

**BEST FOOD BUYS**

**Price Shoppers Bonanza In Meats**

Meats, dairy products and certain processed fruits and vegetables offer economy to the cost-conscious foodshopper this week-end, reveals Tom Piper, Penn State Extension Marketing Agent. The Longshoremens strike continues to have a serious effect on imports of bananas, pineapples and other tropical produce. Citrus and many fresh vegetables remain in short supply but some improvement will be noted.

This year, as we move into the winter months, supplies of beef, pork and lamb are expected to increase. Prices will change reflecting the relative supply and demand situation for each kind of meat. Best buys this week will be limited primarily to featured items which may vary from

one market to another. Fryers, beef roasts and steaks, pork chops, Boston butt roasts plus selected cuts of lamb are feature candidates.

Looking ahead to the late winter and early spring months, increased marketing of beef, pork, lamb and poultry are expected. The 1962 fall pig crop was 2-3 percent larger than a year ago, and thus will furnish more pork for late winter and spring in 1963. On October 1, the number of cattle on feed was more than 8 percent above last year at that time. The number of sheep and lambs on farms in 1963 is expected to be the lowest in many years; lowest lamb prices are expected during the winter months.

Many vegetables are still scarce and high but some are

returning to near normal volume. Growing conditions have been good in Florida, Texas and Arizona in recent weeks and crops are making good progress. Best buys continue to be potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, radishes, mushrooms, and lettuce.

Apples, pears and Emperor grapes offer best buys at the short-supplied fruit counter. Canned pears, peaches, apricots and cherries are economy-priced supplements to the fresh offerings.

No great change is expected for the next month in egg prices or egg production. At this time of the year, however, periods of extremely cold weather can temporarily lower production and strengthen prices. This convenient and popular food item remains on the list of good food buys.

● **Agri-Extension**

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County Agent M. M. Smith said this week, the public is invited to the banquet and tickets are now in the hands of the following executive committee members: Mrs. Harry Mumma, Manheim R1; J. Richard Kreider, Manheim R3; Clayton Sangrey, Lititz R2; Mrs. Allen K. Risser, Leola R1; Willis Z. Espenshade, Esbenshade Road, Lancaster; C. Warren Leisinger, Denver R2; Mrs. Kenneth Musser, Columbia R2; Richard B. Lefever, Quarryville R1; Mrs. J. Robert Hess, Strasburg R1; Melvin R. Stoltzfus, Ronks R1; Robert C. Groff, Quarryville R3; Mrs. J. Everett Kreider, Quarryville R1; Richard Maul, Quarryville R2,

and Ira Rutt, Peach Bottom. Tickets are also available at the office of the County Agent in the Lancaster Post Office.

● **Young Farmers**

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farmers should ask themselves three questions — Do I get along with my help? Do I have a high labor turnover? Do the milk inspector and I get along? If the answer to any of these questions is negative, Fredd urges the farmer to attend the meeting in the Solanco High School agriculture room in the new building south of Quarryville.

Installation of new officers will also be held.



STATE CHAMPION IN THE ONE Acre Corn Contest, Stanley Graver of R. D. 7, Lancaster, left, shows his awards to his employer, F. H. Frey of 1343 Gypsy Hill Road, Lancaster, right. Occasion was the annual corn banquet at the Farm Show, Harrisburg. Young Graver produced 149 bushels of shelled corn per acre, at a profit of \$109, making him the champ in his corn maturity group. The contest is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Crop Improvement Association.

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