

Farmer's Prices

Four Months Decline Continues

HARRISBURG, May 2 — Prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for their agricultural products declined for the fourth consecutive month, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

The mid-April average price received for all agricultural products was 4 per cent below a month earlier, 7 per cent below a year ago, and about the same as April 1959.

Seasonably lower prices for milk and a decline in prices of eggs, broilers, hogs and potatoes more than off set higher prices for cows calves, sheep, lambs soybean and apples.

Livestock and livestock product prices were 6 per cent below mid-March. The average wholesale blend price for milk, estimated at \$4.35 per hundredweight was 40 cents below a month earlier. Egg prices at 38 cents per dozen were down 3 cents from mid-March and 5 cents below last year's price.

Prices received for all crops in mid-April averaged slightly below a month earlier, but 11 per cent below a year ago. Slightly lower prices for potatoes, hay and most grains more than off set higher prices for apples and soybeans when compar-

The index of prices received with the previous month ceived, which is the barometer of farm income, was 220 per cent of the 1910-14 base of 100. This compares with 230 a month earlier and 237 a year ago.

Farm prices throughout the United States dropped 2 per cent in April, and were one per cent below year earlier levels.

Farm Calendar
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tion of the National Farm Reporters at Hotel Washington, Washington D. C.

May 16—Feeder pig sale in the Farm Show Building, Harrisburg
6:30 p.m. - Solanco Young Farmers Association to be entertained by the Quarryville Rotary Club.

8:00 p.m. - Drumore Community 4-H club meets in the Chestnut Level Church house

8:00 p.m. - Lincoln Community 4-H club meets in

the Mount Airy fire hall.
May 17—10:00 a.m. - Lime-meter clinic for Southeast District County Agents at Southeastern Penna. Artificial Breeders, 230 bypass.
8:00 p.m. - Hempfield 4-H club meets in the Farmdale School.

May 18—7:30 p.m. - Manheim Young Farmers meeting in the Manheim Central High School. Dr Aw-

kerman will discuss dairy and livestock health problems.
May 19—8:00 p.m. - New Holland 4-H Baby Beef club will meet in Snaveley's Farm Equipment Shop, New Holland.
May 20—Lancaster Sertoma Club holds annual Chicken Barbecue in Long's Park, Old Harrisburg Pike

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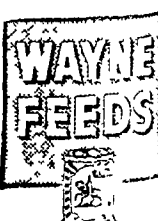


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