



"Time At The Crossroads". The old and the new met briefly at the Miller & Bushong plant at Rohrerstown recently when a wagon train heading for Texas territory pulled in for a little mule feed. The train belonged to the Charles Pricket Family, known in their home state as "the Amarillo, Texas Pioneers" They had recently come up for the New York World's Fair, a mere 90-day jaunt, and are now on their way home.

Interstate Swine Shipping Rules Will Be Changed

Changes in interstate shipping rules for feeder pigs and breeding stock to help the State Federal hog cholera eradication effort were published in the Federal Register recently the US Department of Agriculture reports.

The more important changes do not take effect until April 1, 1965 some of the minor changes become effective by the end of September, 1964.

The changes in shipping rules to take effect next April will place more stringent requirements on interstate shipments from markets or other assembly points that have NOT received joint State Federal approval. Feeder pigs and breeding stock shipped from these points will have to be officially vaccinated at least 21 days prior to shipment.

Approved markets are those which have met the requirements for handling hogs under the Federal interstate regulations concerned with hog cholera eradication. Public stockyards also meet these requirements. Beginning next April 1 approved markets and public stockyards will be able to receive unvaccinated pigs only from farms of origin in adjacent States (Note Farm of origin defined as farm where swine to be shipped interstate were born and which has not been used in past six months to assemble, buy or sell swine brought in from other sources).

Other requirements for shipments of healthy, officially vaccinated pigs to or from approved markets or public stockyards will not be affected by the changes in the shipping rules.

Also unchanged are the provisions allowing unvaccinated feeder pigs and breeding stock to be shipped directly from a farm of origin to a farm of destination under special permit.

The changes augment the present regulations, which took effect April 1, 1963, providing for health inspection and vaccination against hog cholera for "feeder" pigs and breeding stock involved in in-

terstate commerce. Details on all the shipping rules can be obtained from State and Federal animal disease control officials.

Dr. G. H. Wise, staff veterinarian for the Department's hog cholera eradication work, explains the purpose of the changes this way: "What we're trying to do," he says, "is provide additional assurance that any pigs shipped across State lines which go to farms — or come into contact with pigs that go to farms — will not spread hog cholera. In this way we help protect producers in those States actively engaged in the cooperative hog

cholera eradication program." Minor changes in shipping rules scheduled to take effect by Sept. 25, 1964, provide that hogs shipped interstate for exhibition purposes will be subject to the same requirements as those shipped for feeding or breeding purposes.

In another section of the amended regulation, five States — Montana, Nevada, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming — are designated as hog cholera eradication States. This means that they are in the fourth and final phase of the eradication program and that there is no clinical evidence that the virus of hog cholera exists in

Steers Are Not All Porterhouse

Carl F. Neumann, gen. mgr., National Livestock and Meat Board, suggests that unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, scientists have not been able to genetically develop a steer that is porterhouse steaks from ears to tail. However, they have learned to manipulate the animal genes to the point that we are now producing steers with astounding percentages of lean-to-fat and lean-to-bone. Also they are learning that there are tendencies toward meat tenderness which are inherited, which means animals can be bred to produce roasts and steaks with the characteristics which generally assure tenderness.

But these same critters just insist on having portions of their meat in such locations and places and forms, that it is best utilized as ground beef, as sausage and other table-ready products.

A steer just plain isn't all steak or rib roasts. He is, likewise, chuck. He is brisket. He is flank. He is a lot of cuts of meat — all highly nu-

tritious, highly palatable and appetizing when properly cooked — and it is not detracting from the prestige value of beef to admit this. In other words, all of the edible portions of the animal must be sold. Let's, somehow or other, put the same prestige value on all the animal's meat products that we now have with steaks or roasts — rather than criticizing and belittling the appetite of growing America for hot dogs and hamburgers, says Mr. Neumann.

Let us, in the beef business, be grateful and thankful he goes on, that Americans — young and old — like hot dogs and hamburgers, because there's a lot of this kind of meat on every critter that's sent to town. The market for beef is not improved by the belittling of these products which are so essential not only to the well-being of our industry, but also to the purchasing and living patterns of many millions of Americans.

SLIGHT RISE FARM INCOME

HARRISBURG — Average prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for their products in mid-August were 2 per cent higher than a year earlier according to the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service.

Most of the gain was attributed to a 9 per cent advance in egg and poultry prices since mid-July. Eggs were up four cents a dozen and turkeys up two cents a pound.

Livestock and livestock products registered slight increases, milk was up 15 cents a hundredweight and field crop prices were generally stable compared to mid-July. Fruits and vegetable prices, however, declined from 7 to 17 per cent in the month.

The index of prices received in mid-August was 227 per cent of the 1910-14 base, the same as a month earlier. It was 221 per cent a year earlier.

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