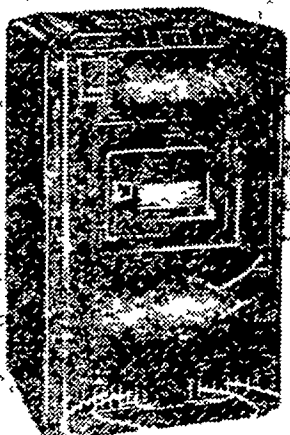
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