

## BEST FOOD BUYS Pork Leads The Value Parade

Pork takes the spotlight among meat values this week at many area food stores. Harold Neigh, consumer marketing specialist at Penn State, reports that pork production is expected to be at near record levels. These heavy supplies are due to the increased pig crop of last fall which is now coming to market. He says prices may decline to the lowest level since early 1960. Freezer owners might find it profitable to stock their freezers with their favorite cuts during this period. One of the best pork values on a meat-for-money basis is

er loins. This may account for a price difference between stores. Loin roasts may be sold as rib or loin end, as a third of a loin or as a half loin. A half loin contains the choice center cut so it will cost a few cents per pound more than a rib end or loin end roast. At vegetable counters asparagus and tomato prices are below those of a few weeks ago. Asparagus is now arriving from New Jersey as well as California. Tomato prices vary widely with quality and kind. Vegetables which offer low budget buys at this season are carrots, cabbage, old crop potatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, and radishes.

## Crop Summary Work Is Ahead Of Schedule

HARRISBURG — Reports Full bloom for these fruits will follow in the more northerly counties a week to ten days later. Pie-season appraisals in and that severe winter freeze the northern fruit areas of the damage was showing up in state indicate cherries and peaches suffered severe damage Service Tuesday weekly crop from sustained sub-zero temperatures in late January and Pennsylvania Crop Reporting eratures in late January and and weather summary, as re- sub-freezing temperatures in leased today. early April immediately following a week of warm weather. Growers in the Berks-Lehigh area said they anticipate ing and planting. Although no more than a half crop of most sections of the state received some rain, soil moisture was still short in south central and eastern counties. Nearly half of the spring plowing has been finished throughout the state, and in some of the southern counties this work was nearing completion. Planting of oats was almost completed. Mid-week showers help to "green-up" fall seeded wheat and barley with many of the spotty fields beginning to fill in. Hay and pasture crops have been curtailed by the limited soil moisture. Some fields in the Southeast were sprayed for spittle bugs and alfalfa weevils. A few cattle were being pastured, but lack of growth has limited this to only a few scattered farms. In the Lancaster area growers were sterilizing and planting tobacco beds. Planting of cobbler potatoes, early cabbage, and peas and other spring vegetables continued in the South. Spring spinach got under way. The southern fruit areas has a profusion of blooms of cherries, plums, pears and peaches.

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