

Best Food Buys Cold Southern Weather Ups Prices

Remember past reports of 'damaging cold waves in southern growing areas' As food-shoppers, we are currently suffering from the influence of those weather condition which injured newly planted crops and delayed the regular planting schedule for others. This explains the present price and supply situation for sweet corn, peppers, cucumbers and leafy salad items, suggests Tom Piper Penn State Extension Marketing Agent.

Celery prices remain firm as demand exceeds supplies. Total supplies will probably continue a bit light because total spring acreage is less than a year ago. Carrots, onions, cabbage, radishes, spinach and asparagus are considered better buys than in recent weeks.

One hundred degree temperatures in the Arizona lettuce fields last week is likely to have an adverse effect on quality. Shipments have been light and prices quite high. New red potatoes are moving well at reasonable prices. Old

crop potatoes moved slightly higher on the wholesale market this week. Rhubarb, broccoli and escarole are economical vegetable choices too.

Grapefruit and Valencia oranges quote slightly lower prices and movement continues good. Bananas, avocados, apples and strawberries are reasonably priced, considering the transportation, storage and handling costs involved.

Canned freestone peaches are in plentiful supply and scheduled for special feature treatment in the weeks ahead. This is the season of peak milk production and shoppers will find milk, cheese, ice cream, butter, cream and other dairy products in plentiful supply.

Beef steaks, broiler-fryers, and hams will predominate as meat features this weekend. Fryers are in plentiful supply again, backed by a rapid seasonal increase in production. Low cost fryers should be with us for many weeks to come.

Egg production is now at a yearly peak. Easter demand has boosted prices temporarily, but heavy spring production will bring a return to lower levels keeping prices under a year ago.

● Swing Into Spring

(Continued from Page 15) add sugar, nuts, mix until crumbly. Line an 8-inch square cake pan with super-strength aluminum foil, extend foil up sides of pan, allowing enough to grasp foil for easy removal of cake. Pour half batter into pan, cover with half topping, pour remaining batter on top, sprinkle remaining topping

over batter. Bake 50-55 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool; wrap in foil; refrigerate overnight. In the morning while preparing breakfast, heat in foil package 20-30 minutes at 350 degrees.

"Is there anything in the paper, Sir?" "Anything in the paper?" All the world is in the paper. Why, Madam, if you will but read what is written in the (paper) of this very day it is enough for a year's history, and ten times as much meditation."—Thackeray

RECIPE REQUESTED

We have had a request for Sand Tarts using brown sugar. The reader requesting the recipe would like to freeze the sand tarts.

If you have such a recipe, please send it to Mrs. Richard Spence, Quarryville, Penna. It will be published in Lancaster Farming giving credit to the sender.

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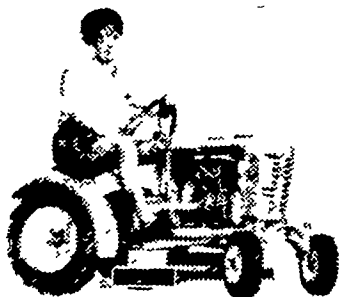


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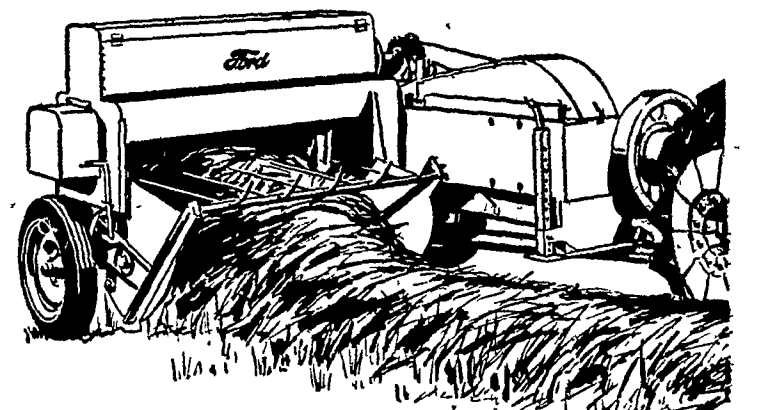
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