

Best Food Buys

Red Meats Again Featured

With the Thanksgiving appetite for turkey satisfied, homemakers will shop for the more standard fare red meats this weekend. Retailers are aware of this consumer interest, reports Tom Piper, Penn State Extension Marketing Agent, and will be featuring chuck roasts of beef, some steak and fresh pork loins and picnics at bargain prices.

Wholesale costs of lamb have dropped, lamb shoulder roasts, rib and shoulder chops are good buy items. Smoked ham prices are higher, moving this item out of the good buy category. Fryers promise to be a bargain contender soon but prices will hold steady at most

meat counters this weekend. What to do with the leftover turkey? Why not make turkey salad, hash, croquettes, cold sandwiches, or combine in a casserole with noodles.

Leading the parade of values at the vegetable counter will be white potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, celery, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, lettuce, cucumbers and radishes. Prices on carrots and cauliflower remain generally unchanged from levels of recent weeks. Sharply higher prices are noted for tomatoes, green beans, peppers and eggplant.

Cranberries catch the eye for value at the fruit counter. Delicious, Stayman and

Rome Beauty apple varieties are moving well at retail stores. Large size apples are most plentiful this year and considered best buy for the money. Emperor and America grapes are available in good supply at reasonable prices. Some D'Anjou and Bosc pears are available but prices are high.

Quality is improving on Florida grapefruit. Prices are unchanged. With the Valencia harvest almost complete in California, most of our oranges are now coming from Florida. Small sizes the better buy.

Prices are holding firm on bananas, influenced in part by the political tension in the Central American growing areas.

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A relatively warm, dry October was favorable for drying corn in the field and harvest progressed well during the month, the State Crop Reporting Service notes. However, because of the crop was several weeks late, and because of previous

weather conditions, the moisture content of the corn is quite high.

For most of Pennsylvania, the first killing frost was 10 days to three weeks later than normal. Many farmers waited for the killing frost before harvesting their corn, thus extending the corn picking season later into the fall than normal.

Tobacco production in Pennsylvania is forecast at 51 million pounds. Curing is behind schedule, just as planting and harvesting were this year. No tobacco was reported stripped in early November even to check weight.

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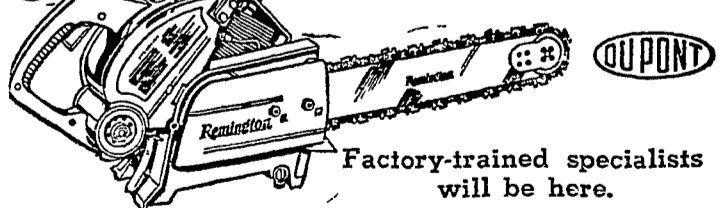
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