

Pa. Farm Prices Down 1 Per Cent

Harrisburg — Prices received by Keystone State farmers for their agricultural products in March declined one per cent from the previous month. Slightly higher crop prices were offset by a drop in prices for livestock and livestock products.

According to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service, March prices for all products averaged 4 per cent below the same month a year ago. Crop prices increased 1 per cent,

influenced mainly by higher fruit and vegetable prices, feed grain and hay held steady, poultry and eggs were down 3 per cent, and dairy products dropped 2 per cent. The price of meat animals remained constant.

Although fruit and vegetables were mainly responsible for steadying the farm products index over the last month, they also were the largest factor in causing the downward trend during the past year. Since March 1961, vegetables and fruit have dropped 11 and 7 per cent respectively.

Poultry and egg prices abetted the decline with an 8 per cent decrease.

The index of prices received the barometer of farm income was 220 per cent of the 1910-14 base. This compares with 223 a month earlier and 229 a year ago.

Nationally, during the month ended March 15, the index of prices received rose four-tenths of 1 per cent, or 1 point, to 241 per cent of its 1910-14 average, 1 point above a year earlier.

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Sire Selection Expert To Speak

Leland W. Lamb, Director of American Breeders Service, will be the featured speaker at an evening meeting to be held in the Fire Hall in Strasburg on April 11, 1962 at 7:30 p.m. Paul Heir, local technician affiliated with American Breeders Service, says all dairymen are invited.

Mr. Lamb is a nationally prominent authority in the field of dairy sire selection standards and will discuss the



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many contributions the proved site has made to the A.I. industry.

The Lancaster County Soil Conservation District directors will meet in the Lancaster County Court House at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

On the agenda for the meeting will be completion of plans for the county plowing contest, the conservation field day and Soil Stewardship week.

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