

Best Food Buys
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cm high when comparing costs. For example, a canned ham will yield 4 servings per pound while a bone in butt half will yield only 2½ servings per pound. If canned ham is selling for 85 cents a pound, then a butt half would be a comparable value at 53 cents a pound.

Broiler-fryers and light eight stewing hens are expected to share the good value position at the meat counter.

Improved quality and flavor is characteristic of the grapefruit arriving from Florida. Prices on oranges and grapefruit are unchanged from levels of last week. Orange prices are expected to advance soon if processor prices advance as indicated. Small size oranges and tangerines are the better buy now. Navel oranges from California are larger in size and have good eating qualities.

Large size Stayman apples, Emporer grapes and cranberries are in good supply and at reasonable prices. Banana prices are below those prevailing in recent weeks.

OUTLOOK
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I believe. There is more talk in both the state and federal legislatures for aid to farmers, but I don't believe much will be done about it in 1961. The new U S farm program is thinking in terms of more acreage control plus price supports. This the Lancaster County farmer does not want, I believe.

The cost of operations on farms is still rising some and prices received are no better which makes the net margin smaller. We will have to practice efficiency more to have left what we should have.

Farmers will be hearing more about the Lancaster County Agriculture Center in 1961. A permanent board is now operating with a finance committee and a planning committee.

The courts have granted a charter to the board as a non profit organization (donations toward the building of the center will be tax deductible) Under present plans, rental fees for office space from several farm organizations will make the building self supporting.

grazing was very good from early spring to late fall.

Our hay and grain supplies are plentiful which will give us a good start into the new year.

As we average our prices paid to farmers for milk during 1960 they are slightly above 1959. Dairy cow numbers have been increasing; therefore, our sale averages for the year and a late fall,



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are a bit lower than '59. The margin between good cattle with good records and commercial cows is broadening.

Looking into the new year, our Creator has promised while the earth remaineth there will be seedtime and harvest. We need to apply ourselves and our work to the weather for the weather

will not apply itself to us.

We have faith in the future. The recent blanket of snow during cold weather is causing us to have hope for a good pasture, hay and grain crop in 1961.

How will the price of milk in '61 compare to the price in 1960? Lower if supply and demand rules. Per person consumption has decreased 10 per cent in the last ten years. Higher if the support level is higher after April 1, 1961.

The number of farms selling milk in '61 will be half that of 1940, but we are producing 15 per cent more milk. There will be more cows per farm and more milk per cow. Dairy heifer numbers are higher than they have been for some time; the result is increased production.

The outlook for prices to be paid for dairy animals in 1961 is lower. This market is affected by the support price of milk and the price of beef cows.

If you are not production testing your herd, 1961 is the year to start. The cost of the test work is absorbed by the dividend received from testing.

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Field Research Laboratory at Landisville. The Southeastern Field Research Laboratory, a joint research unit of the Pennsylvania State University and the U. S. Department of Agriculture is doing research with tobacco, small grains, forage and hay crops and corn. During the year further information has become available on several new disease resistant lines of tobacco, with the cooperation of a number of farmers and tobacco companies. Cropping



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systems and fertilizers for tobacco have given results which at present are not complete enough for definite published recommendations. This was also the case with continuing experiments in (Turn to page 9)

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Henry Kettering, president of the Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association. In looking back over 1960 we must admit it has been a good year for dairymen. With above normal rainfall



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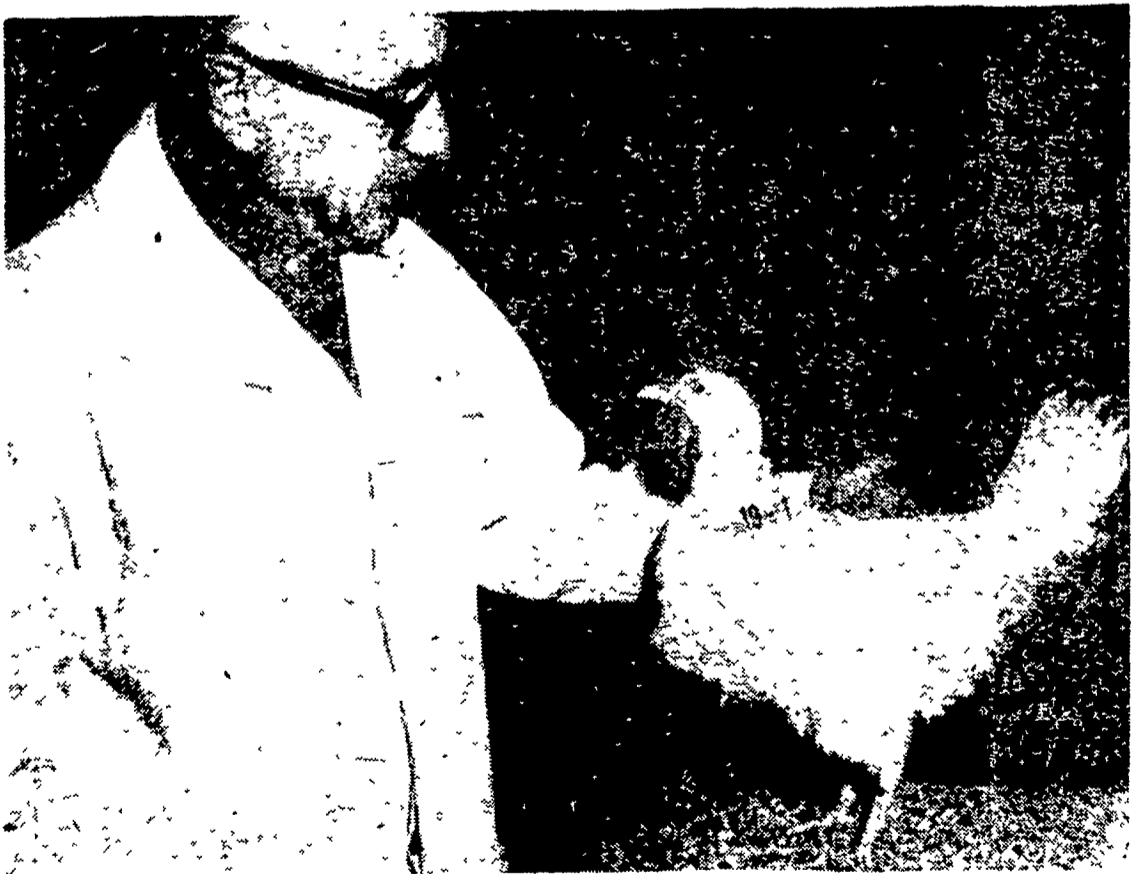
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