

## Livestock Slaughter In May Down 8% From Year Ago

The number of livestock sheep and lamb kill was down 40 per cent slaughtered in Pennsylvania during May was 8 per cent below the corresponding 1963 month

The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service, Harrisburg, reported cattle slaughter was down 5 per cent from a year ago, calf slaughter off 10 per cent, hogs down 8 per cent and sheep and lamb slaughter down 17 per cent

The January-May total for the number of cattle slaughtered in the state was 1 per cent above a year ago while the hog kill remained about steady. Total calf slaughter was down 6 per cent during the five-month period. The

In the United States the commercial production of red meat during May was 25 million pounds—up 1 per cent from a year earlier but 6 per cent less than the previous month

There were 13 million pounds of red meat produced during the first five months of 1964, an increase of 7 per cent from the corresponding 1963 period

During the five-month period, the number of cattle slaughtered was 9 per cent more than in the same period of 1963, calves were down 2 per cent, hogs, up 1 per cent and sheep and lambs, down 6

## Beef Purchases Up Because Of More Offerings

The U S Department of Agriculture today announced purchases of 7,238,190 pounds of USDA Choice grade frozen and canned beef for distribution to schools, institutions, and needy families. USDA said

Beef production during May was 1,509 million pounds—up 7 per cent from May 1963 but about the same as April 1964. The number of cattle slaughtered during May was 7 per cent greater than a year earlier but about the same as a month earlier.

There were 64 million pounds of veal produced during May, 2 per cent less than a year earlier and 4 per cent less than a month earlier. The 485,700 head of calves slaughtered during May was 3 per cent below May 1963 and 13 per cent below April 1964. Pork production during May was 920 million pounds—7 per cent less than May 1963 and 14 per cent less than April 1964.

purchases were increased this week as a result of industry offerings of more than twice the quantity offered last week.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service paid 57.72 to 59.00 cents per pound for 136 cars of frozen beef. Offers were accepted from 20 of 24 bidders who offered a total of 6,069,000 pounds. Top price bid was 67.30 cents per pound. The awards are due for delivery during the period July 20 through Aug 15.

Prices for 69 cars of canned beef ranged from 67.82 to 68.49 cents per pound. Offers were accepted from all of 11 bidders who offered a total of 5,398,350 pounds. Top price bid was 70.49 cents per pound. The awards are due for delivery during the period July 27 through Aug 22.

This week's purchases included 2,856,000 pounds of USDA Choice grade frozen ground beef and boneless roasts for distribution to schools and institutions, and 4,382,190 pounds of Choice grade canned beef for distribution to needy families. Total beef purchases since buying began March 2 amount to 127,000,000 pounds at a cost of \$71,800,000.

## Frey Holsteins Cited By DHIA

The Holstein dairy herd of Furry H Frey, 1343 Gypsy Hill Road, Lancaster, and Clarence L Keener, Manheim R3, topped the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association butterfat average for May

The Frey herd with 33 registered and grade Holstein cows averaged 1,700 pounds of milk, 67 pounds of butterfat with a 4 per cent test.

The Keener herd of 37 registered and grade Holstein averaged 1,645 pounds of milk and 67 pounds of butterfat with a 4.1 per cent test.

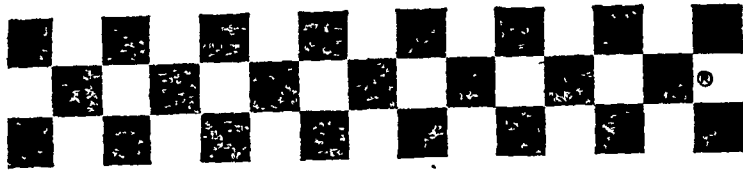
A registered Holstein cow owned by Paul E. Nissley and Son, Bainbridge R1, completed the highest 305 day lactation. The 3½-year-old Holstein produced 20,395 pounds of milk and 833 pounds of butterfat with a 4.1 per cent test.

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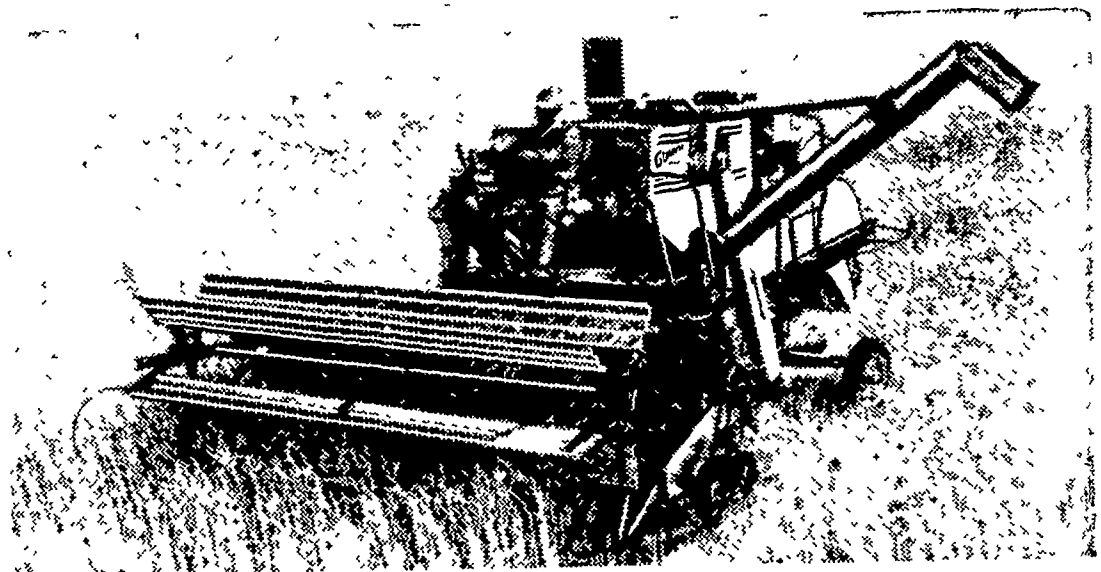
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