

Bonanza At The Roadside

You'll discover a bonanza of eating pleasure when you visit the produce counter in your neighborhood foodmarket or stop at your favorite roadside stand or farmers' market this weekend. That's the way Tom Piper, Penn State Extension Marketing Agent, describes the plentiful supplies of field-ripened produce now available from local growing areas.

Summer apples, early peaches, plums, apricots and blueberries are the popular fresh fruit items currently in plentiful supply from local orchards. Nectarines, avocados, western sweet cherries, bananas and California oranges are available too but prices

reflect the costs of transportation. Watermelons are currently a very good buy; cantaloupes show improved quality although not so economically priced as watermelons.

Supplies of vine-ripened tomatoes, locally harvested sweet corn, new potatoes, cabbage, snap beans, Romaine and Big Boston lettuce, squash and salad vegetables provide economy and the season's best flavor. Recent showers brought relief to the dry growing conditions in some areas but the accompanying hail caused an uncalculated amount of damage to the fruit crops.

Summer meat demand is concentrated on quick cooking cuts and on those best suited

for outdoor preparation. This has an important influence on summer prices. At this time of year, chances of achieving both economy and family preferences in meat are probably less than at any other season.

Among the best bets for economy at the present time are arm and blade roasts of forequarter beef, and cuts from the bottom round for roasts or swiss steaks. Summer demand for these cuts is more limited, resulting in relatively low prices and more frequent specializing. Prices are slightly higher on smoked meats, fresh pork and poultry although some stores will feature poultry this weekend. Turkey is plentiful and reasonably priced.

Eggs are still cheaper than a year ago and a good food value. Fishing has been good

and current good buys at the seafood counter include bluefish, butter fish, fillets of haddock and flounder, and scallops. Milk, processed dairy products and frozen orange juice remain in plentiful supply.

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nine years, was less than half of what it was in 1954 and 1955. It was still substantial enough, however, for corn borers to remain near the top of any listing of insects destructive to agriculture.

Scientists say it is hard to credit this trend to any one thing. Weather conditions are one of the dominant influences controlling borer population, but it is unlikely that weather alone would consistently push borer population lower and lower.

Research and its use for corn farmers, must be a major factor. Research provided recommended cultural practices.

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