

BEST FOOD BUYS

Beef And Chicken Are Leaders

Beef chuck and rib roasts topped with frying and roast-chicken are the key features at meat counters this week. Canned and smoked meats for early Easter buying are getting a special emphasis in some stores along with scattered buys in fresh pork. Fresh fish products are the outstanding fish values. Large eggs are the better buy by weight. Produce counters look about the same although there appears to be more Valencia oranges, strawberries, rhubarb, and asparagus.

Beef Prices Rising

Beef prices on the hoof and in the meat case are expected to rise. Prices on selected cuts and especially weekend features have remained relatively low compared to the high prices of late 1962. Market observers believe that the long downtrend has reached its low. Live cattle and wholesale beef prices have been rising slowly. There will be relatively little change in regular retail prices but weekend features will be less numerous and a little higher priced this spring and summer.

Selected poultry items will be value priced throughout area markets this week. Fryers are picked by some stores as the price leader while others choose heavier weight birds to sell as roasters. You're sure to find some fresh pork bargains among the advertised meats this week, too. Pork prices will be on the rise as supplies begin to decrease by the end of March. Broiler-type supplies, on the other hand are predicted to be at least 5 per cent larger than a year ago.

Spring Is Late For Vegetables

Spring may be a little late this year as far as fresh vegetables are concerned. Many growing areas have had cold

weather and not enough or too much rain which retarded growth. Unless some areas get warm weather and others rain, high prices will continue on celery, corn, cucumbers, peppers, egg plant, and lettuce. There are plenty of dry onions, potatoes and carrots so perhaps you'll fix a stew or pot roast with vegetables this week.

Egg Production Below Average; Up From 1963

HARRISBURG — February egg production in the commonwealth totaled 253 million, 9 per cent below the 1958-62 average for the month but 1 per cent above a year earlier, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The average number of layers during the month, totaled 14,785,000, was the lowest February average since 1936.

Production per layer during February averaged 17.14 eggs — the second highest of record for the month.

In spite of lower total egg production the average price received for eggs slipped from 41 cents in January to 38 cents. This was twice the normal seasonal decline. The sharp drop in egg prices caused the egg-feed price ratio to fall to 10:1. This is the lowest February ratio since 1960. Prices received for farm chickens remained the same as last month but average 15 cents below a year earlier.

Farm Women 7 Make Presents For Shut-In

Farm Women Society 7 made a "Sunshine Box" for a shut-in member during a recent meeting in the home of Mrs. Clyde Benedict, Kinzeis.

The box of gifts will be sent to Mrs. Thelma Landis, treasurer of the society.

Mrs. Harold Eby was co-hostess and led devotions. The business meeting was in charge of Mrs. Aaron Denlinger, president. Roll call was answered with the first sign of spring.

Donations were made to the Easter Seals fund and the Cancer Society.

The Society will sew at the Osteopathic Hospital next Tuesday. A representative from PP&L presented a program of slides.

Small Eggs Are Good Buy

Small eggs sometimes called "pullet eggs" are usually a good buy, says Herbert C. Jordan, extension poultryman at The Pennsylvania State University. Small eggs are of exceptionally high quality and at 35 cents a dozen they are equal in cost to large eggs selling for 46 cents a dozen. Three small or pullet eggs are about the same as two large eggs.

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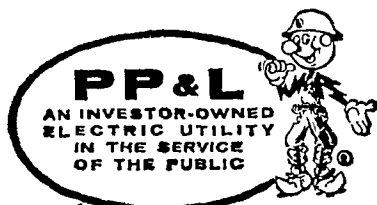
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