

## Shifts Noted In Egg Supply Areas Of State

Where are most of the eggs produced in Pennsylvania? a report from the extension service of the Pennsylvania State University asks.

The report also asks, are some areas of the state growing in production while others are decreasing?

In the past five years there have been decided shifts in production within

the state. These shifts range from sharp decreases to sharp increases. For the purpose of the study, the state was divided into nine geographical districts.

The largest increase was in the central and south central counties, but Lancaster remains the leading egg producing county in Pennsylvania.

Lancaster county accounted for 21 per cent of the total farm sales of eggs in the state.

If this county were a district by itself, the report states, it would still produce more eggs than any of the

other nine districts. The only districts showing a decline in sales were the South and North central districts.

Total egg sales in Pennsylvania increased 15 per cent from 1954 to 1959.

The southeast district, including Lancaster County produced 37 per cent of the total and showed a 32 per cent increase during the period. The central district accounted for 19 per cent of the total and showed a 16 per cent increase.

The North district producing only three percent of the

state total in 1959 showed a total loss of 32 per cent during the period. The South Central district with 14 per cent of the total dropped two per cent in production.

The number of farms selling eggs declined while the number of dozens sold per farm continued to increase. There was a 78 per cent increase in the dozens of eggs sold per farm between 1954 and 1959.

The top ten counties in the state were, Lancaster, York, Northumberland, Bucks

Berks, Montgomery, Schuylkill, Lebanon, Columbia and Adams.

## Real Estate (From page 6)

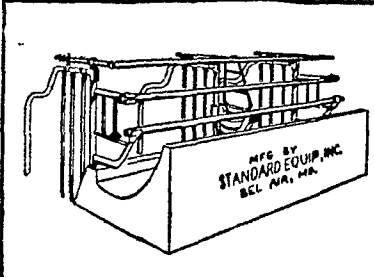
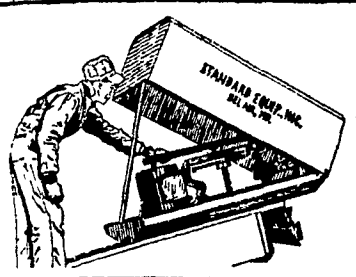
Do you expect land prices to increase, change little, or decline in the next six months? Ten per cent answered that they expect an increase, 80 per cent predicted little change and 10 percent saw a decline. However, for the nation as a whole (excluding irrigated and grazing land), 9 percent of 3,362 reporters predicted an increase, 73 per cent saw little change, and 18 percent forecast a decline.

The most pessimistic lot were from the Eastern Corn Belt (northern Illinois, northern Indiana and northwestern Ohio) Forty-seven percent of these observer-reporters forecast a decline and only 4 per cent saw prospects for an increase in the value of farm real estate.

A variety of pressures has tended to increase the value of farm real estate in Pennsylvania. One of the most pressing is the need for housing, roads and other appurtenances to urban living. A second is the accelerating trend to enlarge farm operations. During the 1950-54 period, only 14 per cent of farm sales in the northeast were for farm enlargement. Last year 21 per cent of farm land purchases were (Turn to page 12)

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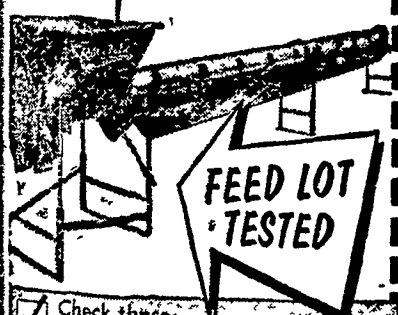


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