

**Best Food Buys**

**Holiday Influence To Be Felt**

The long July Fourth week end will be the occasion for many outdoor meals and picnics. Retail food markets will cater to the demand for appropriate food items by featuring many such items at bargain prices. Observes Tom Piper, Penn State Extension Marketing Agent.

Table-ready meats will be among the leading candidates for weekend features. These will include frankfurters

and luncheon meats as well as the popular cooked hams. Ground beef, steak, broiler-fryers and turkeys are other plentiful supplied meat items. This wide variety will offer many economical possibilities for tasty outdoor meals.

Fresh fruit and vegetables supplies are increasing from nearby growing areas, causing the usual reduction in prices for many items. Best buys in vegetables this week include green beans, cabbage, new crop potatoes, squash, radishes, carrots and various leafy greens.

In contrast, to this list of good food buys, tomatoes continue high in price for this season of the year. Supplies

from distant areas are very light and the harvest season in Virginia and New Jersey has been delayed. Corn shares this high cost position as a firm demand exists for the available supply.

Strawberries are almost a thing of the past for this season; first shipments of blueberries and raspberries are arriving to take their place.

Watermelon supplies appear adequate and prices are reasonable for this season of the year. More cantaloupes are arriving from Arizona and California and prices are dropping to lower levels.

Bing cherries, Thompson seedless grapes and southern peaches are available at the fruit counter. Unseasonably high temperatures have damaged the fruit crop in California to an extent as yet undetermined. Small size California Valencia oranges and Florida grapefruit are the best buys in citrus

The season for apricots is winding up fast.

Plentiful supplies of all dairy products continue to hold these items on the list of good food buys. The popularity of these foods is recognized in a recent report from the United States Department of Agriculture. According to that report, the average person consumed 1,488 pounds of food in 1960 and dairy products made up 414 pounds of that total. Eggs remain on the list of good buys in food, although slight wholesale price advances were noted last week.

Grocery bargains exist in fruit juices, shortening, salad oils, and tomato products

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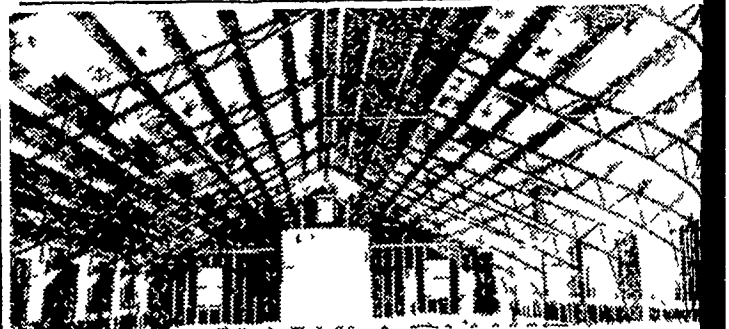
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