

This Week

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fiddled while agriculture's house has been on fire would be grossly unfair. It would be equally unjust to accuse the Administration of being callous to a situation in which farm income and prices have steadily declined, cost to taxpayers has increased, and consumer prices have gone up.

Facts Not Disputed

The facts concerning farmers—as well as some statements not based on facts—have been widely publicized. The facts do not justify complacency or failure to correct a situation that is getting worse than better.

On farmers' side, net income has declined by one-third, farm debt has more than doubled, and more than a million farms have "disappeared" in the past 10 years. Rising production costs against declining income have caught millions of farm people in a painful cost-price squeeze.

On the consumers' side, food costs have gone higher while \$7 billion a year in farm program costs have added 10 percent to their tax bills. Surpluses taken off

the market in an effort to hold farm prices up go to waste while millions are underfed.

It is, in the situation, regrettable that farm problems are to become a matter of political campaign charges and counter-charges rather than constructive debate that could be expected to contribute to understanding and a solution. Election campaigns seldom provide an answer to any major problem.

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Local Vegetables Move To Market

Production of fruits and vegetables moves with rapidity toward nearby areas. Pennsylvania and New Jersey are already providing the local markets with most of the available good buys this week.

Fair to good buys include asparagus, mushrooms, parsley, radishes, spinach, green onions, sweet potatoes and leafy greens.

This week has brought cabbage and broccoli from the nearby sections of Virginia. The first snap beans

sonable and quality (except for color) is excellent. Color is generally fair to good with high color spears bringing a premium.

Egg prices have increased slightly over last week but supplies are cleaning up satisfactorily. Fryers and broilers have decreased somewhat in price thereby keeping pace with country point prices.

Florida oranges and grapefruit prices are very reasonable. Watermelons are still a very high priced item as also are limes. Both are decreasing slowly in price but it will be awhile before supplies are enough to cause a substantial price decrease.

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Pullet Growing Record		
GROWER: Lancaster County Grower (Name on request)		
SERVICED BY: Edgar Snively	No. Chicks Or.	3,500
Cost Per Chick 39c	Date Received	September 1, 1959
Breed	Leghorn	January 1, 1960
Date Housed & Sold		
COST PER CHICK		
TOTAL COSTS		
Chicks	\$ 1,365.00	\$.39
Litter	18.87	.0054
Feed	2,054.18	.5869
Grit	19.80	.0057
Fuel	29.20	.0083
Medication	79.79	.0228
Vaccination	65.75	.0188
Insurance	31.34	.0089
Miscellaneous (Brooder Guard)	6.00	.0017
Debeaking -	111.25	.0318
Labor and Bonus	1,046.79	.2991
Delivery Expense (Estimated)	171.55	.0490
PULLET SALES		
3,500 Total Placed	Age of Birds Housed	122 days
3,431 Total Housed & Sold	(17 wks. 3 days.)	
69 Lost or Culled	Pounds of feed per bird raised	14.9 lbs.
1.97% Loss	Cost of Production including labor, housing and equipment	1.43 per Pullet housed
98.03% Housed & Sold		

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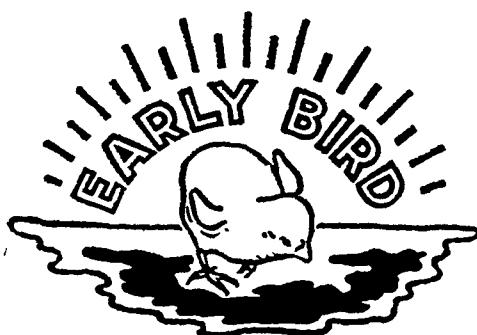
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