

Farm Price Rise— First In 1961

For the first time this year average prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for agricultural products have shown an increase over the month previous. However, average prices are still on a slightly lower level than a year earlier.

In mid-July the average price received for all farm products was 6 percent above

above a month earlier. Mainly responsible for this increase was the seasonally higher price for wholesale milk and tomatoes and the increase in egg, hog, and steer and heifer prices, the Penna. Crop Reporting Service said in a special report this week.

The Index of Prices Received, which is the barometer of farm income was 225 percent of the 1910-15 equal 100 base. This compared with 213 a month earlier and 229 a year ago.

The mid-July average prices received for livestock and livestock products were 5 percent above a month earlier. Leading the price increase were wholesale milk, eggs, hogs, and steers and heifers which more than offset price declines for poultry, cows, calves, sheep, & lambs.

In comparing livestock prices with a year ago, nearly all prices received were less than in July 1960 with exception of hogs that were 50c higher. Eggs at 39c a dozen were 3 cents higher than a year ago and showed the first upturn in price this year.

Prices received for all crops as a group in mid-July averaged 7 percent above a month earlier, but 2 percent below a year ago. Leading the price increase were seasonally higher vegetable prices which more than offset slightly lower fruit and food

State Plowing Meet Planned

Macungie, Aug. 4 — Two plowing contests, one of them the annual Pennsylvania

grain prices. Feed grain and hay prices remained at about the same level as a month earlier.

During the month ended July 15 the Index of Prices Received by Farmers nationally rose 1 percent to 237 percent of its 1910-14 average. Higher prices for eggs, milk, and hogs accounted for most of the increase. The most important decreases were recorded for oranges, cattle, and soybeans. The mid-July index was 1 point above a year earlier.

state championships, pond building and farm machinery demonstrations, safe tractor driving contest and a women's fashion show today were booked as main events for the four-day Macungie Field Day, Aug 17-20.

All field day events, except the plowing meets, will be held in Macungie Memorial Park. The state plowing contest, all day, Aug 18, on the Donald Lichtenwalter farm, a mile east of Macungie, will decide 1961 winners.

More than a score of contestants will vie for the state level and contour plowing titles.

Raymond L. Huber, state contest chairman, said spectators will see also construction of a farm pond and machinery and farm equipment demonstrations.

Martin Muth, work unit conservationist with the Lancaster County office of the Soil Conservation Service will be one of the official judges for the level land contest.

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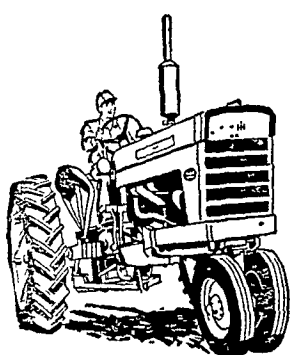
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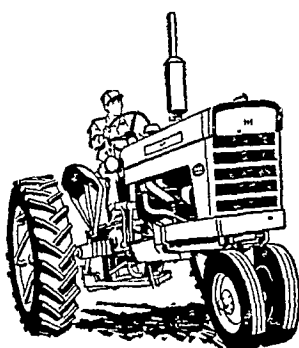
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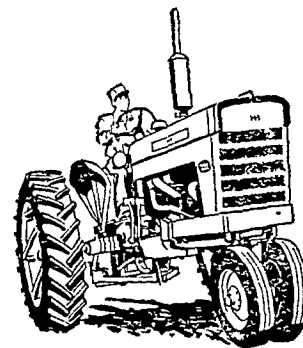
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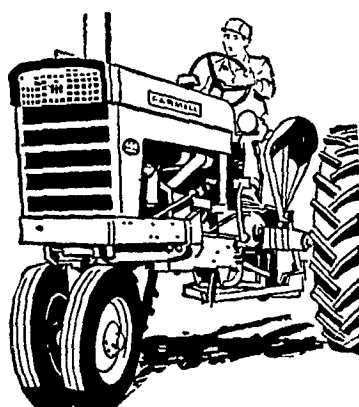
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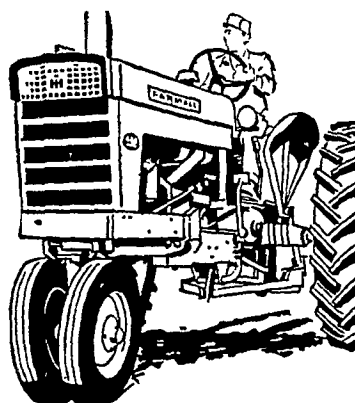
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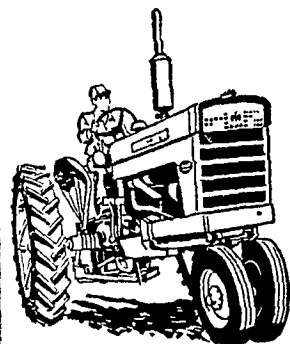
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