

Livestock Roundup

Cattle

Although there were 2 per cent less cattle on feed in the U.S., cattle feeders in Pennsylvania had 51,000 cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market on October 1, 1964, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. This was 1,000 head, or 2 per cent, more than were on feed on October 1, 1963. Marketings of fed cattle during the July-September quarter were 34,000, the same as a year earlier. There were 42,000 cattle placed on feed during the quarter compared with 35,000 the previous year. Cattle on feed less than 3 months on October 1 totaled 35,000 head up 4,000 from a year earlier. The number of cattle on feed 3-6 months at 6,000 was down 3,000 from a year earlier, and more than 6 months was unchanged at 10,000 head. Numbers of cattle in the under 500 pounds, 500-699 pounds and 700-899 pounds classes increased 1,000 head each to 4,000, 9,000 and 20,000 respectively while the 900-1099 pounds class at 15,000 was unchanged.

Dairy

Milk production in the Keystone State in September totaled 547 million pounds, a million pounds more than in September 1963, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

But, the Service pointed out, it was accomplished with 24,000 fewer cows. Dairymen had an estimated 816,000 cows on their farms in September compared to 840,000 a year earlier. Average milk production per cow in September was 670 pounds, 20 pounds more than in the previous September.

Layers

A total of 253 million eggs were produced in the Commonwealth in September, up 3 per cent from a year earlier, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Layers averaged 17.10 eggs each, compared to 17.04 in the previous September. Prices received by farmers, averaged 38 cents a dozen, three cents less than last year.

Performance Is The Key To Low Costs

This applies to broiler feeds, too, of course.

Below are the results of 20 recently marketed broiler flocks which indicate what can be done with

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| FLOCK NO. | NO. OF BIRDS | AGE WEEKS-DAYS | Average WEIGHT | Lbs. Feed Per Lbs. of Gain | % MARKETED | POINT SPREAD BETWEEN WEIGHT AND FEED CONVERSION |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|---|
| 1 | 9,000 | 9-1 | 4.06 | 2.16 | 100% | 1.90 |
| 2 | 17,000 | 9-0 | 3.89 | 2.16 | 100% | 1.73 |
| 3 | 9,000 | 8-6 | 3.99 | 2.13 | 96.85% | 1.86 |
| 4 | 7,000 | 8-2 | 3.98 | 2.14 | 99.01% | 1.74 |
| 5 | 1,800 | 8-6 | 4.02 | 2.04 | 100% | 1.98 |
| 6 | 11,000 | 9-0 | 3.93 | 2.17 | 100% | 1.76 |
| 7 | 32,000 | 8-6 | 3.94 | 2.10 | 99.6% | 1.84 |
| 8 | 10,000 | 8-6 | 3.87 | 2.13 | 98.5% | 1.74 |
| 9 | 12,000 | 8-6 | 3.77 | 2.08 | 100% | 1.69 |
| 10 | 17,400 | 8-6 | 3.66 | 2.07 | 98.67% | 1.59 |
| 11 | 10,500 | 9-0 | 4.21 | 2.10 | 97.01% | 2.11 |
| 12 | 7,800 | 8-6 | 3.62 | 2.07 | 99.31% | 1.55 |
| 13 | 22,300 | 9-0 | 4.16 | 2.13 | 99.2% | 2.03 |
| 14 | 7,000 | 9-3 | 3.87 | 2.04 | 100% | 1.83 |
| 15 | 22,000 | 9-0 | 3.70 | 2.19 | 100% | 1.51 |
| 16 | 11,500 | 8-6 | 3.96 | 2.14 | 99.2% | 1.82 |
| 17 | 36,500 | 9-0 | 3.61 | 2.15 | 100% | 1.46 |
| 18 | 4,000 | 9-3 | 4.02 | 2.12 | 100% | 1.90 |
| 19 | 12,000 | 9-1 | 3.96 | 2.14 | 99.0% | 1.82 |
| 20 | 25,000 | 9-2 | 3.87 | 2.16 | 98.25% | 1.71 |
| AVG. | 14,240 | 8-6½ | 3.90 | 2.12 | 99.23% | 1.78 |

Average for 284,800 Broilers Straight Run

NOTE: Column 5 Indicates the percentage of birds paid for by the processor.

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