

Best Food Buys

Weather Effects Some Prices

Sub-freezing temperatures and heavy rains in growing areas have influenced the prices we will pay for certain produce items this week end, reports Tom Piper, the Penn State Extension Marketing Agent

Carrots, celery, green bean, salad greens, and lettuce will appear at temporarily higher prices. Tomatoes and radishes, peppers, and cucumbers escaped serious damage and will continue at generally unchanged price. Onion prices may show some increase as the result of a large export shipment to Europe.

Supplies of both old and new crop cabbage are ample, holding this item on the list of good buys in produce. Brussel sprouts and cauliflower are available but prices are moving higher.

Potatoes are plentiful and quality is excellent. Temperatures as low as 30 to 40 degrees below zero halted the loading operations temporarily in Maine, but not to the extent of influencing market supplies.

Cold weather has influenced the normal handling of banana shipments in favor of the consumer. Look for this item to head the list of good buys in many local food markets this week-end.

Movement of Delicious and Stayman apples continues good at unchanged price levels, shipments are starting from controlled atmosphere storages in New York. Emperor grapes prevail at un-

changed prices but cold weather has caused heavy damage to the Florida strawberry crop which had just started to mature.

Grapefruit quality is very good and prices are reasonable. Small size tangerines and oranges continue on the list of good buys. Temple oranges and California Navel oranges are in peak flavor but at firm price levels.

Values at the meat counter will vary from store to store and foodshoppers should study food ads carefully when planning the menu for next week. Steaks, fresh pork roasts, and poultry will be featured, but not likely all in the same store. Crab meat continues as a good buy in sea food with price levels mostly unchanged for shrimp, oysters, and fresh fish.

Eggs continue to hold a good buy position. Large egg prices advanced slightly at wholesale but most retail prices will appear unchanged.

Any sort of shelter which provides protection from wind and snow can be used as a bird feeding station.

● **Pineapple**

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3 eggs, separated
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
6 baked and cooled pecan pastry shells*

Soften gelatin in 1/4 cup of the cold pineapple juice. Heat remaining juice, lemon juice, salt, and 1/2 cup of the sugar to boiling. Stir in gelatin until dissolved. Beat egg yolks; add a little of the hot mixture and mix well. Combine with remaining hot mixture. Chill until slightly thickened. Stir in lemon peel. Beat egg whites with remaining sugar until stiff fold into gelatin mixture. Pour into pecan shells. Chill until firm. Crnish each tart with a border of chopped pecans and serve with sweetened whipped cream if desired. Six servings.

* Pecan Pastry Shells: Add 1/4 cup finely chopped pecans to the dry ingredients for 1 recipe of pastry (using two cups flour). Make into tart shells. Bake in a very hot oven (450 degrees) about ten minutes.

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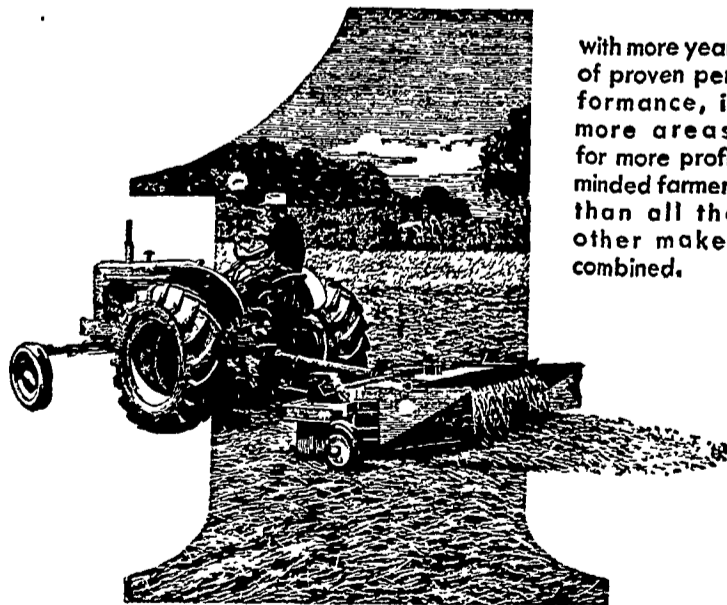
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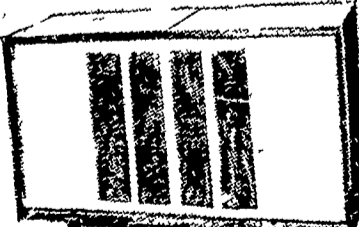
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