

**BEST FOOD BUYS**

**Food To Be Plentiful In 1963**

Americans will continue to be the best fed people in the world in 1963. While food supplies will be a little larger in 1963 than they were in 1962, there will be approximately 1.6 percent more people to feed. Consequently, the amount of food available for each consumer will be about equal to that which was consumed last year, reports Tom Piper, Penn State Extension Marketing Agent. Larger beef supplies should provide about 1 pound more per person this year than last. But some increase is also expected in demand and retail prices may run about the same or slightly higher than in 1962. Wholesale beef prices have already dropped from recent high marks and home freezing advantage will be possible very soon.

More pork on the market this year may lower retail prices a little below 1962 levels. The seasonal marketing peak has passed now, signaling a gradual price rise until the next increase in marketing. Stocks of frozen turkeys are smaller than a year ago and prices will likely be higher during the first half of the New Year.

Despite the usual seasonal drop, egg prices may average higher from January to April than in the same period of 1962.

Most fresh vegetables quote higher, as expected, at retail following the Florida freeze, and heavy rains in major Western growing areas. About 60 days are needed before Florida vegetable growers will be able to ship anything like normal volume to market. However larger carryover stocks and a larger pack of canned vegetables will mean average to slightly lower prices for canned vegetables into mid-1963.

Supplies of citrus fruit have been reduced by the recent freeze damage but supplies of apples, pears, grapes and bananas are ample to satisfy the fresh fruit demand. The Florida strawberry crop has received a severe setback, but this will be one of the first crops to recover from the freeze. There should be berries in three or four weeks,

provided there are no more frosts.

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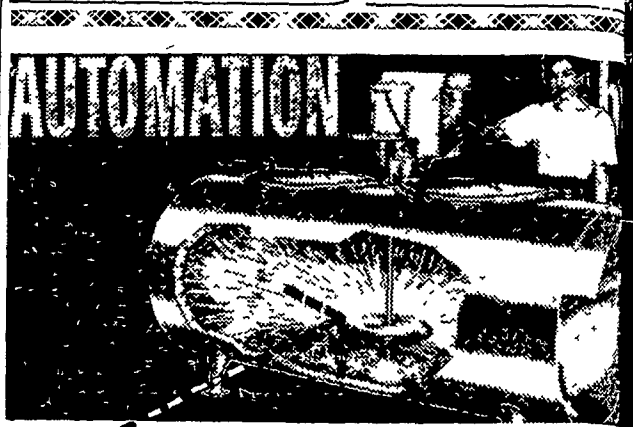
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