

### Best Food Buys Weather Still Forcing Prices

Weather conditions prevail as the chief topic of conversation among farmers in our local area as lack of rainfall retards the growth of many crops. Rains in the Mid-West and scattered showers in some growing areas along the east coast have improved the market outlook in these areas, observes Tom Piper, Penn State Extension Marketing Agent.

Rains came to the Mid-West last week just as drought conditions were causing feed shortages on range and creating the threat of distressed marketing of cattle scheduled for market next fall. As pasture conditions improved, beef cattle marketing is expected to proceed in a normal pattern throughout the summer.

Meat counters will offer beef steaks, roasts and ground beef at economical prices this week-end. Turkeys and broiler-fryers are in plentiful supply at favorable prices. Some stores may feature pork items but there will be very little widespread advertising of pork until after Labor Day.

Egg production is at a seasonal peak and prices are the lowest in more than two years. Wholesale egg prices are now about ten cents per dozen below a year ago. This commodity provides a most economical supply of protein. Fishery products reported in good supply in the Chesapeake Bay market area include clams, crab meat, fish sticks and portions, scallops and sea bass.

Best values in fresh vegetables are provided by cabbage, lettuce of all kinds, especially New Jersey lettuce, Romaine and Big Boston types, endive and escarole, cucumbers, squash, radishes, spinach and leafy greens. Potato prices are expected to increase slightly do to a strong demand by chipping plants.

Recent dry weather has had an adverse effect on the size and quality of local strawberries. Some growers have been irrigating and can fill your order for this commodity, now at the peak of its short season. Bananas and oranges are favorably priced fruit items. Many new items put in an appearance at this season of the year but first-of-

season prices prevail. Look for new crop blueberries, cherries, pulms, frapes, Southern peaches, and Florida mangoes.

Milk and dairy products vegetable fats and oils frozen orange juice, and canned free-stone peaches and red tart cherries are June plentiful that provide budget-stretching opportunities.

#### ● Refreshment Break

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beat well. Spread in greased 8x8-inch baking pan. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) about 30 minutes. Cut in 2-inch squares when cool.

#### BRAN COCOA CAKE

1-1/4 cups sifted cake flour  
3 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1-1/4 cups sugar  
1/4 cup cocoa  
1/2 cup whole bran cereal  
1/2 cup soft shortening  
1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring  
1 cup evaporated milk  
2 eggs

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt, sugar and cocoa in to mixing bowl. Add whole bran cereal, shortening, vanilla and 1/2 cup of milk. Beat vigorously for two minutes by hand (300 strokes or with ele-

ctric mixer (low speed). Add remaining milk and eggs; beat two minutes more, scraping bowl frequently. Pour into 2 greased and floured 8-inch layer cake pans. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) about 30 minutes. Let stand in pans about 10 minutes before removing to cake racks to complete cooling. Frost with Cocoa Milk Frosting.

#### COCOA MILK FROSTING

2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup cocoa  
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted  
1/4 cup hot milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring  
Sift together sugar, salt and cocoa. Add remaining ingredients; beat until smooth and of proper spreading consistency. Spread between layers and over top and sides of cake. Sufficient frosting for tops and sides of one 8-inch 2-layer cake.



Consumer use of lard has been downward since the post war peak of 12.7 pounds per person was reached in 1948. In 1961, the average person used about eight pounds.

### Pennsylvania Stock Show Dates Scheduled

HARRISBURG -- State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning said today plans for the sixth annual Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition are well under way following a meeting of the planning committee

The exposition is an international show sponsored by the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Livestock and Allied Industries Association of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Included in the exposition will be breeding cattle, market cattle, swine and sheep, as in other years, with emphasis on the carcass shows.

Added features will include a polo tourney in the large arena with four teams competing.

Preceding the polo, livestock parades will be staged each night to give the audience a close-up massed view of the prized animals.

Calf scrambles for 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America boys, aged 14 to 20 years, will entertain the crowds between the second and third chukkers of the polo games. Winners each will be awarded a feeder calf.

Nearly \$80,000 in premiums and awards are offered to exhibitors. Livestock breed associations offer special prizes and awards to champions and other winners.

The show will be held the week of November 5 to 9 in the Pennsylvania Farm Show Building, Harrisburg.

Prospective exhibitors are asked to direct inquiries to Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition, Farm Show Building, in Harrisburg, Pa.

#### ● S.P.A.B.C. Show

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Judges for the first day are Lawrence O. Colebank, official classifier for the American Guernsey Cattle Club, and Dr. L. W. Specht, dairy specialist at Pennsylvania State University. Colebank will also judge the Holstein show.

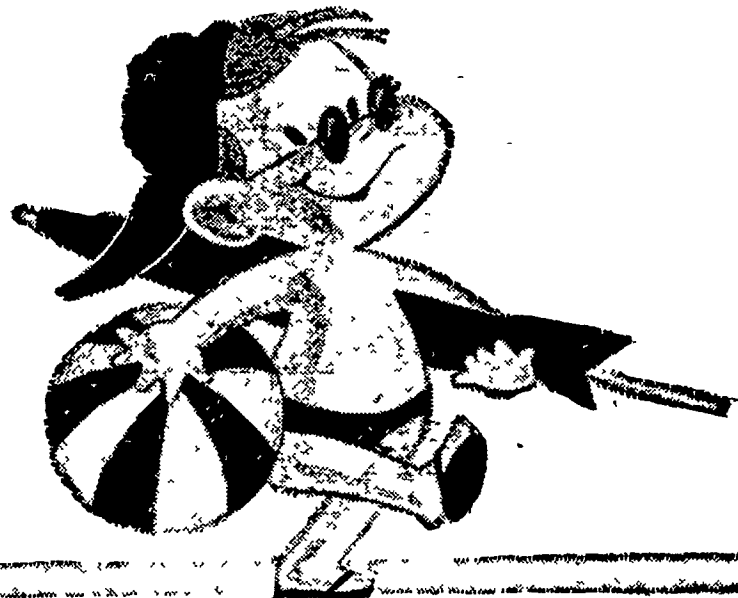
Show rules remain the same as last year, for the most part. However, all entries must be accompanied by registration papers and health certificates. Exhibitors must provide hay and grain for their cattle, while S.P.A.B.C. will furnish bedding, water, and a portable milking unit.

A complete list of Cattle Show rules and regulations, entry blanks, and health application forms are available from the S.P.A.B.C. Branch Office serving this area, or the local County Agricultural Agent.

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