

Fresh Vegetable Market Report Is Available

Expanded Market News coverage for fresh vegetables now covers this area of Pennsylvania, reports Tom Piper, Penn State Marketing Agent. Tomato, sweet corn and cabbage growers can be better informed of market conditions.

Local growers can receive a daily market news release free of charge simply by having their name placed on the mailing list. To do this, write to the Fruit and Vegetable Market News Service, 604 U. S. Custom House, Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania. Ask for the "Miscellaneous Fruit and Vegetable Report."

Pricing is a real problem for the market produce grower, says the Extension Marketing Agent. Since the best quality produce is generally sold in the country, it is important that growers be well informed. Buyers are always well posted on prices; growers need to be equally well informed.

The new market report will list prices received at the farm by growers throughout Eastern Pennsylvania. It will also show the national daily supply situation, in car lot equivalents, for 38 major cities plus the source of these supplies. This will keep all growers posted on conditions in competing areas - a valuable aid to local growers.

In bargaining to determine prices, those best informed seem to have the advantage.

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Beef Show (From page 1)

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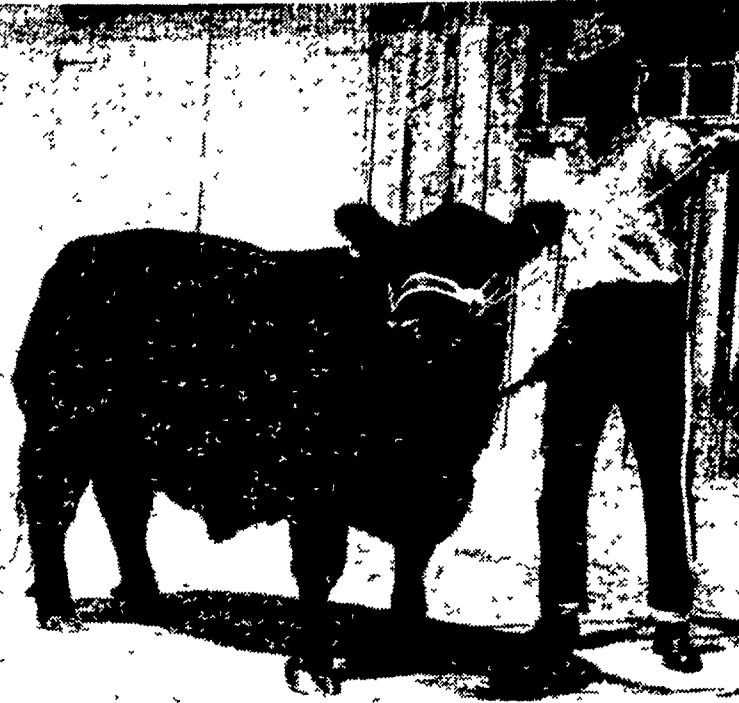
The Hosler entry, a 985 pound steer from the family herd, was a paternal half brother to the grand champion steer at the 1960 Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

For the first time in many years the champion steer in the show was bought by a county butcher when Kunzler and Company paid 62 cents per pound for the top entry.

County residents will have a chance to eat some of the reserve champion as well. Cross Brothers of Philadelphia paid 34 cents for runner-up but the steer will go to the Stockyards Inn for their dining room.

Third place steer, a 955 pound Angus shown by Janet Frey, Marietta R.D. 1, was sold for 36 cents per pound to Acme markets.

The champion and reserve last year brought 70 cents and 52 cents respectively at the sale in which Gimble's



WILBUR HOSLER, MANHEIM R3 proudly exhibits "Blackjack", the steer which won reserve championship honors for him at the Garden Spot 4-H baby beef club show at the Lancaster Stockyards on Wednesday —L.F. PHOTO

Food Plan was the heavy of beef on 65 head of steers buyer. In Wednesday's sale for a sale average of \$28.77 no one buyer took anywhere per hundredweight including near of majority of the offerings

Buyers shelled out a total of \$17 710 for the 61,660 lbs Try a Classified

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FROM WHERE WE STAND —

It appears we are on the same old merry-go-round we stepped on last year when some of us who played it straight stepped off to get our faces full of dirt.

Tobacco companies last year cautioned against the use of chemical growth inhibitors at the risk of severe price penalties for treated tobacco.

Many conscientious tobacco farmers took the companies at their word and went through the age-old chore of hand suckering, while some of their adventuresome neighbors risked price cuts for the convenience of chemical suckering.

When the buyers hit the sheds last

fall, most of the tobacco was sold before the conscientious farmers had time to say, "But I suckered mine by hand."

What happened to the promised differential in price? Several farmers reported that the buyer did not even ask how the suckers were removed from the crop.

While the buying companies insist that they will not knowingly buy treated tobacco, they readily admit that treated tobacco, in many instances, does not show adverse physical effects that can be detected on the auction floor.

Tobacco bought on the auction floor is one thing, but the Lancaster county tobacco market is another.

In many cases the buyers were on the farms during the growing season, and still no premium was paid for the hand suckered crop.

If the tobacco companies intend to discriminate against the chemically treated tobacco, they made a poor start last season. There will be many more farmers willing to test them out again this year.

At least that's how it looks from where we stand.

Various statements have been circulated giving a misleading impression of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture's attitude on MH-30. Actually, the Department has refused to prejudge this chemical. It is engaged in careful, scientific review of MH-30. This will require many months.

MH-30 has been tested for over a dozen years and used in the flue-cured areas for the past 5 years, in the burley belt for over 3 years and on cigar tobacco for 3 years.

With efficient labor increasingly hard to find and costly, the farmer must rely on chemical control of plant disease, pests and weeds more than ever before.

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With unseasonable weather delaying the crops in Lancaster County, MH-30 should be of extra benefit this season. This chemical control frees the farmer from hand-suckering and allows him necessary time to catch up with his corn cultivation, haying and other chores.

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